

# The Complexities of Managing Aggression and Violence in Healthcare Session 3

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# Welcome and speaker introductions

### Welcome

# The Complexities of Managing Aggression and Violence in Healthcare

Session 1 — Violence in Healthcare: Defining the Threat, and Preparing for and Managing Aggression and Violence

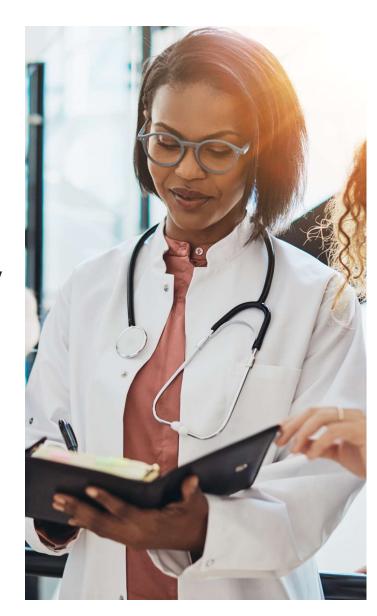
• Chad Barnes, Marsh Advisory and Tyler Kerns, St. Alphonsus Health System

Session 2 — Healthcare Security and the Role of Police and Security Response Forces

 Chad Barnes and Jonathan Frost, Marsh Advisory and Tyler Kerns, St. Alphonsus Health System

Session 3 — Care for the Caregiver

Session 4 — Risk Financing Considerations and Transfer of Risk





# **Speaker Introductions**

### Industry leaders in healthcare security and violence prevention and response



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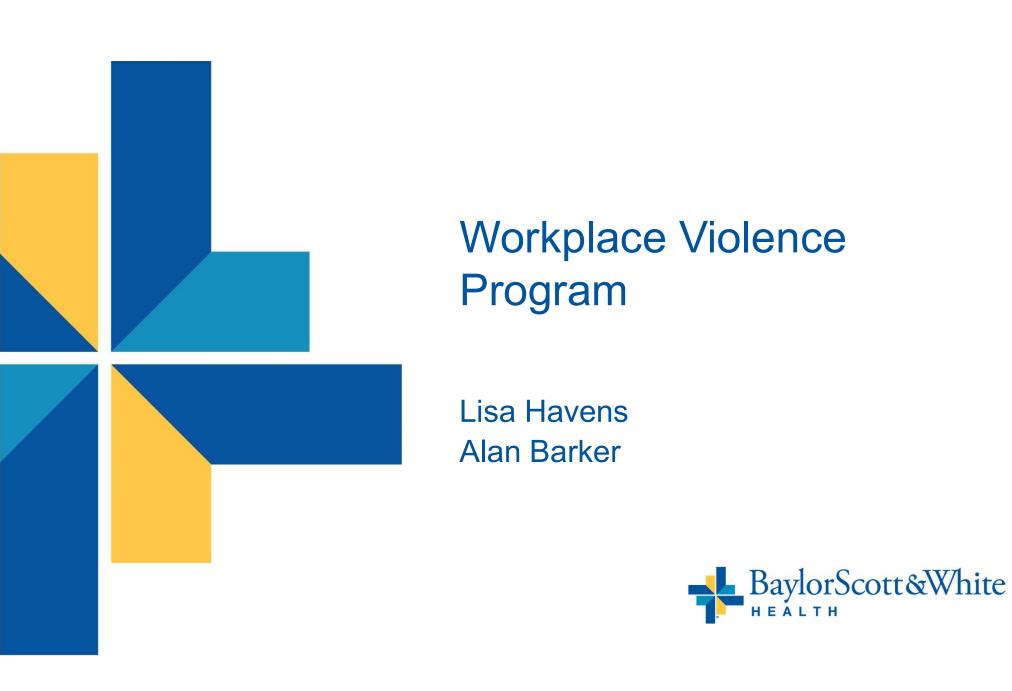


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# SAFETY IN THE WORKPLACE



A safe and respectful work environment is foundational to our goal of zero preventable harm.

Our Safety in the Workplace initiative is designed to raise awareness of concerning behaviors and offer tools for identifying and reporting those that are violent, aggressive or disruptive.

Also, please take a few moments to watch the <u>May 2019 episodes of Getting to Zero</u> to hear from Walter Cassity, vice president of Environment of Care, Emergency Management and Public Safety and Janice Walker, chief nursing officer.

If you experience or see a concerning behavior or attitude, speak up.

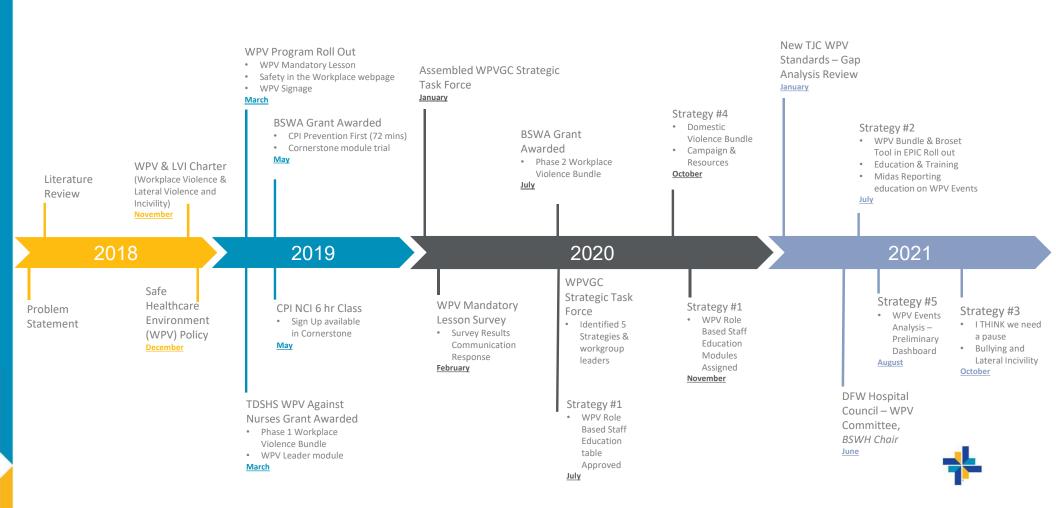
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https://bswhealth.sharepoint.com/sites/BSWSafetyInTheWorkplace

# **Workplace Violence Program Timeline**



# **BSWH Continuum of Workplace Violence**





# **Workplace Violence Strategies**

The BSWH Workplace Violence Governance Council (WPVGC) formed task forces to manage the 5 defined strategies that built and will steer the Workplace Violence Program (WPV).

- Strategy 1: Effective and efficient role-based, workplace violence education modules
- Strategy 2: Workplace violence education bundle for leaders and team members to know and understand the best practices that prevent and effectively respond to patient violence
- Strategy 3: Initiative to target incivility/bullying in the workplace
- Strategy 4: Initiative to target domestic violence
- Strategy 5: Comprehensive data tracking, monitoring and reporting system of leading and lagging workplace violence indicators.
- Next steps: Technology and ambulatory subcommittees



### **Strategy 1: Role-based education**

- Educational programs/assignments guided by role inclusive of leaders
- Recently, conducted gap-analysis of System education offerings and TJC's 2022 WPV standards.
- Updating system 2021 Workplace Violence education modules with required content.
- Developed education for reporting WPV incidents



# **Strategy 2: WPV Bundle**

### The Workplace Violence Bundle includes:

- Signage
  - Posters posted in waiting areas and nurses station notifying patients and visitors that workplace violence will not be tolerated
- Broset violence checklist to determine the level of violence and the preventive measures that should be in place
- Duress alarms that employees use to notify of potential violence
- Use of the buddy system to keep patients and employees safe
- Disruptive and Violent Patient Behavior Policy and Patient Behavior Agreement



## **Strategy 2: WPV Bundle**

### **Patients & Visitors**

### Our facilities are healing environments

free of any type of violent or aggressive behavior. Please treat others with courtesy and respect. Aggressive or violent behavior will not be tolerated.

### Examples of prohibited behavior are:

- Emotional, physical or verbal abuse or assault
- Harassment
- Threatening or violent behavior
- Abusive or sexual language
- Bullying

Anyone who shows aggressive or violent behavior may be removed from the facility and/or the facility or staff may take additional legal actions including pressing criminal charges.



### Event Reporting Update: Workplace Violence Events

### Pertains to all BSWH facilities system-wide.

Standardization of terminology is necessary to accurately record, categorize, and strategize quality improvement initiatives to mitigate and eliminate workplace violence (WPV) events. If an event occurs, document the incident using the event reporting system tool according to the guidelines below.

Workplace violence is "An act or threat occurring at the workplace that can include any of the following: verbal, nonverbal, written, or physical aggression; threatening, intimidating, harassing, or humiliating words or actions; bullying; sabotage; sexual harassment; physical assaults; or other behaviors involving staff, licensed practitioners, patients, or visitors."

Guidelines for Documentation of a Work	place Violence Event in the Event Reporting System
Identify the Source of the Incident	
BEHAVIOR	CONDUCT
Patient or visitor is source of negative incident. Report under the patient's name when possible.	Staff, physician or APP is source of negative incident.  Report under the patient's name when possible.
Select th	e TYPE of Incident
TYPE	NDNQI DESCRIPTION
	s defined as any incident involving forcible, unwanted physical or sexual the assault, and regardless of whether or not there is intent to harm.
Alleged Abuse - Physical	Includes contact with another person (e.g., pushing), contact with bodily fluids (e.g., being spat upon), and contact with objects (e.g. being struck by a thrown object).
Alleged Abuse – Sexual/Inappropriate Touch	Includes unwanted sexual contact (e.g., fondling, forced kissing, attempted or actual rape.) Includes inappropriate exposure of genitalia or similar behavior.
Alleged Abuse – Physical and Sexual/Inappropriate Touch	Select when both Physical and Sexual/Inappropriate Touch occur during same incident.
Alleged Abuse - Verbal	Abusive language (e.g., name-calling, cursing, sexual comments, derogatory statements.)
Disturbance/Disruptive	Behavior or conduct not conforming to descriptions above yet is disruptive or disturbs the patient care or workplace setting.

Other - Do not select. Effective follow-up of WPV event requires specific and distinct classifications listed above. If the BSWH employee incurs an injury from the alleged assault, submit an "Employee Incident/Injury/Exposure" repor in the Event Reporting System. This enables timely notification to Safe Choice.

Keferences:

NDNQI (2020) Guidelines for Data Celledrice and Submission on Assaults on Nursing Personnel Indicator,
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TC (2020) Proposed New and Revised Requirements for Workplace Violence Prevention Hospital Accreditation Program.

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# Strategy 3: Incivility/Bullying in the Workplace

- A proactive way to think about, talk about, and manage internal disruptive behaviors in the workplace before they escalate.
- If you are experiencing bullying in the workplace, use this simple phrase:

I THINK we need a pause.





# Strategy 4: WPV Awareness campaign related to Domestic Violence

Implement awareness campaign in October during Domestic Violence Awareness Month. Going forward, each facility level diversity council will post to their facility pages about the national observance of domestic violence.

- How to recognize it
- Resources If you or a colleague are a victim of domestic violence
- Resources For clinicians caring for patients who are victims of domestic violence



# **Strategy 5: Dashboard**

- Accurate Data: Challenge with several databases Midas, Compliance Hot Line, Public Safety,
   Employee Injuries
- Create dashboard to monitor progress of each WPV strategy at System and Facility levels:
  - Events
  - Indicators
  - WPV Education
  - Culture of Safety



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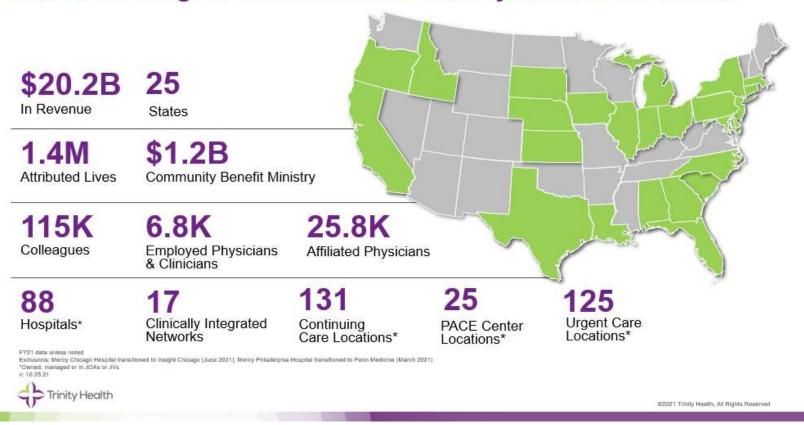


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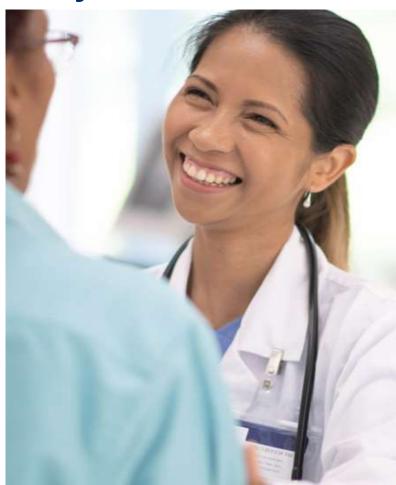
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# **Trinity Health**



## Our Core Values

### Reverence

We honor the sacredness and dignity of every person.

### Commitment To Those Who Are Poor

We stand with and serve those who are poor, especially the most vulnerable.

### Safety

We embrace a culture that prevents harm and nurtures a healing, safe environment for all.

### **Justice**

We foster right relationships to promote the common good, including sustainability of Earth.

### Stewardship

We honor our heritage and hold ourselves accountable for the human, financial and natural resources entrusted to our care.

### Integrity

We are faithful to who we say we are.



# **Second Victim Phenomenon Defined**

"Healthcare team members involved in an unanticipated patient event, a medical error and/or a patient related injury and become victimized in the sense that they are traumatized by the event."

" A life-altering experience that left a permanent imprint on the individual."



(Scott et al, 2009)



# **Getting Started**

- ✓ Attended program at IHI
- ✓ Obtained system office leadership executive sponsor
- ✓ Applied for Trinity Health internal grant \$25,000
  - ✓ Open to Trinity Health Ministries participating in the Master Corporate Insurance Program and System Office teams
  - ✓ Proposals must address an existing risk concern that will impact one of Trinity Health's liability or event drivers, or colleague safety initiatives
    - ✓ Program can be replicated in Trinity Health ministries
    - ✓ Outcomes can be measured using defined methodology and metrics
  - √ Identified pilot sites
  - ✓ Met with local leadership to assess readiness
  - ✓ Obtained commitment for people resources to support the program



### **Initial Actions**



Safety culture

Building a culture of safety is essential for any successful staff support program



Leadership buy-in

Engage leadership and make the case for a peer support program



Organizational awareness

Awareness of the impact of medical errors and/or adverse events to clinicians and staff is critical



Formation of a multi-disciplinary advisory committee

Consider who should be part of the advisory group and what their role is



Risk management

Create protections for your program and connect it with other initiatives

- Engaged a Project Manager
- Met with small planning group, identified site leader
- Met with larger multidisciplinary Steering Team
- Determine the model proactive reach out to decrease stigma
- Marketing and Communications
- Engaged with Employee Assistance Program leaders
- Address Legal concerns
  - Documentation of encounters
- Address HR concerns How to address time

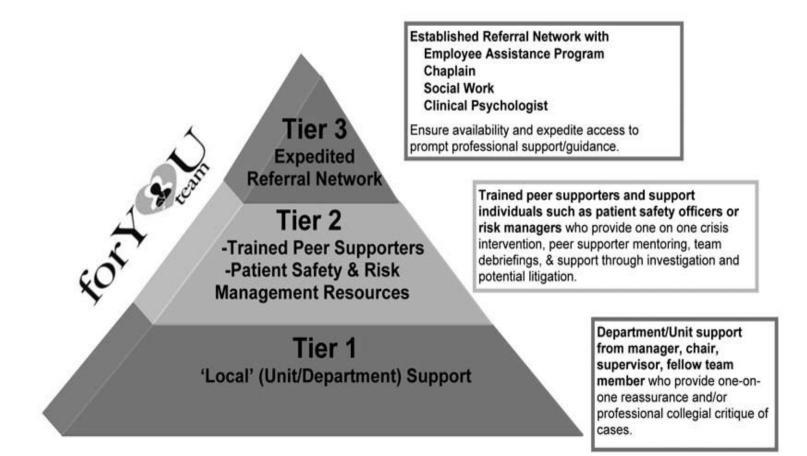


# **Operations**



- Engaged with Susan Scott BSN, MS, PhD, University of Missouri as a consultant. Dr. Scott started the ForYOU peer support program and is an international authority in peer support work. The model of support she developed is known as the "Scott Model of Interventional Support." This model has been implemented by many organizations and her work has been cited in over 1700 peer reviewed journals.
- Nomination process for peer supporters in times of crisis, who do you go to on your unit? Nominate them as a peer supporter.
- Nominations were reviewed and selected peer supporters were sent information and an agreement to sign
- Started with training 40 peer supporters for each of the 2 pilot sites and 3-4 trainers to train future peer supporters
- Conducted training sessions for peer supporters
- Provided peer supporter "tool kit" to each peer supporter

### **Scott Three-tiered Interventional Model**



(Scott et al, 2009)

# **Peer Support Levels**

Tier 1

- Immediate informal support at the unit level
- Increased awareness allows for casting a wider net to identify those in need
- Checking in to offer support
- About 60% will have their needs met with this level of support

Tier 2

- Trained peer supporters reach out on a 1:1 basis
- One or more interactions
- · Can refer to higher level of support if needed
- About 30% will have their needs met with this level of support

Tier 3

- Professional level support
- Could include referral to Clinical Psychologist, EAP, other identified resource
- About 10% are referred to this level of support

# Policies & Procedures





- Developed written procedure
- Process for activation
- Proactive reach out to those involved in events
- Peer supporters aware of events on their units, did "surveillance" and reached out
- Peer support could also be activated by pager
- Determine who should carry pager (Chaplain and Nursing Supervisor as there was 24/7 in house coverage/presence)
- Process for confidential referral to tier 3 resources

# Peer Supporter Training



- Consultant provided initial peer supporter training (4-hour program)
- Set the stage by asking participants to partner up and share a story that affected them or a coworker – everyone had a story
- Content and practice role playing
- Site leads discussed operational processes
  - · How peer supporter would be contacted
  - · Proactive reach out
  - · Provide a brochure for each encounter
  - · Obtain permission to follow-up
- Go-live plan shared

# **Peer Supporter Interaction**

**Introduction:** Peer supporter initiates the conversation, introduces him or herself as a peer supporter, and explains the goal of the peer support team.

**Exploration**: The peer supporter helps the caregiver express their emotions using questions to find out: What are their thoughts? What are their reactions? What are their symptoms?

**Information:** After listening, the peer supporter provides information. This is known as the "normalizing" part of the interaction. The peer supporter may discuss normal reactions to unusual situations. Provide program brochure.

**Follow-up:** Peer supporter asks the caregiver if it would be OK for them to check on them in the near future (1-3 days) Determines and/or offers additional resources. May communicate with the site lead if additional support is needed from patient safety, risk management, and/or department leaders.



# **Supportive Interventions**

- Proactive reach out research shows only about 15% will reach out for support
- Active listening focus on feelings and reactions to the event, not the details
- Acknowledge what the clinician is saying or feeling
- Supportive presence don't try to fix it!
- Psychological first aid be there, follow up, offer resources, let them know somebody cares

### **Communications**







# The fun part!

- Create a name and logo
- Develop materials:
  - Brochure given out with each encounter
  - Internal webpage
  - Posters
  - Pins
  - Badge Cards
  - T-shirts
  - Pens with phone number to access peer support
  - Launch events for all shifts Peer supporters provided information in cafeteria, brochures, pens, treats

# **Peer Supporter Toolkit**





### Contents:

- Brochures
- Flyer for unit
- Badge card
- Pens
- Encounter data collection form
- Reference Articles
- Peer Supporter Training Guide
- T-shirt
- Pin and certificate presented at the end of training

# **HOPE – Helping Our Peers Endure Toolkit**





# **Unit Flyer**

### What is the SafetyNet Program?

This is a new program to help caregivers who are the second victims of traumatic health care events/situations.

### What does a Peer Supporter do?

Reaches out to check on fellow caregivers after unanticipated events or outcomes with patients.

Is there a cost to staff? It is Free!

### How long does it take?

Peer supporter touch base sessions last about 10 minutes

### How to contact?

You can contact me directly or Pastoral Care is available any time.

### How do I become a peer supporter?

Contact (add name and phone number here)
Or email at (add email here)

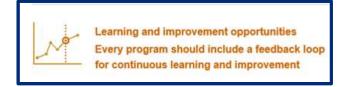


Add photo of peer peer supporter(s) here

Add name(s) of peer supporter here and their department



# **Continued Learning**



- After training and go-live, monthly then quarterly peer supporter meetings held with a 3-item agenda:
  - 1. Debrief encounters
  - 2. Education for peer supporter skill building Clinical psychologist, EAP representative
  - 3. Identify opportunities to promote the program at meetings, huddles etc.

### **Metrics**

To protect confidentiality and trust, no identifying information was collected

### Track:

- Number of encounters
- Support by role
- # First encounters
- # Follow-up encounter
- Referral to additional resources

- 24/7 availability of peer supporters
- Unit Culture of safety scores
- Staff turnover by unit
- Peer supporters on high-acuity/high-risk units
- Peer supporter readiness after training
- Peer supporter attendance at monthly meetings

### **Program Expenses**

\$3000- \$4000 initial material expenses

.6 FTE

Grant funds covered consultant expenses

Peer Supporters

**Program Coordinator** 

**Executive Sponsor** 

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#### **Tips & Challenges**

- Visible executive sponsor to support a safety culture
- Consider the shadow of the leader....if a well respected surgeon is a peer supporter, it helps remove the stigma for other surgeons
- Involve Residency program leaders and Residents as peer supporters
- Cast a wide net when offering support, those involved and those who may witness an event

- Time away from unit for meetings for peer supporters
- Use a variety of methods to share information with peer supporters – meetings, email, newsletter
- Create a plan to sustain the program with personnel changes



#### Conclusion

Each day within our health systems, "healthcare professionals practice their art and science within enormously complex environments and experience unexpected patient outcomes. Many within healthcare systems suffer alone after events."

A peer support interaction to know that someone cares can make all the difference.



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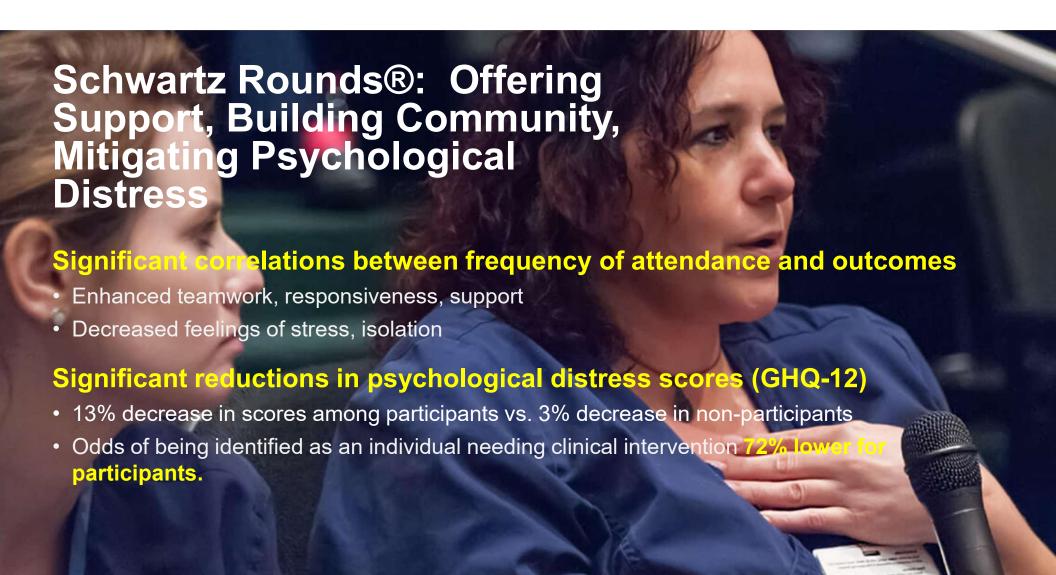


#### Why Do We Feel It's Not Ok to Not Be Ok?

### Key Themes From an Informal Poll of 800 Organizational Managers and Leaders

- Enculturated and trained to put others' needs above our own
- Need to stay strong for those I lead
- Don't want to take time out and further burden my team
- Feels unsafe to report vulnerability for fear of judgment of colleagues/managers
- Shame, stigma, sense of failure associated with mental health needs
- Too exhausted, no time to add one more thing to the list
- Uncovered cost of mental health care
- Lack of responsiveness from leadership when we ask for help

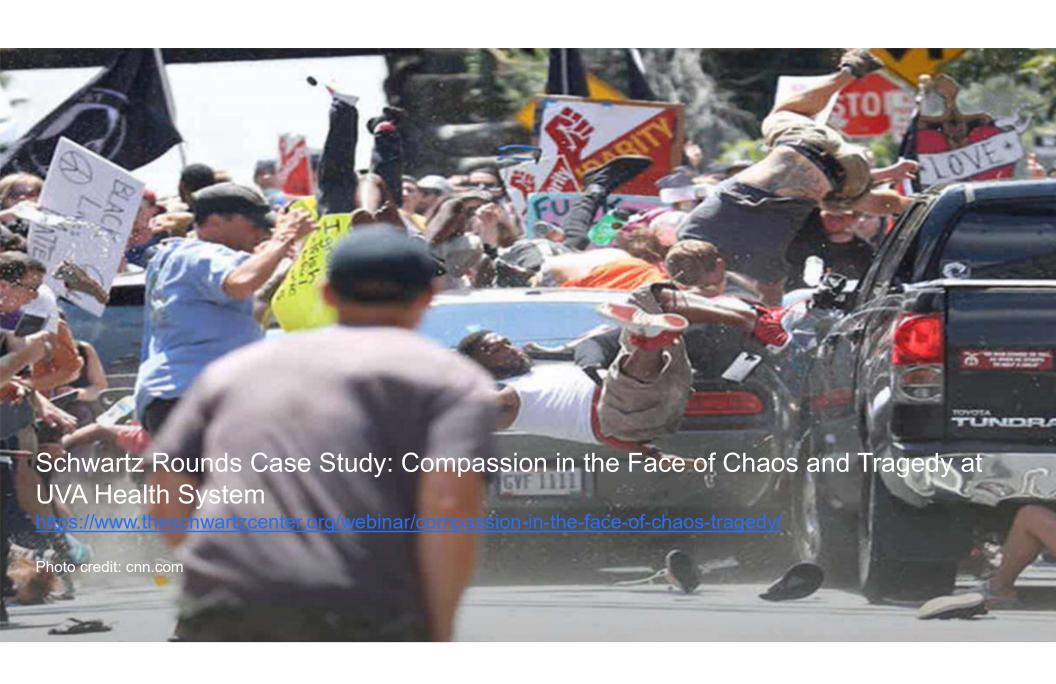






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### **Stress First Aid for the Healthcare Workforce**

The Stress First Aid model is an evidenceinformed self-care, social and peer support model developed to help those in high-risk occupations assess and respond to stress reactions in an ongoing way.

Studies with frontline workers show improved psychological outcomes, perceived knowledge of coping strategies, connection with social support, reduced self-stigma c/w control groups.<sup>1</sup>

#### **The Stress Continuum**









#### READY REACTIVE

#### **INJURED**

#### ILL

Optimally functioning;

Physically, mentally, emotionally fit;

Well trained: Prepared; Motivated; Calm

Low risk mild stress;

Feeling irritable, anxious, down;

Loss of motivation or focus

Transient. resolves without lasting impact

Higher risk stress that may scar;

Persistent negative feelings or behaviors;

Anxiety, anger, frustration, or numbness, detachment, avoidance

High risk, severe symptoms persist or worsen;

Difficulty functioning at home or work

e.g., anxiety, depression, PTSD, SUD



# Closing

### Thank you!

We enjoyed our time with you today. Please complete the brief survey immediately following the presentation.

Coming soon: Invitation for Session #4

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## Appendix

#### Resources for Implementing a Care for the Caregiver Program

Betsy Lehman Center for Patient Safety, Peer Support Toolkit. <u>Betsy Lehman Center | Peer Support Toolkit (betsylehmancenterma.gov)</u>

University of Missouri ForYOU program: forYOU Team - MU Health Care

AHRQ CANDOR Tool Kit – Module 6 – Care for the Caregiver

https://www.ahrq.gov/professionals/quality-patient-safety/patient-safety-resources/candor/index.html

<u>Physician support video: https://www.ahrq.gov/professionals/quality-patient-safety/patient-safety-resources/resources/candor/videos/peer-support-physicians.html</u>

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