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SHAPING YOUR RE -ENTRY FROM COVID

CONVERSATION MATTERS...

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Our world is opening back up in a multitude of ways with the COVID vaccine campaign well under way.

I hear many conversations within organizations about what that means for them, for their employees and what post-COVID work could, should and will look like.

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What do you want it to mean?

Much has changed and much has been experienced in many different ways by individuals, families and organizations. One thing I heard said this week is that

"We cannot go back as it was".

Re-entry will look different to different people, different organizations and even within organizations. I have been contemplating how organizations, leaders and workers can make the most of the re-entry process.

What will make re-entry most valuable, in my opinion, is on-going conversation to capture what is important and how each of your experiences can help shape a better future. To that end, I encourage all of you to contemplate the answers to questions I present below, share those questions and encourage or facilitate conversations around these questions to deliberately and carefully shape your path forward to make the future the best it can be for everyone.

Show up exactly as you are and encourage others to do the same.

- 1. What needs have been met that were not previously, or at least not as well?
- 2. What needs have not yet been met and how could they be addressed?
- 3. What has changed for you that you want to carry into the future. What would that look like and what would you need from others to make it happen?
- 4. What has not worked well for you and what needs to change for you now?
- 5. What have you learned and what impact do you want that to have moving forward?

Create a plan you can confidently embrace to move forward



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- 6. What do you deeply need?
- 7. What are you truly feeling?
- 8. What do you really think?

Because this past year has resulted in very individualized experiences, remember to be kind with one another. Walk forward knowing that your experience is as unique to you as is everyone else's. Meet your colleagues where they are. If they need empathy, be empathetic. If they need to celebrate, celebrate with them. If they need to grieve, share their grief. If they need to do things differently than what works for you at the moment, be flexible.

I remember hearing it said by a nurse on the front lines, that one cannot process trauma while you are still experiencing the trauma. Some have been traumatized in small and large ways over the last year. Re-entry may bring about a plethora of different emotions and needs by you and your colleagues – some which may surprise you and seemingly come out of left field. You may need each other in new ways.

Be the Teammates You Each Need and in return, watch your team's performance rise to even higher levels!

It is a new day and you have many new opportunities.

Choose thoughtfully!

I wish you the very best re-entry!

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