Suicide Prevention Summit – Moderator Questions
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Questions for an Audience:
1) What reactions did you initially receive when you talked to your company’s owner/president about incorporating mental health and suicide prevention into the company’s safety, health, and wellness program?
2) What reactions did you experience as your company started to implement suicide prevention into your company’s safety, health, and wellness program?
3) Do you know your company’s Employee Assistance Program (EAP) utilization? (Then, provocatively say that it almost doesn’t matter because no matter how high it is, it isn’t reaching enough at-risk people.)
4) How has your company addressed mental health in the workplace?
5) By a show of hands, how many of your companies have included suicide prevention in/on the following:
   - Company newsletters
   - Bulletin boards
   - Benefit open enrollment campaigns
   - Safety toolbox talks
   - Supervisory training sessions
   - Senior management meetings
6) What barriers or obstacles did your company have to overcome to begin addressing mental health and suicide prevention in your workplace?

Questions for a Panel of Subject Matter Experts:
1) Why is having an Employee Assistance Program (EAP) not enough for an employer?
2) If you can only do one thing that matters for your employees and their families, what should it be?
3) What services are available from your agency for employers to tap into?
4) What best practices do you recommend for employers that are just beginning to address mental health and suicide prevention in their workplace safety program?
5) What strategies can you recommend to help an employer effectively increase the utilization of their employee assistance program (EAP)?