

## **Network Session Summary**

| Session Topic:      | Reigniting the Flame: Burnout Recovery  |  |  |  |  |  |
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| Session Date:       | December 15, 2021   |  |  |  |  |  |
| Session Hosts:      | Dr. Chris Waller, Michele Hannay  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Session Objectives: | <ul> <li>At the end of this webinar, you will be able to:</li> <li>Describe the 3 dimensions of burnout.</li> <li>Practice strategies for managing burnout personally.</li> <li>Recognize the 6 strategic predictors of burnout and engagement in organizations.</li> </ul> |  |  |  |  |  |

## **Recommended Resources:**

- Maslach Burnout Inventory & Scoring Key (included in email)
- Burnout: The Cost of Caring (Christina Maslach, PhD)
- Burnout: The Secret to Unlocking the Stress Cycle (Emily Nagoski, PhD & Amelia Nagoski, DMA) (NOTE: this book was written targeting a female audience.)

## Session Highlights & Themes:

- The WHO considers burnout to be an occupational stress phenomenon that can have serious health implications. Burnout is listed in the ICD-11.
- Burnout is characterized by 3 dimensions:
  - o feelings of energy depletion or emotional exhaustion
  - o increased mental distance from one's job, or feelings of negativism or cynicism related to one's job, and
  - reduced professional efficacy
- The Maslach Burnout inventory is scientifically developed measure of burnout. It is not intended to be diagnostic, but to be an indicator of workplace conditions that may be affecting employees.
- It aligns with the 3 dimensions in the WHO definition of burnout.
- A profile of 'burnout' is indicated by more negative scores on all three dimensions.
- Like a cucumber that becomes a sour pickle from being soaked in brine, burnout of Alberta physicians is a problem of the environment they're in not a lack of resilience of any individual.
- In that environment, it's important to recognize what one can control, what one can influence and what is out of one's control.
- To reduce the stress of being in the environment, we can practice strategies like:
  - Name it to tame it (emotions arising from the limbic system of the brain)
  - Being aware of the stories we create that cause unnecessary suffering



- Completing the stress cycle by engaging in physician movement, deep breathing, meaningful connection, creative expression, etc.
- There are 6 strategic predictors of burnout and engagement in organizations
  - o Workload
  - o Control
  - o Reward
  - o Community
  - o Fairness
  - o Values

## **Session Statistics**

| Total        | North Zone   | Edmonton     | Central      | Calgary      | South Zone   | PCNs        |
|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|-------------|
| Physician    | Physician    | Zone         | Zone         | Zone         | Physician    | Represented |
| Participants | Participants | Physician    | Physician    | Physician    | Participants |             |
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| 24           | 7            | 3            | 5            | 6            | 2            | 17          |