

# CULTURAL HUMILITY COMPONENTS

# **OPENING/INTRODUCTION (Respect)**

- □ Addresses everyone respectfully (asks for name/ pronunciation/pronoun) <sup>1,2,5,6</sup>
- □ Presents an open posture <sup>1,3,5</sup>
- □ Warmly greets everyone <sup>2</sup>
- □ Asks opening questions to build rapport <sup>6</sup>
- Upon entering the room, look everyone in the eyes and smile <sup>2,5</sup>

#### PARTNERSHIP BUILDING (Trust + Respect)

- Believes/Acts as though everyone is of equal value as a person <sup>2,5</sup>
- □ Treats everyone equitably <sup>1,7</sup>
- Explicitly articulates/values hearing varying perspectives
- □ Explicitly promises and provides a safe environment <sup>1,2,5</sup>
- Establishes ground rules and expectations (grounded in cultural humility) <sup>2,6,7</sup>
- Reinforces and role models ground rules and expectations <sup>2,6,7</sup>
- Illustrates concepts with multiple and diverse examples and inclusive language <sup>1,2,5,6,7</sup>
- Explicitly articulates/acts that everyone is important ("This is about you.") <sup>5</sup>
- Explicitly establishes the role of a support resource (somebody who can identify and supply resources to address needs, but does not take on undue responsibility) <sup>3,6,7</sup>
- Explicitly states/acts that they are a vault and do not share information discussed unless ethically compelled <sup>4</sup>
- Elicits Perspectives (ideas, expectations, and concerns, demonstrate curiosity over knowing) 1,2,5,6,7,8
- □ Achieves a shared plan <sup>8</sup>
  - $\square$  Provides possible options for the way ahead  $^5$   $\square$  Goal setting  $^3$
  - Takes co-accountability for success; it takes a team (colleagues, students, patients, etc.)<sup>3</sup>
- □ Disclosing vulnerabilities (Humility) <sup>3,5</sup>
  - □ Acknowledges possible mistakes or blind spots when it comes to others' lived experiences <sup>1,4,7</sup>
  - Welcomes others to let them know when something isn't okay<sup>7</sup>
  - $\hfill\square$  Apologizes when appropriate  $^{1,4,7}$

# VERBALIZES (Empathy)

- □ Naming Emotion ("I can see this is stressful") <sup>3,8</sup>
- Understanding ("I can appreciate that this is concerning to you, I'd have felt that way too!", I want to acknowledge and honor that you feel this way.) <sup>3,8</sup>
- Respect ("I am sharing this with you because I want you to know my expectations for creating a culturally humble environment") <sup>3,8</sup>
- □ Support (without taking undue responsibility; "What can I do for you to make this more inclusive?") <sup>3,8</sup>

# **COMMUNICATION (Active Listening)**

#### **Verbal Facilitation**

- Uses clarifying statements to promote open and inclusive conversations ("It sounds like...", "I am hearing you say..., is this correct?") <sup>5.7,8</sup>
- □ Uses praise or affirmation <sup>8</sup>
- Echoing statements and short statements to promote open and inclusive conversation ("yes, uh huh, right") <sup>5,8</sup>
- □ Avoids assumptive or judgmental language <sup>2,3,5</sup>
- □ Summarizes comments periodically <sup>2,5,8</sup>
- □ Uses open-ended questions ("because…, How so?, Tell me more.") <sup>1.5.7.8</sup>

## **Non-Verbal Facilitation**

- Avoids any negative body language (facial expression, tapping hands, shift in body language, etc.)<sup>8</sup>
- □ Appropriate facial expressions (eg. nodding and smiling) to match the context <sup>1,3,5,8</sup>
- Body language and eye contact/eye level adjust to empathically mirror the context <sup>1,3,5,8</sup>

#### Paraverbal Facilitation

- □ Paces conversation to encourage engagement <sup>3,8</sup>
- □ Tone encourages engagement <sup>1,3,8</sup>
- □ Allows the speaker to finish each point before speaking <sup>5,8</sup>

## ALLYSHIP

□ Addresses cultural rupture(s) when appropriate <sup>1,6,7</sup>
□ Micro/macroaggressions <sup>7</sup>



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