

Evaluating Community Partnerships

Resource List

1. Coppola, D. Measuring Partnership Effectiveness (Parts 1 and 2). [Internet]; 2011. Available from: www.hclinkontario.ca/.
These HC Link resources summarize and comment on approaches and tools to assessing partnerships.
2. Roberts, J. *Alliances, Coalitions and Partnerships: Building Collaborative Organizations*. New Society Publishers; 2004. Available from: www.joanroberts.com.
This is a book describing all aspects of community partnerships, including evaluation.
3. Butterfoss FD. *Coalitions and Partnerships in Community Health*. San Francisco, CA: Jossey-Bass; John Wiley & Sons; 2007. Available from: www.coalitionswork.com/.
Butterfoss is a leader in the area of partnerships development and evaluation. Chapter 14 focuses on Evaluation of Partnerships.
4. Butterfoss FD. Evaluating partnerships to prevent and manage chronic disease. *Prev Chronic Dis* 2009; 6(2):A64. http://www.cdc.gov/pcd/issues/2009/apr/08_0200.htm. Accessed February 24, 2012.
This article (2009) describes three levels of partnerships:
 - Level 1: Partnership infrastructure, function, and processes
 - Level 2: Partnership programs and interventions
 - Level 3: Health and systems change outcomesAppendix B describes these three levels and the possible indicators that could be used, depending on the nature and phase of the partnership.
5. Coalitions Work. [Internet]. Available from: www.coalitionswork.com/
This website includes the tool: *Are You Ready to Evaluate Your Coalition?*, which may be helpful in the early stages of planning a partnership evaluation.
6. Social Planning and Research Council of BC (SPARC-BC). [Internet]. Available from: www.sparc.bc.ca/capacity-building-resources .
This site is a good resource on community development and capacity building.
7. Boydell L, Rugkasa J, Hoggett P, Cummins A. *Partnerships: The Benefits*. Dublin: Institute of Public Health in Ireland; 2007. Available from: www.publichealth.ie/publications/partnershipsthebenefits.
This publication presents the results of research to identify the impacts of multisectoral partnerships, how they can be measured, and what contribution they make to tackling inequalities in health.
8. Smith A, Frank F. *The Partnership Handbook*. Human Resources Development Canada; 2000. Available from: www.publications.gc.ca/collections/Collection/MP43-373-1-2000E.pdf.
This handbook describes the nature of community partnerships and describes some of the skills needed to build partnerships. A related facilitator's guide for people working in partnerships is also available from: www.publications.gc.ca/collections/Collection/MP43-373-3-2000E.pdf.

Suggested Measures and Approaches for Evaluating Community Partnerships

1. For Evaluation Questions related to Partnership Structures and Functions, look at:

- Whether the partnership has the features of a 'successful' partnership
- Processes and structures

Measures and tools:

- Coalition Member Survey (Butterfoss)
http://coalitionwork.com/documents/coalition_member_survey.pdf
Looks at aspects of coalition operations, such as communication and leadership
- Coalition Effectiveness Inventory (Butterfoss)
http://coalitionwork.com/documents/coalition_effectiveness_inventory.pdf
Looks at aspects of coalition structure and function, such as existing supports and processes

2. For Evaluation Questions related to Program Implementation, look at:

- Monitoring of programs and activities; Reach and # participants
- Knowledge, attitude, or behaviour change

Measures and tools:

- Network Health Scorecard
http://www.hersheycause.com/pdf/Cause_Network_Health_Scorecard.pdf
Looks at purpose, performance, operations, and capacity.
- Planning, Monitoring and Evaluating Mental Health Promotion
http://www.vichealth.vic.gov.au/~media/ProgramsandProjects/MentalHealthandWellBeing/Publications/Attachments/Mental_Health_Mapping_Tool.ashx
Assesses how mental health promotion strategies have an effect on individuals, organizations, communities, societal structures. Specific to mental health but could be adapted to other purposes.

3. For Evaluation Questions related to Outcomes and Impacts, look at:

- Health status indicators
- Policy changes
- Increases in community capacity

Measures and tools:

- Partnership Effectiveness Tool (PET)
<http://www.partnershiptool.ie/uploadedfiles/Q2.pdf>
Has sections on connecting, learning, actions and impacts (see especially the last two sections about actions and impacts as related to outcome evaluation).