Understanding Partner Perspectives Tool

Overview
Identify partner perspectives on central issues. Use this activity to understand your public health and safety members’ values, accountabilities, perceived losses/barriers, and perceived gains/facilitators on central issues. Identify areas of agreement and divergence to understand how members can work together to accomplish the goals of the public health and safety collaboration.

Purpose
This tool can bridge philosophical and practical gaps between public health and public safety who have different roles, duties, and training. This resource provides a guide for facilitators to encourage partners to share the perspectives that inform their attitudes and approaches to a central issue.

When to Use This Resource
The output of this activity can help you: a) determine the root cause of the conflict around a challenge; b) develop messaging for partners by acknowledging their pain points and by showing where commonalities might exist. This activity can be done in a small group or a 1:1 discussion with a partner.

Activity Details

Who to Involve
This tool can be used by leadership teams, agency partners, and community-based agencies or smaller subsets of these groups. Include people who are familiar with the goals of the public health and safety partnership and the central issue. Consider convening a small group and make your meeting space for open conversation.
**Time Needed to Complete**

This tool can be used during a 60-minute meeting, but may take more or less time depending on several factors (e.g., number of partners, backgrounds, existing relationships).

A 10-minute version of this tool is present in the Member Engagement Pyramid Activity PPT to familiarize the team with the idea of partner perspectives.

**Format & Filetype**

Worksheet to be handed out

Consider convening a small group and make your meeting space safe for open conversation (i.e., non-intimidating setting). This tool can also be used for 1:1 discussion with a partner to get their perspectives on a central issue.

**Resources/Materials Needed**

- **In person:** Materials to support brainstorm discussion, such as flip chart, sticky notes, markers, or virtual boards that have such features
- **Virtual:** virtual equivalents

**Companion Resources:**

- Member Engagement Pyramid Activity

**What's Included**

- Detailed instructions
- Next steps
- Completed examples

**Not Included**

- Facilitator notes