

The Hat Summary for Issues Paper and Discussion:

Purpose: recreation professionals are people trying to bring a higher quality of life to their communities through recreation and play. How can you as professional leaders make a positive impact on this community issue? Your goal: to understand the issue, explore options, think critically and creatively, recommend action and response.

Format: each discussion group will have an identified facilitator (the person who has written the issues paper) who will guide the group through the problem solving process and that person will also complete this sheet for the group (everyone of course can take individual notes). The discussion guide sheet and the presenter's specific questions will be submitted to the instructor. The Hats system is to encourage you to move rather quickly to creative solutions to the issue. Use these hat questions and/or craft others?

White Hat: What do we know about the issue?

What do we not know but probably need to know?

Yellow: What could you do as leaders to build a response to this issue in general?

What could you, as the recreation profession (agencies/businesses), do specifically to respond?

Who could be our partners to really make a difference?

Green: Push yourself! What response would be really creative and way out there?

Black: What concerns do you have about some of the ideas expressed?

(Yellow: If time allows go back and yellow hat some key black hat concerns.)

Blue: Pick the idea or response with the greatest promise?

Red: How do you feel about the work your group did on this topic today? (one word)

List discussion team members present today: (circle name of recorder/presenter)