

# Just Culture: Building Capacity for Organizational Change

**October 9, 2019** 



### Workshop At-a-Glance

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### Background

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Health Equity means that everyone has the opportunities and resources needed for optimal health and well-being



# Building a culture of equity at DPH requires a simultaneous journey...

**INDIVIDUAL** 

**Implicit bias** 

**ORGANIZATIONAL** 

**Just Culture** 

**CHE Action Plan** 

All are critically important and take training, opportunities to practice, forums for peer discussion, and other ongoing supports that only OUR WORKFORCE can identify.



#### **Core Strategies**

#### How we reframe our work to prioritize health equity



 Increasing organizational competency and capacity to engage in sustained equity work.



• Communicating in ways that **amplify community voices** and authentic narratives to drive action.



 Supporting/building community capacity to engage in efforts that eliminate inequities.



• Forging **partnerships** to enhance and promote efforts that result in equitable health outcomes.



 Aligning current resources to work that eliminates inequities.

#### 2018-19 Just Culture Goals

- All DPH workforce complete the online training or the instructor-led workshop by June 30, 2018.
- All supervisors and managers complete the instructor-led workshop by December 31, 2018.
- The 2019 Pulse Survey findings will show a 20% increase in a positive response to the survey question, "I have a good understanding of Just Culture," by June 2019.
- Supervisors will consider the Just Culture principles when referring matters to Human Resources (HR) Performance Management.

#### **Training and Coaching**

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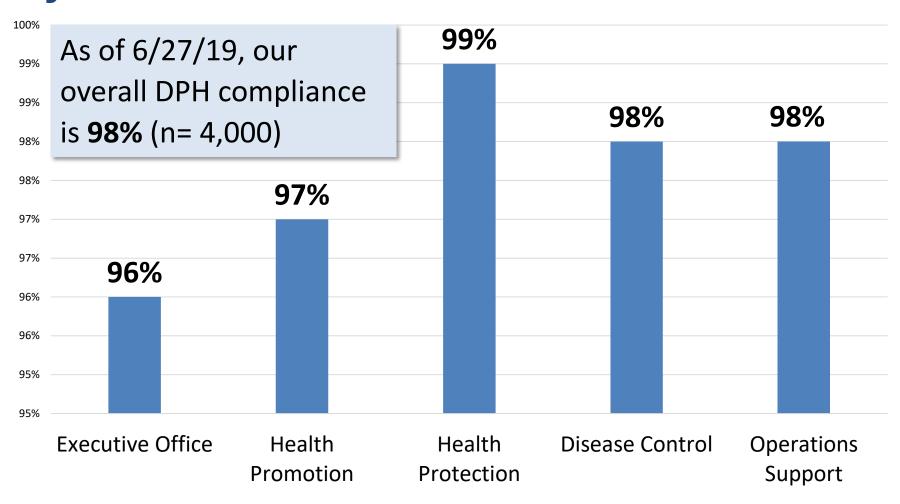
#### **Staff Training**

Train-the-Trainer Model

Just Culture Champions

Line Staff Members and Supervisors/Managers

# Just Culture Training Completion Rates, By Bureau



#### **Coaching Program**

Just Culture Coaches

Training Program

2-Year Commitment

#### **Policy and Systems Change**

#### **Franklin Pratt**

Medical Director, Vaccine Preventable Disease Control Program, LACDPH

#### **Policy Change and Systems Evaluation**

Performance Management Interface

Policy Review Workgroup

 Systems Education and Training as Prelude to Evaluation





SUBJECT: DISCIPLINARY ACTION

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#### DEFINITION:

The definition of discipline, and the appropriateness of the Department imposing such action, is incorporated herein by Civil Service Rule 18.031 below:

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#### **Just Culture – System Analysis**







It is essential to remember the importance of evaluating for System Contributors that allow/encourage unwanted Human Error or Behavioral Choices, and identifying system modifications that can help prevent recurrence or minimize potential harm. When evaluating the system consider:

- Results of Substitution Test (Would other in similar situation do the same thing)
- Do existing policies and procedures promote expected behavior?
- Are appropriate resources available?
- Is suitable education/training available?
- How does the organization balance use of resources with risk related to Human Error and/or Behavioral Choices?
- Work with staff to redesign the system or its components to prevent and/or mitigate unintended risks or harm.

This needs to be the first step in applying Just Culture to a situation!

#### Staff Engagement and Empowerment

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#### **Transitioning From A Punitive Environment To A Just Culture**



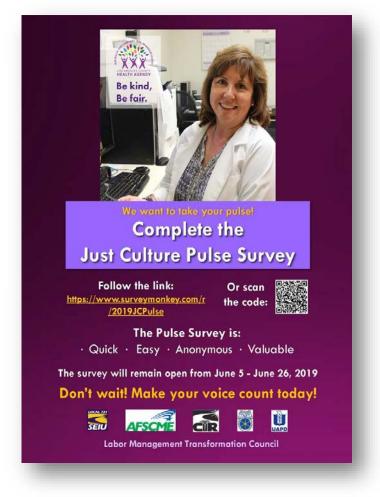




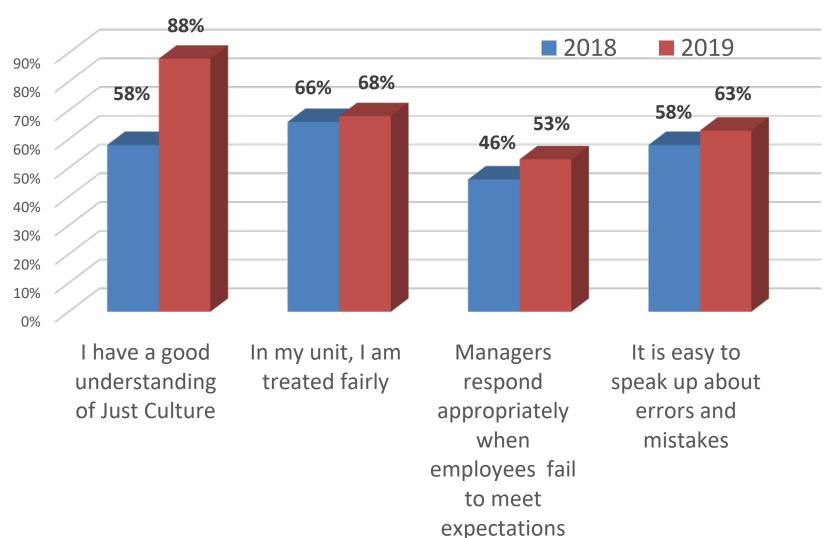
#### **Encouraging Staff to Complete Surveys**







## DPH Just Culture Pulse Survey Results 71% response rate





## Just Culture Champions Stepping Up And Becoming Just Culture Coaches



## Discussion

#### **Discussion**

Break into groups to answer the following:

- What about the Just Culture efforts resonates with your work?
- What do you think is missing?

Please identify one person from your group to report out to the full group.

#### **Any Questions or Feedback?**

