

COALITION BUILDING & MAINTENANCE



Organizer's Checklist for Effective Coalition Meetings

A TOOL FOR ADVOCACY PLANNING, EXECUTION & EVALUATION

Activity	Notes, Person(s) Responsible & Follow-up
Set a regular schedule and location for meetings and	a ronow-up
circulate to coalition partners – Include meeting	
schedule in orientation packet for new members	
Assign coalition partners to report on key parts of	
agenda for greater buy-in and listener interest	
Circulate a meeting reminder 24-48 hours in advance	
Establish goals of meeting in advance and share with	
membership when circulating meeting reminder	
Develop a meeting agenda with times and roles and	
share with coalition chairs and subcommittee chairs 3	
days before meeting for their changes and approval	
Plan for onsite help for room set-up and post meeting	
clean-up – "staff" should arrive early!	
Circulate a sign-in sheet to gather record of meeting	
participants	
Secure an LCD projector AND laptop if needed	
Secure ASL interpreter or translator services if needed	
Get healthy refreshments (preferably donated)	
Nametags	
Pens (for sign-in sheet)	
Markers (for nametags)	
Flip chart or chalk board for capturing action steps	
Copy agenda and other materials and assemble	
participant packets	
Designate a time-keeper	
Task coalition chair or another participant with	
making sure that all members are given ample	
opportunity to be heard	
Designate a competent note-taker to capture meeting	
minutes - key discussion points and action items	
Circulate meeting minutes within 3 business days -	
highlighting assignments, key decisions and next steps	
Other?	

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