



# Building Bridges Collaborative

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In the second community meeting there was a group exercise that collected feedback from people and groups in regard to what a community collaborative would look like and what we can accomplish by working together. The following is ideas from approximately 30 people/organizations. Each question is designed to collect different perspectives.

## **The role of BB in our community is...**

- Central & essential repository of resources and collaboration
- Central event calendar
- Networking
- Cross organizational support
- Reducing overlapping services
- Urgency and initiatives
- Efficiency
- Demystify marginal groups
- Prioritized needs of LGBTQ community
- Referrals
- Education tools/tool kits
- Advocacy
- Survey the community

## **One thing we still need to talk about is...**

- Community inclusion
- Social services
- Safe sex education
- Optional services for the community
- Drug and alcohol-free venues
- Safe recreational spaces for youth
- Physical community center
- Dignity
- Structure
- Funding
- Sustainability
- Diversity inclusion
- Political outreach and education
- How should we communicate
- Intersectionality
- Crisis intervention



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## **The most important thing for us to accomplish now and by the end of the year are...**

- Engaging LGBTQ
- People of color
- Directory of resources
- Coalition building
- Plan for an LGBTQ community center
- Purpose and mission
- Understanding our limitations when working among the nonprofits
- Event calendar
- Social network events
- A directory of primary contacts for each organization
- Impeachment
- LGBTQ supportive policies and politics
- Who is Who?
- A community collaboration event
- Formal structure for collaboration
- Expand youth programming
- Emphasize the T in LGBTQ
- Create a board and bylaws
- Standard operating policies
- More community conversations
- Publicity
- Grant writing and donors
- Money management where is the money going?

## **For us to be effective, leadership and decision making should be structured...**

- 1 vote per org
- Referendum
- Regular contributors get to vote
- ...with accountability
- Use of community polls
- Continued education
- Who wants to do the work?
- Best practices
- Create a board of directors
- Collaborative growth and mentoring
- Strategic planning
- Diversity
- Steering committees



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Subcommittees

Informal so it's approachable and doesn't seem like too much of a commitment

Make space and take space

New blood – new ideas

Focus groups

## **What would make me feel really good about being involved with BB is...**

See measurable results

Realistic goals

Community buy-in

Knowing who to call if someone I encounter has a need

A respectful supportive coalition of organizations working toward a common goal.

Closing the gaps between the different social services in our county.

A good use of my time.

Mission statement reflecting innovation

Being a "go-to" for the community. BB will set a standard for competent LGBTQ care

Community center building

Setting future generations up for success

Working ourselves out of a job.

More than talk

## **The most important thing we should do to make sure BB is here for the long haul is...**

Committees for projects

Intranet

Recruiting new prospects

Competency and relevancy

5-year plan

10-year plan

20-year plan

20+ year plan

Produce results

Policies, procedures, charter, and bylaws

Cross city outreach

Involve the entire tristate area

Collaborative fundraising

Google drive

Social media website

Responsible delegation

Create a board



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How do we become critical community partners?