Preparing for the Courtship

Assessing Your Readiness to Partner

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How to Determine “Goodness of Fit”

• Screen, screen, screen!!
• Ask questions
• Treat the invitation to partner as though it were a business, because IT IS!
• Don’t be afraid to “Kick the Tires”
Your Expectations Matter

• Know what your expectations are

• What kind of relationship do you want?
1. What is this study about?

2. Why did you select this issue to study?
3. Who put this study together?

4. How has the community been involved in research questions and designs?

5. At what point were they included?
6. How can my agency and our community partners share their ideas as you do this study?

7. May we establish a community advisory and/or review committee to provide input in the process?
8. Who is going to be in this study?

9. How will our agency and the community benefit from this study?

10. May we review the study protocol, inclusive of the budget?

11. What are the potential risks to the community?
12. Exactly what is required of my agency and community partners?

13. Will there be training on how to access support and other resources at the academic institution?

14. What if we have conflicts between our staff and yours – how is that addressed?
15. How will the results be disseminated?

16. Is there a formal “report-back” event planned?

17. What is going to happen with the collected data?
18. Who are the researchers, and are they familiar with the community being studied?

19. If researchers are not familiar with the community being researched, has cultural sensitivity/competence training been done or planned? Who provided the training?
20. Is the research model/methodology to be used, specifically matched with the target populations being studied? (e.g. ethnicity, urban/rural, gender specific)

21. Will you consider hiring and training our staff/volunteers to conduct some of the research tasks?
22. What will be left behind when the study is over?

23. What is the “win-win” for our agency? (i.e. authorship)
WHAT DO YOU WANT TO KNOW?
Evaluating Your Readiness

A DREAM COME TRUE?
Evaluating Your Readiness

A NIGHTMARE WAITING TO HAPPEN?
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