**NOTE TAKER TEMPLATE**

**Table Theme: Organizations, Partnership and Collaboration**

**Issues and Opportunities**

1. The relationship between government and the community sector may not be well understood.
2. Accountability and risk management requirements can be onerous, especially when funding amounts are small.
3. There is a perception that some organizations are treated differently by government (e.g. ability to apply to certain programs).
4. Federal and provincial programs are sometimes not aligned, both internal to each order of government and from a government-to-government perspective.
5. Organizations often have to deal with multiple employees in multiple departments at both the federal and provincial levels of government.
6. Collaboration is happening in each region but it requires time and resources than can take away from program delivery.
7. There is little understanding of what happens to data collected from the community sector and how it is used.
8. Each partner’s respective value, knowledge and capacity is not fully acknowledged or leveraged (e.g., the private sector does not generally understand how the community sector helps it thrive).
9. Increased networking could allow organizations to know more about each other but supporting networking and collaboration is often not covered in funding programs.
10. Government contributes too many organizations across many sectors and could use that reach to help create linkages among them.
11. The public, private and community sectors share many common goals and there are opportunities for partnerships and synergies.
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**Group A**

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| What action(s) can **government** take to address the issues or seize the opportunities? | What action(s) can the **community sector** take to address the issues or seize the opportunities? |
| * Government can build programs that incorporate the needs of communities. They do not necessarily meet the needs of the coming unity group. | * Take advantage of each other’s strengths. |
| * Take a look at encouraging collaboration and partnerships between community groups with similar goals instead of competing for programs. Sit collectively and come up with needs and submit joint proposals | * Identify strengths of each region. Identify a plan so everyone is on the same page and then the expertise can be shared. |
| * Government could facilitate a better service provided by the community food bank. Encouraging collaboration and sharing. | * Organization, partnership and collaboration. Very little time for collaboration to occur, need an encourager. |
| * Financial support from government to create a partnership to facilitate community because people have been forced to work as individuals. | * Invite everyone together to share their expertise, what is available through their organizations, etc. |
| * Train and skill people up for proposal writing. |  |
| * Empower the people who are employed on the ground. |  |

**Group B**

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| What action(s) can **government** take to address the issues or seize the opportunities? | What action(s) can the **community sector** take to address the issues or seize the opportunities? |
| * Host more events like this in rural area. Out to the people instead of having to travel to St. John’s. | * Community sector social media sharing. |
| * Facilitate a forum for all community groups to get together and feel included. Partnership, training etc. Could be web-based, online chats, meetings. | * Bring more non for profits together to share expertise, etc. Even just a list of all non for profits. Lead needs to be the Community Sector Council to bring this together. |
| * One stop shop where organizations don’t have to search for things. | * Face to face meetings to get to know each other. * Create a private page for non for profits for information sharing. |
| * One person in extension services in Grenfell whose job it was to stimulate conversations and were hired for capacity building. | * Get a community capacity building program to bring non for profits together. |
| * More awareness of what the community sector council does. |  |
| * Encourage partnerships and see the similarities. |  |
| * Is this a mute exercise if Government doesn’t have any money to assist in these recommendations? |  |