COLLABORATING ON COLLABORATION

CHOOSE AND DISCUSS ANY OF THE FOLLOWING WITH YOUR GROUP

HOW DO YOU ENGAGE STAKEHOLDERS IN A TIMELY MANNER?

Timely both for the **evaluator** and for the **client.**

Evaluator: Whenever you have multiple people working on something, it will take more time to get it done. How do you stay on the evaluation timeline while still ensuring avid stakeholder engagement?

Client: Clients are extremely busy all the time. They already have so much on their plates - how do we engage them in a way that is respectful of their time?

WHAT DO YOU DO WHEN YOUR VALUE SYSTEM DOESN'T ALIGN WITH YOUR STAKEHOLDERS'?

You and your stakeholders aren't always on the same page. Sometimes this can be difficult to navigate when stakeholders are avidly engaged from the stakeholders. An unaligned value system can be in terms of moral values, work values, etc.

WHEN YOU HAVE CONFLICTING OPINIONS, HOW DO YOU RESOLVE WHICH TO MOVE FORWARD WITH?

Conflicting opinions **among stakeholders** or **between the stakeholders and the evaluator**.

Among: stakeholders may have differing opinions about what the goals of the program are, what the evaluation should be looking at, what credible evidence is, etc. This becomes especially important when power dynamics become an issue.

Between: stakeholders may have different thoughts from you on what may be credible evidence (especially based on our methodological training).

WHAT'S WORKED FOR YOU IN THE PAST?

Have you had successful attempts at engaging stakeholders? What were the key facilitators of collaboration in these scenarios? How can those facilitators translate to other contexts?

INCORPORATING APPRECIATIVE INQUIRY TO ENHANCE STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT

How can appreciative inquiry be a tool that we use in our own practice to enhance stakeholder engagement? How can we use appreciative inquiry within our practices with stakeholders to promote engagement?

WHAT ISSUE ARE YOU PERSONALLY FACING IN YOUR WORK?

Is there an issue that you are personally facing in your work that you haven't quite been able to find an answer to? Tap into the shared mind of the group and work at solving that problem!

1. CHOOSE A QUESTION
2. DISCUSS WITH YOUR GROUP FOR 10 MINUTES
3. SHARE OUT

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