BURNOUT, PRODUCTIVITY AND WELL-BEING: ADDRESSING PUBLIC HEALTH STAFF

CONCERNS IN A POST-COVID ERA

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# BEFORE WE BEGIN, TELL ME...

- 1. Why did you pick this session?
- 2. What causes you stress at work?

## **OBJECTIVES**

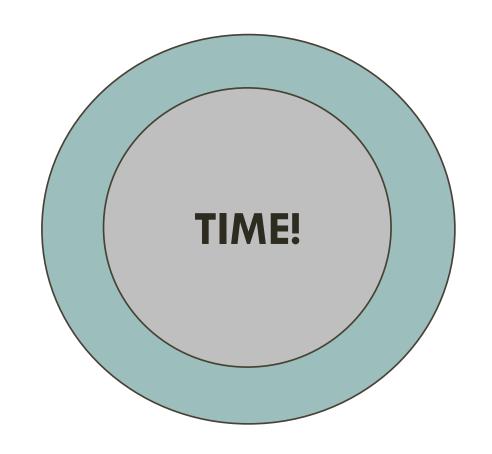
After the session, participants will be able to:

- 1. Define and identify indicators of burnout
- 2. Identify components of well-being
- 3. Better understand their needs after self-assessment
- 4. Use tools learned to reduce stress and symptoms of burnout
- 5. Express the **next best** steps to improve well-being and reduce symptoms of burnout

YOU, and what YOU can control!

## CONNECTION BEFORE CONTENT

What has been your greatest accomplishment so far?



#### Chapter One

I walk down the street.

There is a deep hole in the sidewalk. I fall in.

I am lost . . . I am helpless.

It isn't my fault . . .

It takes forever to find a way out.

#### Chapter Two

I walk down the same street.

There is a deep hole in the sidewalk.

I pretend I don't see it.

I fall in again.

I can't believe I am in this same place.

But it isn't my fault.

It still takes a long time to get out.

#### Chapter Three

I walk down the same street.

There is a deep hole in the sidewalk.

I see it there.

I still fall . . . it's a habit . . . but,

My eyes are open.

I know where I am.

It is my fault.

I get out immediately.

#### Chapter Four

I walk down the same street.

There is a deep hole in the sidewalk.

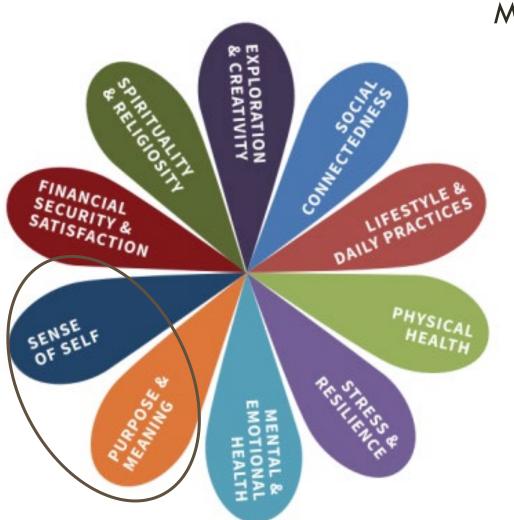
I walk around it.

#### Chapter Five

I walk down another street.

Autobiography in Five Short Chapters by Portia Nelson

## WHAT IS WELL-BEING?



Multi-dimensional

Influenced by many factors

Don't make too many changes at once

Find things that can impact multiple dimensions

## WHAT IS BURNOUT?

A state of <u>Chronic</u> physical and emotional <u>exhaustion</u>, often accompanied by feelings of <u>Cynicism</u> and <u>detachment</u> from work, and a sense of <u>reduced</u> professional <u>efficacy</u>.

# INDICATORS OF BURNOUT

#### **Loss of Professional Identity:**

- 1. A sense of detachment from one's role and responsibilities.
- 2. Reduced satisfaction and pride in one's work.
- 3. Questioning value and purpose of one's job.

#### Physical Symptoms: Emotion

- 1. Persistent fatigue and low energy levels.
- 2. Frequent headaches or muscle pain.
- 3. Changes in sleep patterns,
- 4. More frequent illnesses.

#### **Emotional Symptoms:**

- 1. Increased irritability and impatience.
- 2. Feeling overwhelmed or helpless.
- 3. Mood swings and heightened anxiety.
- 4. Loss of motivation and a sense of hopelessness.
- 5. A pervasive sense of emptiness or numbness.

#### **Behavioral Symptoms:**

- 1. Withdrawal from work-related and social activities.
- 2. Increased use of alcohol or drugs as a coping mechanism.
- 3. Neglect of personal needs and self-care.
- 4. Procrastination and avoidance of work tasks.

#### **Interpersonal Symptoms:**

- 1. Increased conflicts and reduced tolerance with colleagues and supervisors.
- 2. Decreased empathy and compassion for coworkers.
- 3. Isolation and social withdrawal.
- 4. Difficulty in maintaining personal relationships.

#### **Reduced Work Performance:**

1. Reduced concentration

decisions and solving

3. Increased self-criticism

and a negative self-

4. Preoccupation with work

even when not at work.

2. Difficulty making

problems.

concept.

and memory problems.

**Cognitive Symptoms:** 

- 1. Decreased productivity and efficiency.
- 2. More frequent errors and mistakes.
- 3. Missed deadlines and increased absenteeism.
- 4. Decreased creativity and innovation.

# CAUSES OF STRESS AND BURNOUT (AT WORK)

- Lack of priorities and/or organization
- Lack of boundaries
- Lack of/poor communication
- Unclear expectations; Lack of Performance Measures
- Lack of focus/mission
- Lack of autonomy

## ESSENTIAL COMPONENTS OF WELL-BEING

- Purpose in life
- Self-acceptance
- Positive relations with others
- Autonomy
- Environmental mastery
- Personal growth (growth mindset)

Internal Locus of Control Impacts ALL Components

## MINDFULNESS



Paying Attention

 listening, watching or considering what naturally exists On Purpose

intentionally increasing awareness of experience

Mindfulness

...as if your life depended on it.

in the Present Moment

- focusing on the here and now

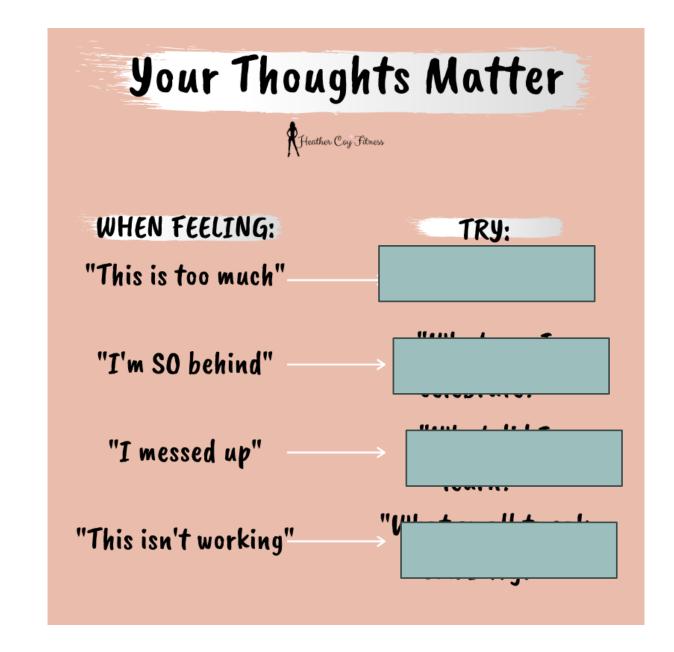
Non-Judgmentally

 being curious and objective about experience

Working definition from Jon Kabat Zin

LivingMoreFully .com

## REFRAMING



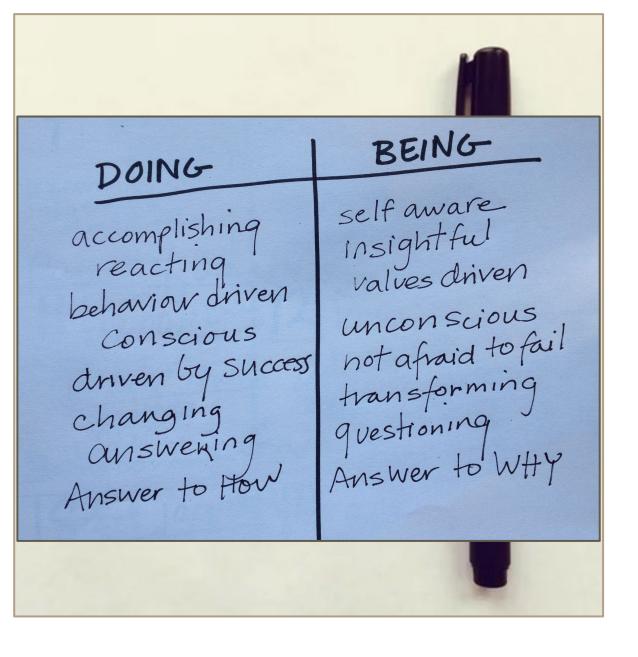
## REFRAME

## **Time Management**

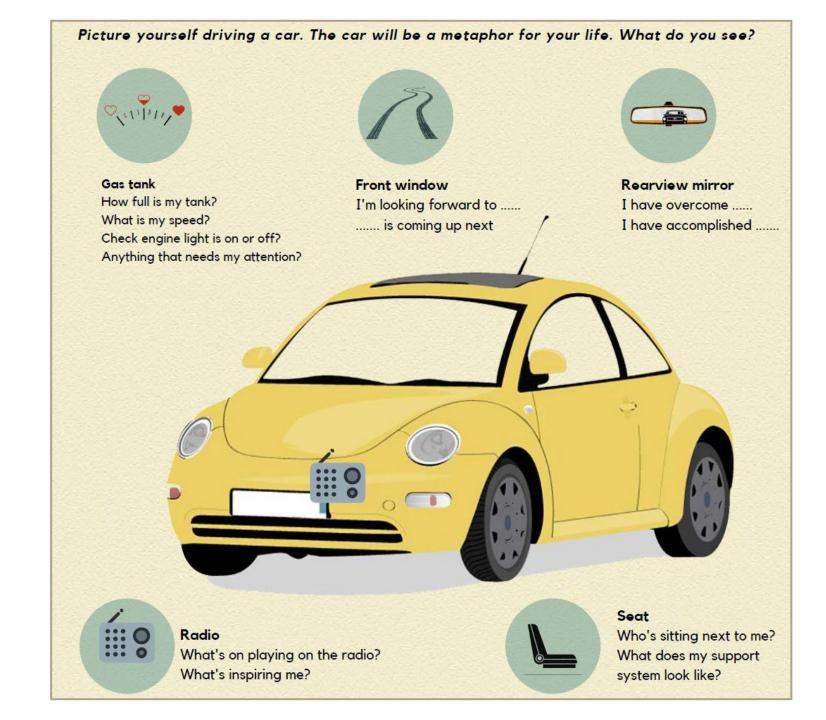
- Same 24 hours in a day
- How are we spending that time?

# Self Management

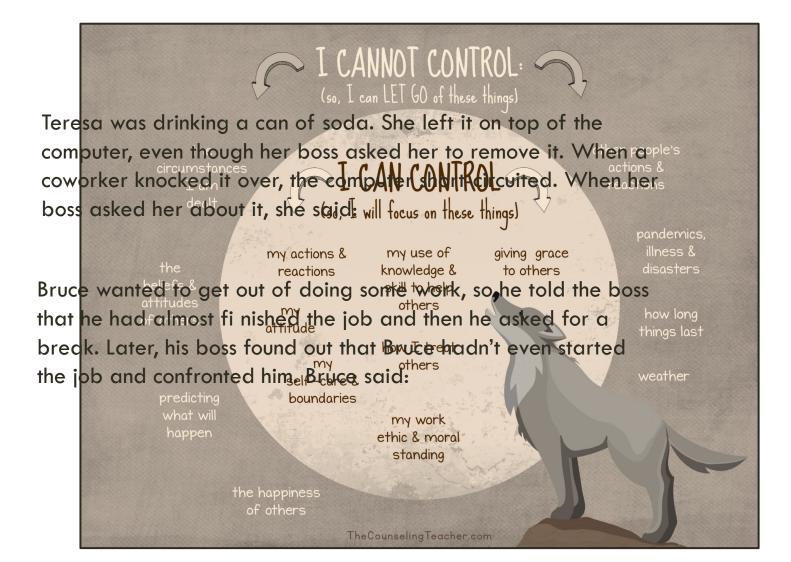
- What do we have control of?
- What do we value?
- What do we need?
- How do we want to show up?



## CHECKING IN



## LOCUS OF CONTROL



# VALUES AND FINDING YOUR WHY

Accountability	Ethics	Kindness	Self-respect
Achievement	Excellence	Knowledge	Serenity
Adaptability	Fairness	Leadership	Service
Adventure	Faith	Learning	Simplicity
Altruism	Family	Legacy	Spirituality
Ambition	Financial stability	Leisure	Sportsmanship
Authenticity	Forgiveness	Love	Stewardship
Balance	Freedom	Loyalty	Success
Beauty	Friendship	Making a difference	Teamwork
Being the best	Fun	Nature	Thrift
Belonging	Future generations	Openness	Time
Career	Generosity	Optimism	Tradition
Caring	Giving back	Order	Travel
Collaboration	Grace	Parenting	Trust
Commitment	Gratitude	Patience	Truth
Community	Growth	Patriotism	Understanding
Compassion	Harmony	Peace	Uniqueness
Competence	Health	Perseverance	Usefulness
Confidence	Home	Personal fulfillment	Vision
Connection	Honesty	Power	Vulnerability
Contentment	Hope	Pride	Wealth
Contribution	Humility	Recognition	Well-being
Cooperation	Humor	Reliability	Wholeheartedness
Courage	Inclusion	Resourcefulness	Wisdom
Creativity	Independence	Respect	747.14
Curiosity	Initiative	Responsibility	Write your own:
Dignity	Integrity	Risk -taking	
Diversity	Intuition	Safety	
Environment	Job security	Security	
Efficiency	Joy	Self-discipline	
Equality	Justice	Self-expression	

## SIX DIMENSIONS OF WELLNESS

STEP 1 Review the Six Dimensions of Wellness (See full description at NationalWellness.org/6Dimensions)

OCCUPATIONAL

The Six

**Dimensions** 

of Wellness

INTELLECTUAL

SPIRITUAL: sense of purpose; connecting to a higher power; meaning in life; knowing one's values; awareness of life as a journey; tolerance; integrity

EMOTIONAL: acceptance of feelings; management of emotions and stress; ability to center; resilience; attuned to others emotions

OCCUPATIONAL: financial health; ability to share gifts, talents, and skills through work; satisfying career; sense of achievement PHYSICAL: regular exercise; healthy nutritional habits; self-care; monitoring vital signs; sense of vitality and energy; avoidance of alcohol, drug misuse, and tobacco use; connection to nature

**SOCIAL:** positive connections; encouraging community; giving and receiving social support; intimacy; compassion; love

INTELLECTUAL: creativity; stimulating mental activities; learning; reading; problem-solving; staying current with events you enjoy

## DIMENSIONS ACTIVITY

### STEP 2 Assess Your Current Energy Investment

In which dimensions of wellness are you investing the most — and least — energy right now? Color in each of the bars below to indicate how much time and energy you have positively invested in each of the six dimensions *this* week.

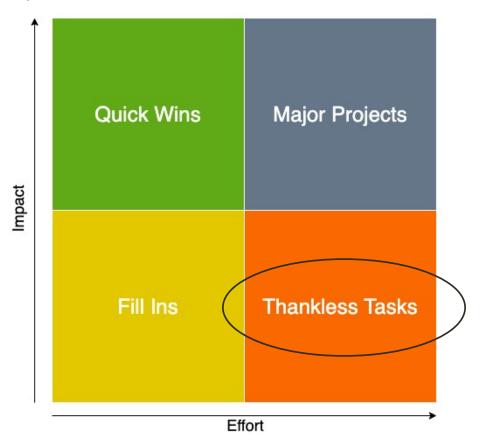
	None	Just Enough	A Lot
Spiritual			
Emotional			
Occupational			
Physical			
Social			
Intellectual			

#### STEP 3 Create Your Ideal Vision of Wholeness

Imagine you have **only** 30 "energy blocks" to devote across the six dimensions. Fill in a total of 30 blocks below to indicate how your ideal self would distribute those blocks across the dimensions. Devote a minimum of 1 and a maximum of 10 energy blocks to each dimension.

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Spiritual										
Emotional										
Occupational										
Physical										
Social										
Intellectual										

# ESTABLISHING BOUNDARIES



	Urgent	Not Urgent			
Important	Quadrant I     Crisis     Pressing problems     Deadline driven projects	Quadrant II     Relationship building     Finding new opportunities     Long-term planning     Preventive activities     Personal growth     Recreation			
Not Important	Quadrant III     Interruptions     Emails, calls, meetings     Popular activities     Proximate, pressing matters	Quadrant IV     Trivia, busy work     Time wasters     Some calls and emails     Pleasant activities			

# TAKE ACTION!

Accelerate	Accomplish	Achieve	Write	Utilize
Advance	Decrease	Process	Generate	Initiate
Overcome	Plan	Continue	Standardize	Simplify

## IN CONCLUSION

- Self-assess: multiple ways and often
- Manage your self to manage your time
- Determine what you can control
- Match your priorities to your values
- Practice mindfulness and self-awareness techniques

  Thank You!