

## *Coalition responses to World Café*

### *Question:*

### **WHAT SHOULD OUR MEETINGS LOOK LIKE?**

#### Agenda should be:

- Informative
- Active
- Descriptive
- New Ideas
- Not so stationary
- Who decides on agenda?
- Bring in someone to monitor the group
- Bring in a developmental facilitator (evaluator) to tell us what we are doing wrong.
- Do round robin early since many have to leave early
- Networking is important
- Youth input on agenda
- Facilitator from outside of the valley, perhaps from other established coalitions who can share their knowledge
- Include committee information
- Guest speakers for youth and adults

#### Structure:

- Chair and representation from each county
- Prevention staff sits in between, supporting all
- Representation from all, law/police, parents, city gov., county gov., ranchers, farmers, blue collar, geographic, diversity to include all ethnic groups, faith based, etc.
- Subcommittees: This is where the work gets done!
- Assure that there is parental and youth involvement by adjusting times, including fun events/social environment, “Let your voice be heard”
- Establish a training committee

#### Meeting times and places:

- Meet Monthly
- Have big trainings outside of meetings
- Meet every other month outside of Alamosa
- Meet later in the day, youth unable to come early
- Consider meeting at 9:00am
- Meet quarterly with “Big Group” and monthly with sub-committees
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- Meet in a different county each month
- Prevention staff might convene meetings in various outbound towns
- To include parents, meet after work serve dinner and provide babysitting
- Regional meetings 4 x year with local meetings in between.
- Go to small communities to get input, don't wait for them to come to large group

#### Youth Involvement:

- Assure youth involvement
- Have youth input on agenda
- Always have food at the meetings
- Youth meet at same time and location, but separate from adults
- Include college age youth
- Meet monthly with entertainment
- Youth meet different day (Sat.) and have representative on adult coalition
- Have adult representative to youth meetings
- Be flexible