

Eastern Shore Community Services Coalition Assessment 2021

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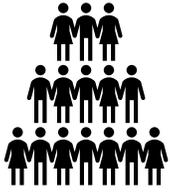
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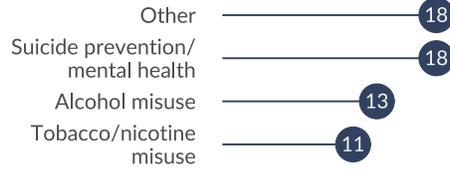
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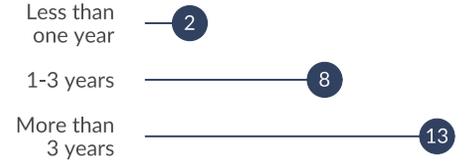
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Coalition Members Reporting

Primary Issues



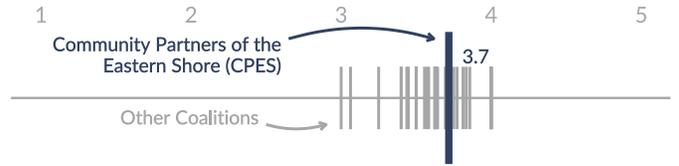
Time in Position



COALITION READINESS DOMAINS (AVERAGE SCORE: 3.3)



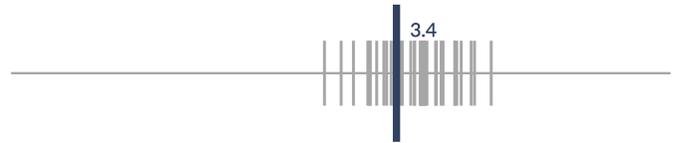
Context: To what extent is the coalition working on a critical issue that affects the community?



Structure: To what extent does the coalition have effective norms, information, support, and representative membership?



Leadership: To what extent do members perceive leadership to be effective, collaborative, knowledgeable, and skilled with communication, management, and problem-solving?



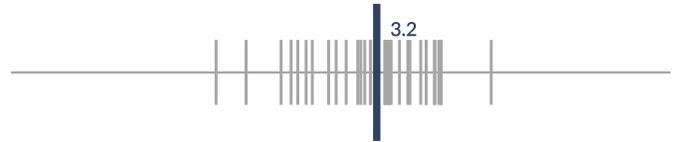
Membership: To what extent do members effectively work together and have a strong commitment to the coalition?



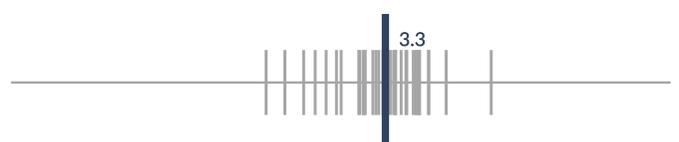
Process: To what extent does the coalition value member opinions and make effective decisions?



Results: To what extent has the coalition set specific, measurable goals and achieved them?



Maintenance: To what extent does the coalition revise plans and share information and results with members and the larger community?



Institutionalization: To what extent is the coalition integrated into the larger community, recognized, and consulted as an authority on the topic of focus by other organizations, legislative bodies, or government entities?



Members' Voices

WHAT IS THE ONE MOST SIGNIFICANT ACCOMPLISHMENT OF THE COALITION THIS YEAR?

- We do an annual homeless point in time count that the entire coalition takes part of.
- I feel that our coalitions ability to continue our efforts in the community during a pandemic in a rural community speaks volumes about our coalitions commitment to the eastern shore community. We have been able to pivot our efforts to continually meet the needs of those in our community, we have been able to continually conduct meetings and keep our members engaged and working towards our goals as a coalition.
- Covid-19 has limited efforts. The foodbank of se va and the es has successfully implemented many food distribution projects.
- Bringing the community entities together
- The ability to come together during the pandemic and still offer help to our ailing community.
- I feel that the biggest accomplishment of the coalition has been adapting to covid-19 and in that still providing the outreach to the community in which it serves. The rapid response team has been doing a great job with housing needs and the local food bank has continued to provide food for those less fortunate and in need. Cpes continues to hold its meetings and is steadily working toward it goal of providing the best for its community. The collaboration efforts continue to happen and each committee that is apart of cpes continues to strive forward in being a resource for the community.
- Education and preventative initiatives regarding drug addiction, housing and homeless challenges.
- Actively trying to improve our community and lives of residents on the eastern shore
- Maintaining collaborative efforts during covid
- The coalition moved the meetings to zoom successfully so that all of the members and committees could stay in touch and adapt in spite of the pandemic and keep the work of the coalition relevant.
- The greatest accomplishment over the coalition was an event where the community was invited to 'pack the parking lot". This event allowed individuals to pull up and listen to a 15 min presentation about locally grown produce and the importance of eating healthy.
- Providing the community with the knowledge and tools they need for mental health and providing information and tools to help with homelessness. Our coalition really cares about the problems our community is facing!
- Beginning to work on the linking systems of care system of becoming more trauma informed.
- Making the modifications to continue to meet and provide service projects to the community during the covid-19 pandemic
- Consistently, the coalition has provided leadership for community efforts on the eastern shore. The membership is very diverse, and has strong leadership.

WHAT IS WORKING WELL IN THIS COALITION?

- Leadership for the most part
- Cpes is a collaborative group of service providers here on the eastern shore, with the same interests and goals of providing resources and services to those in need. We as a coalition strive to look at the whole picture and ensure that we are communicating with as well as serving our communities.
- Members attend and participate in meetings.
- Collaboration, consistent meetings and diverse groups.
- Free flow of ideas
- I feel in general the collaboration that cpes continues to do is working very well. I am a new member however, it is encouraged by cpes that we get more involvement with this coalition. This has been a great platform with collaborating with other community members and sharing what services are out there that can assist other agencies and especially those we serve in the community.
- The fact that we have a broad spectrum of agencies with different resources and areas of expertise.
- Collaboration
- Leadership buy in and effort. Community members input.
- The various committees and the executive committee do their jobs and report to the general membership.
- The overall connections that we have with other community organizations.

- Coalition encourages membership from all agencies and the faith-base community and with everyone at the table, you have better outcomes for the whole community.
- The coalition addresses diverse issues.
- Diverse community representation. Diverse goals that address community needs. Open discussion to take on new service projects.
- Bringing many agencies together virtually is definitely impressive, and very helpful.

WHAT RECOMMENDATIONS DO YOU HAVE FOR IMPROVING THIS COALITION?

- Holding people accountable for attendance, not sharing work load, etc
- If i had to state something, we can always be better. We can always share communication better, we strive to ensure that all communication is being relayed and absorbed by all members and their individual organizations, however that does not always happen.
- There is always much talk about housing, but little progress. The lead agency in that area is not responsive outside of the meetings. Looking at specific results from rrt cases might be helpful to illustrate the lack of follow-up.
- Have not been involved long enough to make any valuable recommendations.
- The agencies involved, across the board, need to be more open to addressing access to those in need that are coming through the rapid response team. These individuals have serious emergent needs and the standard wait for services has placed them in crisis where these people continue to decline rapidly.
- The meetings are stale and stuffy. The general membership meetings are all fluff that does not provide any meaningful connection to the issues that the coalition serves.
- A recommendation i feel that will continue to improve this coalition is to update the pocket resource pal. As the csa coordinator on the eastern shore i feel that there is a need to provide more additional information about other mental health providers on the eastern shore. I also feel that csa (children's services act) should be an addition to the resource as the goals, mission and value of csa is to empower communities to serve youth and their families. Csa is a part of the system of care where it promotes practices to meet the unique strengths, resources and needs of youth, families and community.
- We need to promote ourselves more and therefore, continue to bring in new members.
- Seek additional funding to have a paid individual for outreach
- Keep avenues of communication open to the general membership.
- Try to seek out more experience grant writer and perhaps an individual who can spend 40 hour a week seeking grant opportunities in order to get more funding for the community needs.
- Sometimes, communication is difficult especially when you're new or not as active of a member.
- More members working on standing committees and being involved in the process and supporting community-wide efforts.
- I think any coalition needs representation from those who are on the consumer end of services. Having someone who has recently received services, or is experienced with this type of interaction with community providers would serve to bring a great perspective to the coalition.

WHAT ARE YOUR REASONS FOR PARTICIPATING IN THIS COALITION?

- I like working with the community to serve the community
- I have been a part of this coalition for 17 years, i have the best interest of my community at heart. Cpes has proven time and time again that we need each other to do what our individual organizations do everyday. We are a rural community and without collaboration among agencies we would not be able to provide the dedicated services we do.
- The desire to be part of the solution, the need to advocate for the population my agency serves, the desire to be aware of resources in the community
- Filling the needs of the community
- I am the assigned rep for our agency.
- The reason i participate in this coalition is because i am the liaison for the community policy and management team of the eastern shore. Cpmt oversees the csa program for the eastern shore of virginia. In my position as the csa coordinator, i feel that it is very important that i continue to involve myself in the community as much as possible since csa is an additional resource for funding needs for the at risk population. I work closely with dss, djj, csb, public schools, health department, stakeholders and services providers across the state. It is my job to collaborate with agencies to ensure there is integration of services across agencies. Collaboration is one of our most key factors in csa and i need my community to be a part of the out reach in making positive changes in the

lives of children, families and the community. Since joining the cpes it has been such a pleasure because being a part of this coalition provides more opportunities where csa can be an additional resource to its community.

- The homeless issue is important to me. I wish the hmis actually achieved more in the way of prevention to break these cycles.
- Work closely with all agencies on the eastern shore
- My job requires work with community partners. The coalition makes partners easily accessible.
- I participate in the coalition to be knowledgeable of what's going on in our community and to give my input where necessary.
- I believe in the mission of the coalition and want to be apart of the solution!
- I was invited and it would be helpful for resource and community team building.
- I believe in community collaboration and joint ownership for community health and wellness.
- Mission driven
- Cpes is an excellent way to network with providers in our esva community.
- To be linked to community resources