

# Culture of Engagement & Change - Art and Science

STRATEGIES AND TECHNIQUES FOR  
ENHANCING FRONTLINE  
ENGAGEMENT



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# On-Site Brainstorm Event

## HA-C Fitchburg Family Practice

12 Ideas in Progress  
23 New Ideas  
104 Resolved (15 months)

## CMG CMOGA

10 Ideas in Progress  
12 New Ideas  
126 Resolved (14 months)

## Single Billing Office

7 Ideas in Progress  
41 New Ideas  
54 Resolved (12 months)



# Hybrid Brainstorm Event

## Brainstorm Event

60 minutes

5 On-site/9 Virtual

**24 Ideas Created**

## System Compliance

7 Ideas in Progress

5 New Ideas

49 Resolved (9 months)

## 4 Events Combined

36 Ideas in Progress

81 New Ideas

333 Resolved (~15 months)

On-Site at Med School  
9 Virtual Attendees



# The Physical, Mental, and Emotional Connection

- **Physical:** Spending time, proximity, conflict resolution, familiarity, trust
- **Mental:** Discussing Ideas
- **Emotional:** Habit forming, trust, respect, an experience to remember

Engaging the whole person



## MCMAP and the Marine Warrior Ethos

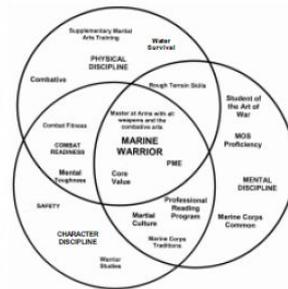
Captain Jamison Yi, U.S. Marine Corps

**D**URING THE 1970s, after the Vietnam War, a self-identity malaise befell the U.S. Armed Forces. Pacifism, self-indulgence, and egalitarian multiculturalism supplanted selfless patriotism as core values across the spectrum of American social institutions. Key segments of society publicly expressed contempt for any notion of service as an obligation of citizenship, including patriotic service in the military. This view became commonplace throughout the Nation's educational system, religious organizations, institutions of higher learning, and among influential members of society, including political figures, members of the media, and entertainment-industry luminaries. In the then-prevailing environment, the military and the warrior ethos it represented were publicly ridiculed and blamed. Marxist revisionist historians, then dominating the Nation's campuses, laid the world's social and economic inequalities and injustices at the Pentagon's door.

Because of the unpopularity of military service and the dominant influence 1960s counterculture attitudes had on U.S. social and political agendas, the military shied from publicly identifying themselves as legitimate and necessary instruments of violence under authorized state control, adopting recruiting strategies that avoided appeals to the warrior spirit, patriotism, or the obligations of citizenship. They emphasized personal self-advancement and promotion. As a result, the public did not see the military as a noble institution standing guard over the Nation, but as the employer of last resort for members of society who had no other options for employment—a public-works program for America's least-talented citizens.

The adverse influence of these views rippled through the military. Military training regimens came to reflect the watered-down values of society. Physical training standards were lowered, dress standards were relaxed, and disciplinary problems, including rampant drug abuse, were virtually tolerated.

The tendency of dominant political leaders to view military intervention as *passé* exacerbated the problem. The military was seen more as an instrument of social engineering than an instrument of national power that should be kept finely maintained and honed.



# Attitudes and Checking the Ego at the Door.

Team building needs to be intentional and focus on strengthening in order to embrace “shared hardships” of the future.



# 12 Principles for Adult Teaching and Learning

1. Needs Assessment – WIFM
2. Safety
3. Sound Relationship
4. Sequence and Reinforcement - Interaction
5. Praxis – Action with reflection
6. Respect
7. Cognitive, affective, & Psychomotor – Involvement with Heart and Minds
8. Immediacy – Hope and Sense of urgency
9. Roles – Facilitator
10. Teamwork
11. Engagement
12. Accountability – Idea Ownership



# Creating an Engaged Environment

- 1 Togetherness – Cooperation - Positivity
- 2 Having Fun – Playing - Improvisation
- 3 Staff having value
- 4 Respect – Thought diversity
- 5 Sense of purpose and urgency
- 6 Elephant in the room – eternal stumbling block



# What are the benefits?

1 Acceptance vs. compliance

2 Don't feel isolated – Team

3 Telling the hard truth

5 Building  
Arms cross-share

4 Focus on the problem

6 Think Crazy



# Rules of Brainstorming

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### Defer Judgment

Creative spaces are judgment-free zones—they let ideas flow so people can build from each other's great ideas.



### Encourage Wild Ideas

Embrace the most out-of-the-box notions. There's often not a whole lot of difference between outrageous and brilliant.



### Build on the Ideas of Others

Try to use "and" instead of "but," it encourages positivity and inclusivity and leads to tons of ideas.



### Stay Focused on the Topic

Try to keep the discussion on target. Divergence is good, but you still need to keep your eyes on the prize.



### One Conversation at a Time

This can be difficult—especially with lots of creative people in a single room—but always think about the challenge topic and how to stay on track.



### Be Visual

Use colored markers and Post-its. Stick your ideas on the wall so others can visualize them.



### Go for Quantity

Crank your ideas out quickly. For any 60-minute session, you should try to generate 100 ideas.

- Mutual respect - work as a team
- Be tolerant
- Focus on process, not people
- Don't leave silent
- Disagreement - have courage to challenge
- and have fun!!

Acknowledge | Listen | Communicate | Be Responsive | Be a Team Player | Be Kind

**Everyone, Everyday.**  
Standards of Respect

# Conduct of Huddle

1 Pre-meeting coordination & build up leadership

2 Prep table with post-its, pens, and categories

3 Ground rules have fun, dream

4 Bright idea tennis

5 Think big, stretch-play-experiment

6 Facilitate the conversation  
Let it run 45-60 seconds

7 Add Ideas into Innovation Station  
Work is only getting started!