

Collaboration Self-Assessment Tool

Successful cross-sector collaborations use an intentional, rigorous **process** to engage stakeholders, develop sustainable **capacity** to coordinate activities, and are propelled forward by dynamic **leadership**.

Evaluating the effectiveness of a collaboration requires a comprehensive assessment of the process, capacity and leadership. This self-assessment tool, developed by Civic Collaboration Consultants, LLC, can be used as part of a comprehensive evaluation, or it can be used to provide a quick, high-level checkup on the health of your collaboration.

Subject Area

What issue is the collaboration trying to address?

What “civic system” does the collaboration work within?

Scoring

Check statements you believe are true. If you checked three or less in any section, then your collaboration may be stuck or is about to get stuck.

Process

- ◇ Our collaboration has an established meeting schedule.
- ◇ Responsibility for coordinating the collaboration process is clear.
- ◇ Partners are formally committed to sharing responsibility for the collaboration.
- ◇ All key constituents, including those with lived experience, are engaged.
- ◇ My perspective is valued.

Leadership

- ◇ We know who will hold the partners together during challenging times.
- ◇ I trust others within the collaboration.
- ◇ Others in the collaboration trust me.
- ◇ Individuals are taking specific actions to move the collaboration forward.
- ◇ The most difficult issues are being addressed.

Capacity

Sufficient capacity exists to perform these critical collaboration functions:

- ◇ Partner engagement
- ◇ Communications
- ◇ Shared learning
- ◇ Shared measurement
- ◇ Advocacy
- ◇ Resource Development
- ◇ I am or my organization is prepared to create or sustain such capacity.
- ◇ Other partners are prepared to create or sustain such capacity.