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# Resilience

## What it is, and how to get more of it!





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Kirsty came to Pinacle from private practice as a cognitive behaviour therapist, together with working in education and training roles.

- Elton John is still standing
- Kelly Clarkson reminds us that "what doesn't kill you makes you stronger"

.... and Gloria Gaynor will survive!





### Resilience

- What it is a modern model of resilience
- The impact of work demands on us and our team, and the need for resilience
- Getting more of it for us, and supporting others to develop resilience

## What is resilience?



- Adapting and responding positively to adversity
- May be impacted by cumulative or single events
- Moving towards things that are important to you, regardless
  of what's happening, so being able to take things in our stride
- So, it's not really bouncing back ... it's moving forward, and how we respond to life's slings and arrows.



#### The excellent news

- It's a skill, or set of skills we can learn
- So, it's not really you have it or you don't. You can definitely get more of it.
- And tough events or situations help us develop it. Yep, it's character building.



# Six resilience factors (Roussouw et al)

#### Vision

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Collaboration Purpose, goals, values

#### Composure

Being able to regulate emotions and behaviour

Support networks
Social context
Meaningful

connections

Resilience is ....

#### **Tenacity**

Persistence Realistic optimism

#### Health

Eating, sleeping and moving

#### Reasoning

Problem solving
Resourcefulness
Anticipate and plan



# So ... what are the demands of primary care nursing?





# And how do they impact?

- Thoughts
- Emotions
- Action urges
- Memories
- Sensations

They may be unpleasant, AND uncomfortable, but they're normal!

And so, we do stuff to try and get rid of the teams...

#### Have you ever ....

- Indulged in emotional eating?
- Not exercised due to low motivation?
- Used alcohol to relax?
- Had sleep disturbed due to stress?
- Spent money on unnecessary stuff?
- Used drugs (caffeine or others) to help cope ?





#### That's a relief.

# You're human.





# Six super tips for developing resilience



# #1 Vision and values

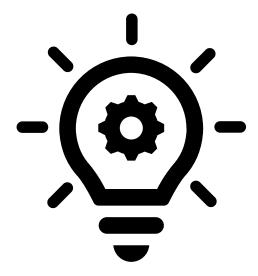
- What's your North Star?
- What matters most to you in your life, and your work?
- Link goals to values
- Has strongest link with job satisfaction





## #2 Composure

- Give yourself permission to feel lousy!!
- Acceptance of TEAMS –
   pause, normalise, and
   validate. Tune in.
   Emotional states are
   temporary and will pass.
- Short grounding bursts breathe, focus, and start from zero again.

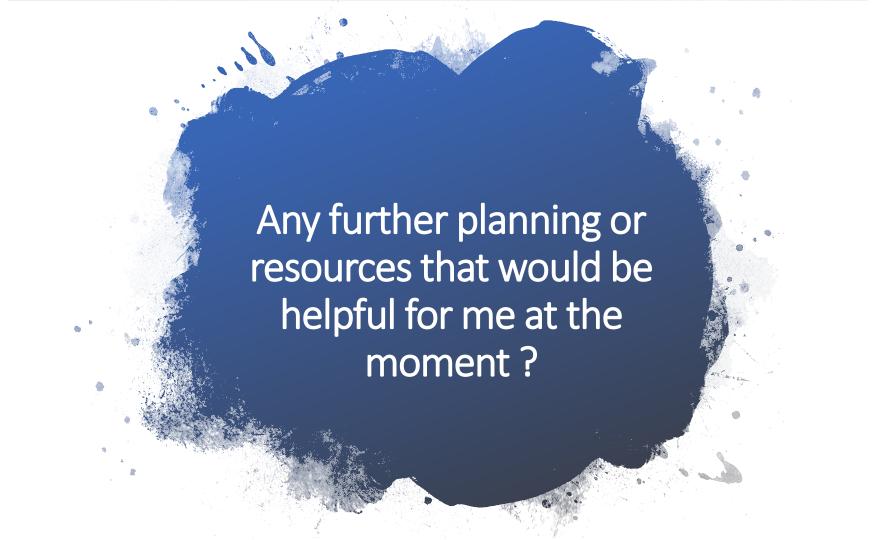


# What TEAMS do I notice?



# #3 Reasoning

- Problem solving is WAAAAY more useful than worrying
- Anticipate
- Plan
- Develop resources





## #4 Health

- Eating
- Sleeping
- Moving
- Really important foundation for resilience, has less of an impact on job satisfaction than the other areas



Is there anything else I could do to support my health at the moment?



# #5 Tenacity

- Trust that you control your own fate
- Develop an internal locus of control
- Persistence
- Realistic optimism

What's one small thing I would see myself doing if I was more tenacious?



## #6 Collaboration

- Express emotions tell people you trust how you feel, both good and bad
- Support others, and seek and use support yourself
- Connect, be generous and compassionate

Can I collaborate more for my benefit or others?



#### Time to choose!



What is one thing (yep, just one!) I will see myself doing in the next week to further develop my resilience?

How confident am I, out of 10, that I'll do it?

Less than 7/10 – make it easier!



## Over to you



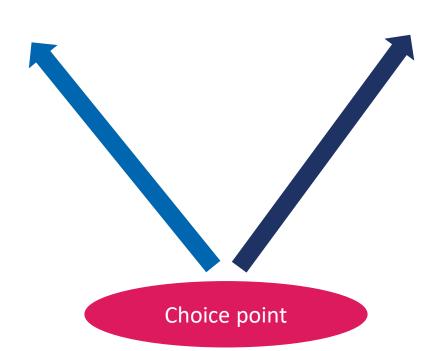
# Pulling it all together - Choice point



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the outcome you
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effectively, like the
person you want
to be

#### **HOOKS**

Difficult TEAMS that show up in response to the challenge



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#### **HELPERS**

Values you live by
Skills and
strengths you can
use