



## EMOTIONS MOVING FORWARD

***I supervise a hard-driving team with a lot of independent thinkers. Sometimes we encounter tantrums and disruptive emotions which have a dampening effect on progress too long after the initial eruption of emotion. What can I do to help the team move past the anger?***

Following are useful techniques to cool emotion when the passion is out of control:

1. Take a timeout (formal or informal) and gain some 'emotional' distance.
2. Talk to a friend (someone you trust) who is less involved and can

help with an objective perspective.

3. Use the Conflict Resolution Model to expose issues useful to resolution.

- a. Identify the problem that is causing the conflict.
- b. Identify the individual positions that are taken and the individual emotions that are associated with the conflict.
- c. Identify the impact of the conflict on the achievement of group goals.
- d. Establish that the team has to cooperate, be respectful and courteous. Being friends is a bonus.
- e. Decide whether to resolve the conflict.

- f. To resolve conflict; ask conflicting parties to state a common goal resolution of the conflict: How would you like the problem to be resolved? Is a compromise needed?

4. Exercise (take a walk, go to the gym, etc.).

5. Explore the primary feelings beneath the anger. Exposing feelings can be helpful, however, it is a requirement to choose behavior that is respectful and courteous toward all team members.

(adapted from SAMHSA's new 'Anger Management for Substance Abuse and Mental Health Clients' course)

### Leadership Orientation Session B

Friday, Mar. 16, 2018  
8:30am - 11:30am  
Sheldon, IA

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