

### **Practice your Facilitation Skills: Role Playing with a Coalition**

Cut out the strips below and distribute them to five people. Use the agenda on the following page to run a mock meeting. Allow the meeting to go on for 10 minutes while others observe. Debrief with the group. Try the exercise again with different people playing the roles.

Participant #1: You are someone who can't help but go into too much detail during the meeting. Whatever the subject is you always want to know the who, what, when, where, why and how and to discuss that right then and there. You are passionate about the cause and eager to be involved. You are the data group leader.

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Participant #2: You are participating in the coalition as part of your job and while you support the effort, you consider yourself a busy person with many other things competing for your attention. Even though you know the ground rules for coalition meetings include not using your mobile phone, you really need to respond to this one last text. You are consistently late arriving for meetings and you often get up during the meeting to answer your phone. You are part of the law enforcement committee but you have not really paid attention to what the committee is doing, however, this doesn't stop you from reporting on the activities.

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Participant #3: You are a very effective member of the coalition. You are good at helping the coalition leader keep the meeting moving and are very tactful at dealing with other members who may not always observe the ground rules. You are very sensitive to times when the meetings bog down into too much detail. You are the committee chair for prevention efforts in schools.

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Participant #4: You have been involved in the coalition for a long time and feel like you have seen it all before, more than once. You often hearken back to the time when you were the coalition leader and the things you did then, even though many of those things are no longer relevant. You are well meaning but your comments often end up sounding belittling to others. You are the chair of the committee working to increase the local alcohol tax and the issue is on the agenda for discussion at the local council meeting later this week. You really want the coalition meeting to focus on this upcoming event.

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Participant #5: You are new to the coalition and really eager to be involved, however, you still don't know much about behavioral health prevention or environmental strategies. You have a lot of ideas and you are very vocal about sharing them. You want others to know how much you care about the issue and want them to hear your ideas for how you think we should approach the issue. You are a local business owner and are on the committee working on outreach to retailers.

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Coalition Leader (facilitator): You have recently been elected as the coalition leader. You are very committed to the cause and believe that the coalition should follow best practices for achieving the desired results identified in the coalition's annual work plan. You firmly believe that the meetings should be a time to report back on the work that is being done between meetings by members and committees. You like to keep the group moving along the agenda and want to be sure to start and end on time.

## AGENDA

Monthly meeting of the Healthy Futures Coalition

April 10, 2014, 12 noon to 1:15 pm

Healthy Futures Offices, Room 456, 1234 Main Street, Healthy Valley, AK, 907-333-4444

Teleconference not available for this meeting

Noon	Welcome and Introductions	Coalition Leader
12:05	How are we doing? Update on Data Dashboard	Participant #1
12:20	Report on reducing retail access for underage	Participant #5
12:35	Report on efforts with law enforcement	Participant #2
12:50	Report on effort to increase local alcohol tax	Participant #4
1:05	Summarize next steps + Adjourn	Coalition Leader