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The Relationship Between Partnership Characteristics, Partnership Functioning and Program Outcomes

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Advancing Diabetes Self Management

Building Community Supports for Diabetes Care

Partnership
Promoting **self management** of diabetes through primary care settings

Community collaborations to support **self management** of diabetes and diabetes care

**Partnership**
Background

• The main focus of the Building Community Supports for Diabetes Care (BCS) program is to promote self-management and diabetes care through community-based partnerships.

• 8 BCS sites working on building community support through partnerships in an effort to extend diabetes self-management beyond clinical setting into the community and strengthen the community environment.
• Maine General Health - Waterville, ME
• Open Door Health Center - Homestead, FL
• Minneapolis American Indian Center - Minneapolis MN
• Richland County Health Dept. - Sidney, MT
• Campesinos Sin Fronteras - Somerton, AZ
• Galveston Community Health District - Texas City, TX
• Metro Denver Black Church Initiative - Denver, CO
• MT/WY Tribal Leaders Council - Billings, MT
To identify characteristics of the partnerships and explore the relationship between partnership characteristics and the functioning of the partnership with program outcomes.
Methods

• A questionnaire was developed based on existing instruments and input from the 8 BCS grantees.

• Partners within each grantee partnership were identified by the grantee coordinator.

• The questionnaire was administered online – each partner was provided with a hyperlink.

• Paper-pencil questionnaires were available for those who did not have access to a computer.
Partnership Characteristics and Partnership Functioning Measures

- Description of the organization
- Relationship in the partnership
- Leadership
- Administration and management of the partnership
- Communication
- Partnership resources
- Benefits of participation in the partnership
- Drawbacks of participation in the partnership
- Collaboration
- Partnership Challenges
- Synergy

Partnership
Results

- A total of 52 partners within the 8 BCS grantee partnerships completed the questionnaire.
- 44 surveys were completed online.
- 8 surveys were paper-pencil and mailed in.
- 100% response rate from the grantee partners.
Results

• Description of the organization - 50% of the partners have been in the partnership between 1-3 years

• Leadership – empowering people, communicating the vision, inspiring and motivating people (40% said very good)

• Administration and management – communication among partners, organizing activities

• Benefits of participation in the partnership – almost all the partners had already received benefits like heightened public profile, development of valuable relationships, ability to make a contribution to the community
Results

• Drawbacks of participation in the partnership – over 90% of the partners did not have any/expect to experience any drawbacks

• Partnership Challenges – recruiting new partners and retaining existing partners

• Synergy – good synergy in the partnership in terms of working well together
Next Steps

• Re-administer survey annually

• Ways to link partnership functioning to program outcomes – both quantitatively and qualitatively
Conclusions

• The results from this survey are important in identifying various dimensions of partnership characteristics and partnership functioning.

• Importance of linking partnership functioning and their relationship to proximal and distal outcomes of each of the 8 BCS programs.