**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 to 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.
12. The process of creating partnerships is arduous for community organizations due to lack of resources and demands.
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**Group 1**

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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? |
| * Provide funding to address resource gaps to allow organizations to develop partnerships. | * Share their resources so that organizations can model each other’s programs. |
| * Provide information on programs that are currently successful throughout the province instead of organizations developing their own. | * Board members to collaborate with each other to bring back information to the organization. |
| * Consistent funding methods throughout the province for Government programs. | * Create opportunities to share resources and knowledge. |
| * Open start and end dates for programs and realistic timelines to implement and deliver programs. |  |
| * Increase communication regarding Government programs. |  |

**Group 2**

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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 to assist/facilitate the organization in promoting their service. | * Promote through existing methods. There are opportunities for organizations to represent themselves but there are not always representatives (ex. Municipalities Newfoundland and Labrador annual conference). |
| * Expand on partnerships to become more educated on what the organization does and what their contribution is. | * Encourage like-minded organizations to partner and build relationships. |
| * Provide supports (funding) to allow community organizations to support each other in building relationships ex. Travel to attend a workshop. | * Share knowledge of funding opportunities and methods of doing things. |
|  | * Initiate a rewards program to acknowledge those who provide funding opportunities. |
|  | * Community sector fair (similar to job fair) to brainstorm/share ideas to be presented to Government. |
|  | * Support solutions that are identified specifically in rural areas. |
|  | * Learn and apply solutions from other jurisdictions for community sector issues specifically in rural areas. |

**Group 3**

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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? |
| * Include marketing and awareness obligations for the community organizations in the funding criteria for Government programs. | * Create and develop partnerships with municipal governments. |
| * Review applications and forms for funding opportunities to be more simplified. | * Create a sharing forum to share information (engagement sessions). |
| * Streamline reporting requirements for funding. | * Create connector opportunities to connect people to organizations. Partner to identify one facilitator to work with all community organizations to develop these connector opportunities |
| * Standardized funding forms across Government departments. | * Develop more awareness of services that organizations provide. |
|  | * Municipalities take the lead to create opportunities for sharing, collaboration, developing partnerships amongst community sector organizations. |
|  | * Identify communication methods to share information. |

**Group 4**

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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? |
| * Re-establish outreach offices in rural NL. | * To establish regional representatives as a part of provincial associations/organizations. |
| * Develop best practices, co-share resources (ex. administrative/internet/office space). | * Develop best practices, co-share resources (ex. administrative/internet/office space). |
| * Provide financial support to allow organizations to meet and collaborate on an annual basis. | * Community Sector Council needs to support shared accommodations model. A hub for resources and provide resources to continue. |
| * Develop more cultural awareness of aboriginal groups by attending meetings, obtaining action plans. | * Community Sector Council take an economic development approach for cross pollination across all organizations in the community sector. |
|  | * Invite Government representative and other community organizations to meetings held by each organization to increase knowledge and awareness and develop partnerships. |