Coalition Building: Partnerships in Mental Health and Aging

Worksheets

DEFINING AND PREDICTING SUCCESS

List three issues that you would like your coalition on mental health and aging to address:

A.

B.

C.

List three activities through which your coalition might do to accomplish each of the three issues above:

Issue A

Issue B

Issue C

List three factors that are critical to the success of your coalition:

A.

B.

C.
4. List three challenges that your coalition on mental health and aging is likely to face and then list possible solutions for each challenge:

A. Challenge:
   Solution:

B. Challenge:
   Solution:

C. Challenge:
   Solution:

**FOSTERING PARTNERSHIPS**

List the organizations whose participation is critical to the existence of your coalition on mental health and aging: (I.e. substance abuse organizations, mental health organizations, etc.)

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List the organizations whose participation is preferable, but without whom your coalition could still exist without:

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List three strategies for encouraging consumer involvement and input in your mental health and aging coalition:

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2.

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List three strategies for fostering consensus and managing conflict among your coalition members:

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2.

3.

MANAGING THE LIFE OF A COALITION

How could you ensure that your coalition members are united on an issue?

How could you ensure that your coalition members carry their own weight?

List three of the most important rules under which your coalition will operate:

A.

B.

C.
What human resources will your coalition require to maintain its existence and motivation?

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How will you meet these human resource needs?

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What financial demands will your coalition have?

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How will you meet these financial needs?

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How will you know if your coalition is a real “good” coalition?

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PLANNING GUIDE

1. When do you intend to conduct your next coalition meeting?
2. What do you intend to accomplish at the next coalition meeting?
   A.
   B.
   C.

3. Who are the primary agencies you will invite that have not been involved so far?
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4. Who are the other agencies you will invite to become involved?
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5. What potential problems will arise during the first meeting and how would you deal with these problems?
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6. What type of staff support will you require to organize and keep your coalition going?
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7. What logistics will you consider when arranging your meeting?
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8. Who will provide the financial support for your coalition building meeting (computer time, mailing cost, supplies, etc.?)
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9. What type of technical assistance will you need to improve the effectiveness of your coalition?
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