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2008 Collaboration Survey

Partnerships for Health Initiative

Thank you for agreeing to respond to this survey about your community's collaboration experience as part of The Colorado Trust's Partnerships for Health Initiative. The Partnerships for Health Initiative is designed to help improve the coordination of health services at the community level. This initiative, part of The Trust's Colorado Healthy People 2010 Initiative, supports 13 community health partnerships statewide, consisting of local health departments, community-based organizations, government agencies and community members.

The Colorado Trust has contracted with TriWest Group to conduct an evaluation of this initiative, and we would like your cooperation in answering questions about the implementation process undertaken by the partner agencies in your community over the past year. Your answers will help us and The Colorado Trust to identify factors that lead to successful partnerships, and in turn, to help other communities. Because the survey is intended to look at changes in the implementation process over time, it is possible that some of the items may not seem to relate to your project at this time or to your participation in the project. That is ok, as you will be able to let us know that in your responses. Your answers are very important to us, even if there are limits to what you know about your community's project under this initiative.

This survey consists of short statements that you will be asked to rate in terms of how much you agree with them (or find them to be true) for your community's implementation process. It is estimated to take 15-20 minutes to complete. Your participation in this survey is voluntary, and your answers are confidential. We will combine your responses with the responses of others when we report them to others.

For more information about the development and testing of this survey tool, call Tanya Beer at The Colorado Trust at 303-837-1200. Thank you for your help.

A. Process of Collaboration

The following set of items looks at the overall quality of a process of collaboration. "Process" refers to how a group of people is working together to deal with a problem they have in common or a goal they are trying to achieve. When you rate the following items, you should be thinking of the group of partners that your community formed to address one of more Healthy People 2010 goals under the Partnerships for Health Initiative of The Colorado Trust.

There are no right or wrong answers to the items below. Regardless of what you think, you can be sure that there are others who will agree with you. Please rate all of the items. If you are unsure about how to respond, you have the option to select "Don't Know." You may also select "Not Applicable" for those items that do not apply to you or your group at this time. When you have finished each page, please look back over the items one more time, to see if you have left any items unrated. Please respond by selecting the option on each scale that best represents your evaluation of the partnership process.

A1. The people involved in the process usually are focused on broader goals, rather than individual agendas.

Strongly Agree	Agree	Agree More Than Disagree	Disagree More Than Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Don't Know	Not Applicable

A2. The process is free of favoritism.

Strongly Agree	Agree	Agree More Than Disagree	Disagree More Than Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Don't Know	Not Applicable

A3. Often decisions are made in advance and simply confirmed by the process.

Strongly Agree	Agree	Agree More Than Disagree	Disagree More Than Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Don't Know	Not Applicable

A4. In the process, everyone has an equal opportunity to influence decisions.

Strongly Agree	Agree	Agree More Than Disagree	Disagree More Than Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Don't Know	Not Applicable

A5. The process gives some people more than they deserve, while shortchanging others.

Strongly Agree	Agree	Agree More Than Disagree	Disagree More Than Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Don't Know	Not Applicable

A6. The process responds fairly to the needs of its members.

Strongly Agree	Agree	Agree More Than Disagree	Disagree More Than Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Don't Know	Not Applicable

A7. Decisions made in the process are based on fair criteria.

Strongly Agree	Agree	Agree More Than Disagree	Disagree More Than Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Don't Know	Not Applicable

A8. In the process, some people's "merits" are taken for granted while other people are asked to justify themselves.

Strongly Agree	Agree	Agree More Than Disagree	Disagree More Than Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Don't Know	Not Applicable

A9. In the process, strings are being pulled from the outside, which influence important decisions.

Strongly Agree	Agree	Agree More Than Disagree	Disagree More Than Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Don't Know	Not Applicable

A10. The allocation of resources is decided fairly.

Strongly Agree	Agree	Agree More Than Disagree	Disagree More Than Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Don't Know	Not Applicable

A11. The criteria for allocations are fairly applied.

Strongly Agree	Agree	Agree More Than Disagree	Disagree More Than Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Don't Know	Not Applicable

A12. In the process there is sufficient opportunity to challenge decisions.

Strongly Agree	Agree	Agree More Than Disagree	Disagree More Than Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Don't Know	Not Applicable

A13. In discussions about decisions or procedures, some people are discounted because of the organization they represent.

Strongly Agree	Agree	Agree More Than Disagree	Disagree More Than Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Don't Know	Not Applicable

A14. The decisions made in the process are consistent.

Strongly Agree	Agree	Agree More Than Disagree	Disagree More Than Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Don't Know	Not Applicable

A15. Decisions are based on accurate information.

Strongly Agree	Agree	Agree More Than Disagree	Disagree More Than Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Don't Know	Not Applicable

A16.   My rights are respected when decisions are made.

Strongly Agree	Agree	Agree More Than Disagree	Disagree More Than Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Don't Know	Not Applicable

A17. I am treated with dignity by everyone involved in the process.

Strongly Agree	Agree	Agree More Than Disagree	Disagree More Than Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Don't Know	Not Applicable

A18. Decisions are made based upon facts, not personal biases and opinion.

Strongly Agree	Agree	Agree More Than Disagree	Disagree More Than Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Don't Know	Not Applicable

A19. I am able to influence the decisions made.

Strongly Agree	Agree	Agree More Than Disagree	Disagree More Than Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Don't Know	Not Applicable

A20. I am given an opportunity to express my views before decisions are made.

Strongly Agree	Agree	Agree More Than Disagree	Disagree More Than Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Don't Know	Not Applicable

B. Working Together

For the next set of items, the response options are different, but the instructions remain the same. Please respond by selecting the option that best represents your opinion about how your partnership group (the group about which you answered questions in the previous section) is working together. Please try to respond to all the items.

B1. Our collaborative effort was started because we wanted to do something about an important problem.

True	More True Than False	More False Than True	False	Don't Know	Not Applicable

B2. Our group's top priority is to have a concrete impact on the real problem.

True	More True Than False	More False Than True	False	Don't Know	Not Applicable

B3. The membership of our group includes those partners affected by the issue.

True	More True Than False	More False Than True	False	Don't Know	Not Applicable

B4. Our membership is not dominated by any one group or sector.

True	More True Than False	More False Than True	False	Don't Know	Not Applicable

B5. Our collaboration has access to credible information that supports problem solving and decision making.

True	More True Than False	More False Than True	False	Don't Know	Not Applicable

B6. Partners have agreed on what decisions will be made by the group.

True	More True Than False	More False Than True	False	Don't Know	Not Applicable

B7. Partners have agreed to work together on this issue.

True	More True Than False	More False Than True	False	Don't Know	Not Applicable

B8. Our group has set ground rules and norms about how we will work together.

True	More True Than False	More False Than True	False	Don't Know	Not Applicable

B9. We have a method for communicating the activities and decisions of the group to all partners.

True	More True Than False	More False Than True	False	Don't Know	Not Applicable

B10. There are clearly defined roles for the partners.

True	More True Than False	More False Than True	False	Don't Know	Not Applicable

B11. Partners are more interested in getting a good group decision than improving the position of their home organization.

True	More True Than False	More False Than True	False	Don't Know	Not Applicable

B12. Partners are effective liaisons between their home organizations and our group.

True	More True Than False	More False Than True	False	Don't Know	Not Applicable

B13. Partners trust each other sufficiently to honestly and accurately share information, perceptions, and feedback.

True	More True Than False	More False Than True	False	Don't Know	Not Applicable

B14. Partners are willing to let go of an idea for one that appears to have more merit.

True	More True Than False	More False Than True	False	Don't Know	Not Applicable

B15. Partners are willing to devote whatever effort is necessary to achieve the goals.

True	More True Than False	More False Than True	False	Don't Know	Not Applicable

B16. Partners are willing to devote the necessary resources (e.g., staff, time, funding, supplies) toward achieving sustainability goals.

True	More True Than False	More False Than True	False	Don't Know	Not Applicable

B17. Divergent opinions are expressed and listened to.

True	More True Than False	More False Than True	False	Don't Know	Not Applicable

B18. The openness and credibility of the process help partners set aside doubts and skepticism.

True	More True Than False	More False Than True	False	Don't Know	Not Applicable

B19. We set aside vested interests to achieve our common goal.

True	More True Than False	More False Than True	False	Don't Know	Not Applicable

B20. We have an effective decision making process.

True	More True Than False	More False Than True	False	Don't Know	Not Applicable

B21. Our group is effective in obtaining the resources it needs to accomplish its objectives.

True	More True Than False	More False Than True	False	Don't Know	Not Applicable

B22. The time and effort of the collaboration are directed at obtaining the goals rather than keeping the collaboration in business.

True	More True Than False	More False Than True	False	Don't Know	Not Applicable

B23. Our partnership assessed the needs of our community while deciding what problems to address.

True	More True Than False	More False Than True	False	Don't Know	Not Applicable

B24. Our partnership has a clear way to monitor the progress it makes on addressing the problems on which it focuses.

| True | More True Than False | More False Than True | False | Don't Know | Not Applicable |

B25. Our partnership includes efforts to promote community awareness of services available in the community.

| True | More True Than False | More False Than True | False | Don't Know | Not Applicable |

B26. Our partnership is attempting to link and coordinate the new project with existing services.

| True | More True Than False | More False Than True | False | Don't Know | Not Applicable |

B27. Our partnership is currently planning for the sustainability of the project beyond the period of grant funding.

| True | More True Than False | More False Than True | False | Don't Know | Not Applicable |

B28. Our partnership is doing specific things aimed at the needs and strengths of all major cultural and ethnic groups involved.

| True | More True Than False | More False Than True | False | Don't Know | Not Applicable |

B29. Our partnership includes members of the service population as collaborative members.

| True | More True Than False | More False Than True | False | Don't Know | Not Applicable |

B30. Our partnership includes families of members of the services population as collaborative members.

| True | More True Than False | More False Than True | False | Don't Know | Not Applicable |

B31. Our partnership includes as members agencies and organizations that work specifically with members of the service population.

| True | More True Than False | More False Than True | False | Don't Know | Not Applicable |

B32. How aware were you of your collaborative project activities a year ago?

| Very Aware | Mostly Aware | Somewhat Aware | Not Aware | Don't Know | Not Applicable |

B33. How involved were you in your collaborative project activities a year ago?

Very Involved	Mostly Involved	Somewhat Involved	Not Involved	Don't Know	Not Applicable

B34. How aware are you of collaborative project activities currently?

Very Aware	Mostly Aware	Somewhat Aware	Not Aware	Don't Know	Not Applicable

B35. How involved are you in your collaborative project activities currently?

Very Involved	Mostly Involved	Somewhat Involved	Not Involved	Don't Know	Not Applicable

Please select the grantee partnership about which you answered the questions above (focus area in parentheses):

___ Centennial Area Health Education Center (Educational and Community-Based Programs)

___ Chaffee County Department of Health and Human Services (Access to Quality Health Services)

___ Crowley County (Substance Abuse)

___ Gunnison County Public Health (Public Health Infrastructure)

___ Lutheran Hospital Association/San Luis Valley Regional Medical Center (Access to Quality Health Services)

___ Mesa County Health Department (Environmental Health)

___ Metro Community Provider Network (Access to Quality Health Services)

___ Northwest Colorado Visiting Nurse Association (Access to Quality Health Services)

___ San Juan Basin Health Department (Substance Abuse)

___ Southern Ute Community Action Programs (Mental Health)

___ Tri-County Health Department (Older Adult Fall Prevention)

___ UCHSC Oral Health (Oral Health)

___ UCHSC/WONDER Babies (Maternal, Infant, and Child Health; Mental Health)

Please select the *categories* that *best* describe your role with the organization you represent in the collaborative (check all that apply):

___Direct service provider

___Line supervisor

___Administrator

___Collaboration project staff

___Teacher / School personnel

___Elected official

___Law enforcement personnel

___Judge / Magistrate / Court personnel

___Business person

___Representative of a faith-based organization

___Volunteer

___Concerned community member

___Primary Caregiver (parent, guardian, kin, etc) of service recipient

___Person receiving services

___Other: _____

If you describe yourself as coming from an agency or organization, with what type of organization are you most closely associated?

___ Local health department

___ County public health nursing service

___ School district or local schools

___ A publicly-funded provider of medical services

___ A private non-profit or for profit provider of medical services

___ Other health care organization

___ A private non-profit or for profit human service provider (e.g., mental health

    provider, wrap-around provider, job training program)

___ Department of Human Services / Child Welfare / Social Services

___ Other state, county or regionally-affiliated human service provider

___ Community Mental Health Center

___ Other behavioral health provider, including mental health and substance abuse

    providers,

___ The justice system

___ Local government

___ Existing coalitions or collaboratives

___ A private business

___ A faith-based organization

___ An advocacy organization

___ Other community-based service organizations

___ Other:_____

Each of the partnerships has been holding collaborative meetings as part of their implementation process. Collaborative meetings refer to meetings with other partners working on the same collaborative goals under this initiative, including both general meetings involving all the partners and workgroup meetings involving a smaller number of partners.

When did you first become involved in this project?   [MONTH]   [YEAR]

Do you attend collaborative meetings?

___ Yes

___ No

If you attend collaborative meetings, approximately how many collaborative meetings for this project have you attended …

In the past two months? _____

In the past six months? _____

In the past twelve months? _____

Other than attending collaborative meetings, do you get information about the partnership's collaborative activities and meetings from any of the following sources? (check as many as apply)

___ Reading meeting minutes / "group memory" documents from collaborative meetings

___ Reading other written materials about the partnership (reports, planning documents)

___ Reports from other people in your agency who are involved in collaborative meetings

___ Other. Please specify: _____

This concludes the survey. Thank you for your help!