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## FACILITATION SERIES: The Things Facilitators Say . . .

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There are times when a facilitator pauses a group in its discussion to allow the group to reflect on what has happened, start a discussion, clarify an issue, evaluate its progress, or encourage participation from all members. During these moments, the right statement or question will help transition the group to a new thought process. A facilitator's goal is to guide the group through the process for accomplishing the defined task while maintaining a good rapport with the group.

The follow statements/questions are examples of "things a facilitator would say" to the group. This list is not exhaustive but just the beginning.

- Do these goals align with your vision?
- Let's think about this another way . . .
- Let's review the question . . .
- How are we doing?
- Are we following our ground rules?
- You've heard what has been said, what do you think?
- Are there other options that should be considered?
- Tell us more . . .
- Thank you for investing your time . . .
- Today, your brain is needed . . . your best thinking.
- We would like to hear from everyone in the room . . .
- We'd like to hear from some of you that haven't shared yet . . .
- Take a moment to think about . . .
- Let's make a note of that and be sure to address it later . . .
- Let's ask the group. What do you think? (to the group)
- Thank you. I think we've got your input here. Now, let's get some other ideas.
- I see a lot of you nodding your heads. Does that statement resonate with you?

### Expanding the List

Please share your statements or questions with the publication authors, and we'll continue to expand the list.