



Collaborative Communities

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Collaboration is Imperative

As we look around us in a new century, we realize that businesses and non-profits in today's interconnected world will neither thrive nor survive with visions confined within the walls of their own organizations. They need to look beyond the walls and find partners who can help achieve greater results and build the vital communities to meet challenges ahead.

---Frances Hesselbein & John C. Whitehead of the PF Drucker Foundation & Harvard Business School

Definitions of Collaboration



Process through which parties who see different aspects of a problem can constructively explore their differences and search for solutions that go beyond their own limited vision of what is possible

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Mutually beneficial relationship between two or more parties who work toward common goals by sharing responsibility, authority and accountability for achieving results

David Chrislip & Carl Larson



Goal

**Establish our participation
in at least 10 new
Collaborative Communities
by December 31, 2020**

Definition of Collaborative Communities

Continuing forums where public and private sector **members** proactively **work together to achieve common objectives** and outcomes, to solve shared challenges and to leverage collective opportunities **in an environment of trust, respect, empathy, and openness.**

These communities are **not convened by FDA** and are not task forces, working groups, or commissions, which typically address narrowly-defined problems and disband after developing a final deliverable. Instead, collaborative communities **are convened by interested stakeholders.**

They **may exist indefinitely, produce deliverables as needed, and tackle challenges with broad impacts.** This mutually beneficial relationship is reinforced by shared responsibility and accountability for achieving results toward common goals.

Definition of Collaborative Communities (cont.)



Include diverse, relevant organizations and individuals impacted by the topic which may include but are not limited to the following: patients, care-partners, academicians, healthcare professionals, healthcare systems, payers, federal and state agencies, international regulatory bodies, and industry.



As appropriate, FDA may support, leverage, and/or adopt solutions that emerge from the Collaborative Communities, consistent with the statute, regulations, and agency priorities, and in the best interest of public health.

Characteristics of Collaborative Communities

Sustained

Leadership is broadly distributed

Trustworthy

Empathetic

Reciprocal

Inclusive

Cultivates an ethic of contribution

Effective informal communication

Why Collaborative Communities?



A collaborative community may be appropriate when one or more of the following conditions are met:

- Ill-defined challenges or no consensus on the definition of the challenges
- Challenges and outcomes are complex (e.g., multidimensional)
- Interrelatedness of the partners
- Incremental or unilateral efforts to address the challenge has been ineffective
- Partners seek to optimize efforts, including preventing duplication of efforts
- Could achieve better outcomes with integrating different perspectives, experiences, resources, power, and expertise

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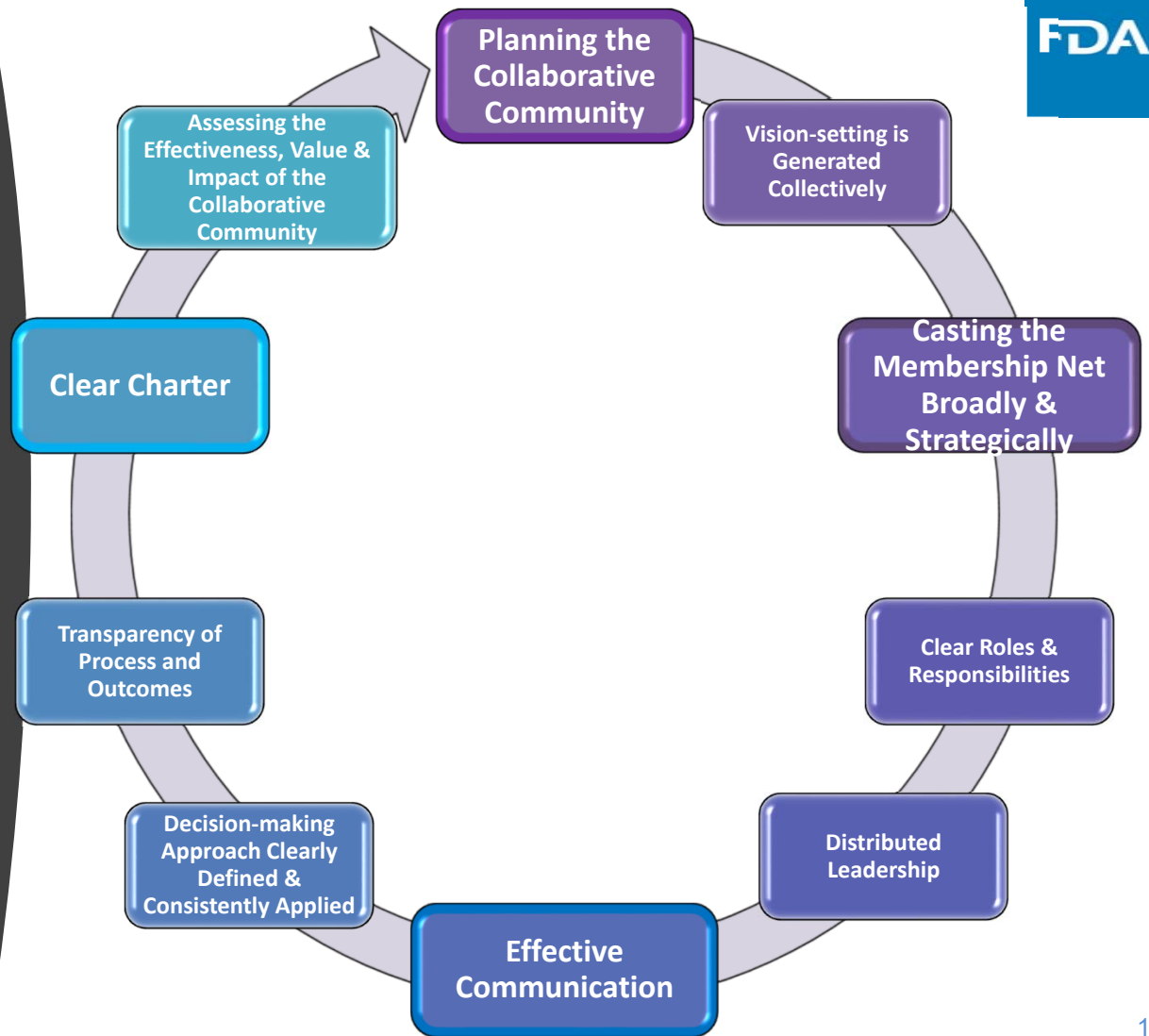
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Best Practices for Establishing & Maintaining Collaborative Communities



Sectors for Potential Members



Example of Potential Roles & Responsibilities

Member

- Participates

Convener

- Coordinates and hosts meetings

Facilitator

- Executes agenda and manage deviations and or conflicts

Chair

- Responsibility of ensuring objectives are met

Leaders

- For subcommittees, work streams, or projects

Assessing Effectiveness, Value & Impact

1

Assessing the effectiveness of collaborating

2

Assessing the impact of outcomes from Community

3

Assessing the value of the Community for each member

Potential Deliverables

Guidance
Standard

White paper
**Peer-reviewed
publication**

**Research agenda and
projects**

Proposed regulation
Proposed legislation

Best practices
Tool development

Culture change
Paradigm shift

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