

My Presidential Journey: Advocating for Empowering Spaces

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My Presidential Journey...

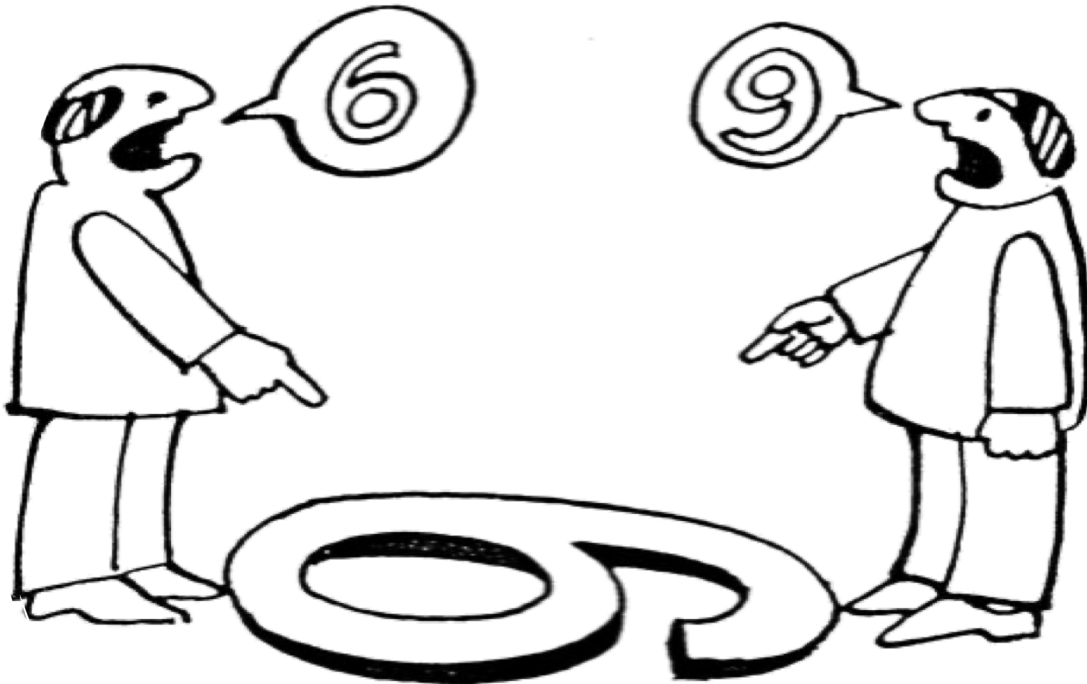


Celebrating Empowering Spaces

Empowering Spaces

Empowering spaces are those we intentionally create to ensure that all participants are able to express their needs and share their talents.

The Power of Empowering Spaces



Just because you are right does not mean that the other person is wrong. As in this case, it only means that you are looking at it from two totally different views.

A Cause for Pause

The Road I've Traveled



❑ Empowering Community Partnerships in Public Health Services



❑ Rebuilding Trust in Public Health



❑ "Gratitude is Public Health"



❑ Steps Toward Foundational Change

The Road I've Traveled (continued)



- ❑ Reimagining Public Health and Environmental Health in Montana



- ❑ Act For Health: Aspire-Collaborate-Trust



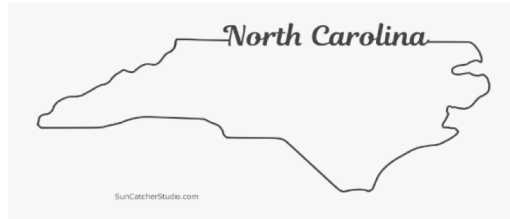
- ❑ Communicating and Navigating Public Health Intersections

The Road I've Traveled (continued)



- Celebrating Public Health: People and Purpose
- Advancing Public Health Through Effective Partnership Building
- Moving Public Health to the Next Level

The Road I've Traveled (continued)



- ❑ Reimagining the Public Health System for Kansas
- ❑ The Woven Basket of Public Health
- ❑ Promoting Healthy Neighborhoods through Civic Engagement for the Public's Health in New Jersey
- ❑ “Transforming Public Health: Cultivating, Connecting, and Collaborating”

Promoting Empowering Spaces

Contributing 10 articles to “The Nation’s Health”



Collaborating on an OpEd published in “The Hill”

The Lessons We Have Yet to Learn from Flint

By Ella Greene-Moton

Long before my role as president of the American Public Health Association, I was a normal woman from Flint, Michigan. Flint is home. It is where I committed myself to public health over the last 40 years, where I began a family and developed rich friendships, and where I found my voice. It is where I learned to speak the truth clearly and directly, and it is why I believe that our nation’s inability to fix lead in our water systems is slowly killing us all.

As we approach the 10-year anniversary of the water crisis in Flint, I personally am working to focus on the strides we have accomplished but am struggling to ignore that we are still yet to move on this significant issue. Ten years ago, the nation came together in defense of my small hometown. Many may look at the newly proposed EPA rule as a continuation of this movement, addressing the nationwide crisis of lead in drinking water that affects over 21 million Americans beyond Flint. The events still happening in Flint to this day, however, forecast how this rule will leave critical gaps that continue to jeopardize the health and well-being of marginalized communities.

- The proposal includes a new action level of 10 parts per billion, which is an improvement from the current standard, but is twice the level of lead recommended by health experts and governments across the globe. Many of us fall short of health standards—I still add cream to my coffee (prepared with bottled water) every day, against my doctor’s orders—and while we welcome improvement of any kind, the EPA is not just allowing two times the amount of lead that we should have into our water, but they are also ignoring three notable flaws in their proposal that will cause harm to low-income and poor communities: reporting, timeline and cost. ...

MOVING FORWARD

Reflecting on Empowering Spaces

Please take a moment to reflect on your public health journey. Think of a time when you felt that you were experiencing an e-zone. What about that space made it particularly empowering?

You're experiencing an e-zone if:

- You're able to **share** and **receive** information
- You not only **show respect**, but you **are respected**
- You feel confident enough employing **individual** and **collective power**

**Join Me in Creating
More Empowering Spaces/
e-zones**

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