



FIVE CONDITIONS OF COLLECTIVE IMPACT

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LEARNING OBJECTIVES

- ✓ System vs. program change... what's the difference?
- ✓ What is collective impact?
- ✓ How does collective impact differ from traditional collaboration?
- ✓ How is collective impact implemented?
- ✓ When should collective impact be applied?

A word cloud centered around the word "change". The largest word is "change". Other prominent words include "system", "social", "innovation", "transformation", "learning", "transition", "sustainability", "leadership", "action", "research", "systemic", "collaboration", "responsible", "inquiry", "stakeholder", "societal", "development", "engagement", "practice", "thinking", "positive", "strategy", "agency", "cultural", "movement", "design", "entrepreneur", "makers", "psychology", "citizenship", "building", and "citizens".

SYSTEM VS. PROGRAM CHANGE
WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE?

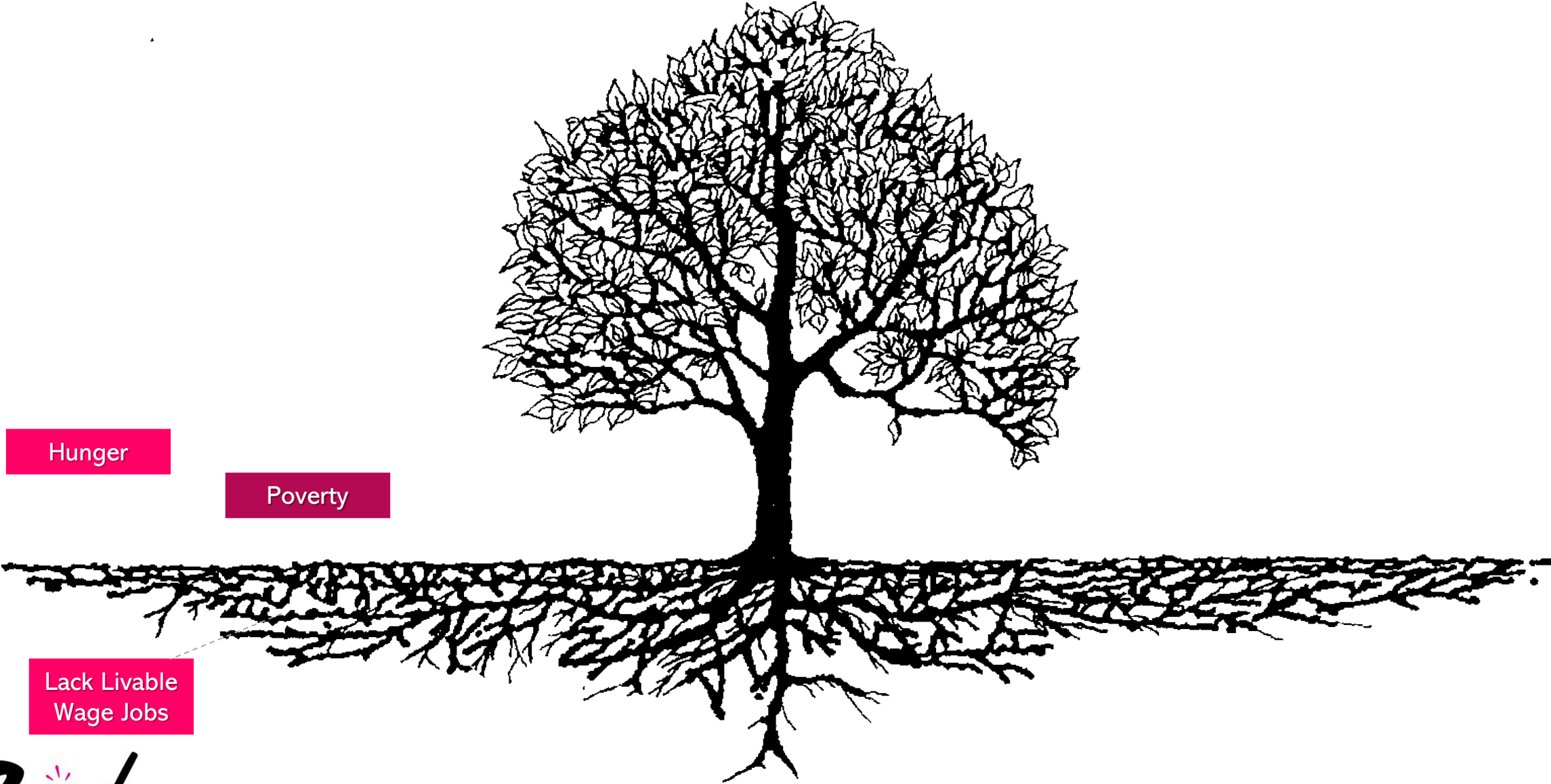
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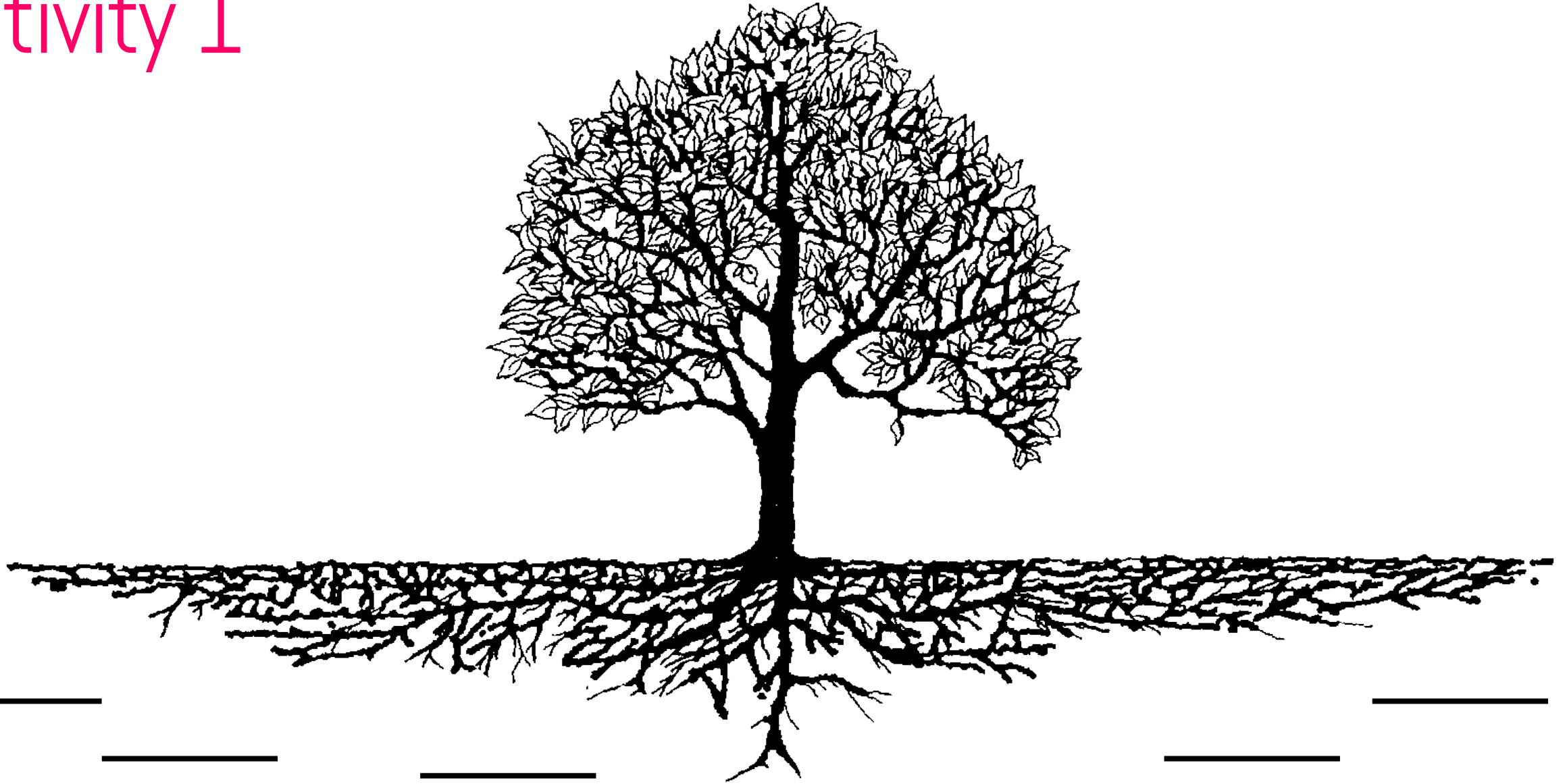
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symptoms and roots



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symptoms

Root causes

PROGRAMS

Treats
symptoms

Direct
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People
outcomes



SYSTEMS

Attacks
root
causes

Multi-
agency

Policy &
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Population
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WHAT IS COLLECTIVE IMPACT?

COLLECTIVE IMPACT



The Five Conditions of Collective Impact

Common Agenda

All participants have a **shared vision for change** including a common understanding of the problem and a joint approach to solving it through agreed upon actions.

Shared Measurement

Collecting data and measuring results consistently across all participants ensures efforts remain aligned and participants hold each other accountable.

Mutually Reinforcing Activities

Participant activities must be **differentiated while still being coordinated** through a mutually reinforcing plan of action.

Continuous Communication

Consistent and open communication is needed across the many players to build trust, assure mutual objectives, and appreciate common motivation.

Backbone Support

Creating and managing collective impact requires a dedicated staff and a specific set of skills to **serve as the backbone for the entire initiative and coordinate participating organizations and agencies.**

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- Channeling Change:
Making Collective Impact
Work (handout #2)



A portrait of Dan Baum, a bald man with a light beard, wearing a blue and white plaid button-down shirt. He is looking slightly to the right of the camera. The background is a blurred indoor setting with warm lighting and wooden paneling.

Dan Baum
Redwoods Group Foundation



HOW DOES COLLECTIVE IMPACT DIFFER FROM TRADITIONAL COLLABORATION?

COLLABORATIVE ACTION

- A group working towards the same outcome
- Looking at student level data
- To continuously improve practice over time

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COLLECTIVE IMPACT



COORDINATED ACTION

- A group working on the same issue,
- Sharing program level data
- To identify best practices and align efforts

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CUMULATIVE IMPACT



INDIVIDUAL ACTION

- Individual practitioners working on specific issues
- Collecting qualitative and quantitative data
- To demonstrate impact with individual students

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ISOLATED IMPACT



Specialized
Agendas



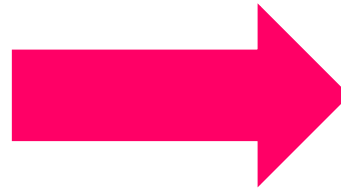
Common
Agenda

Fragmented
Measurements



Shared
Measurement

Independent
Activities



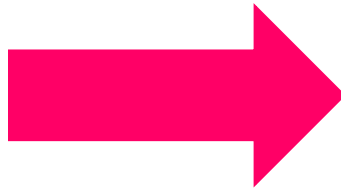
Mutually
Reinforcing
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Sporadic
Communication



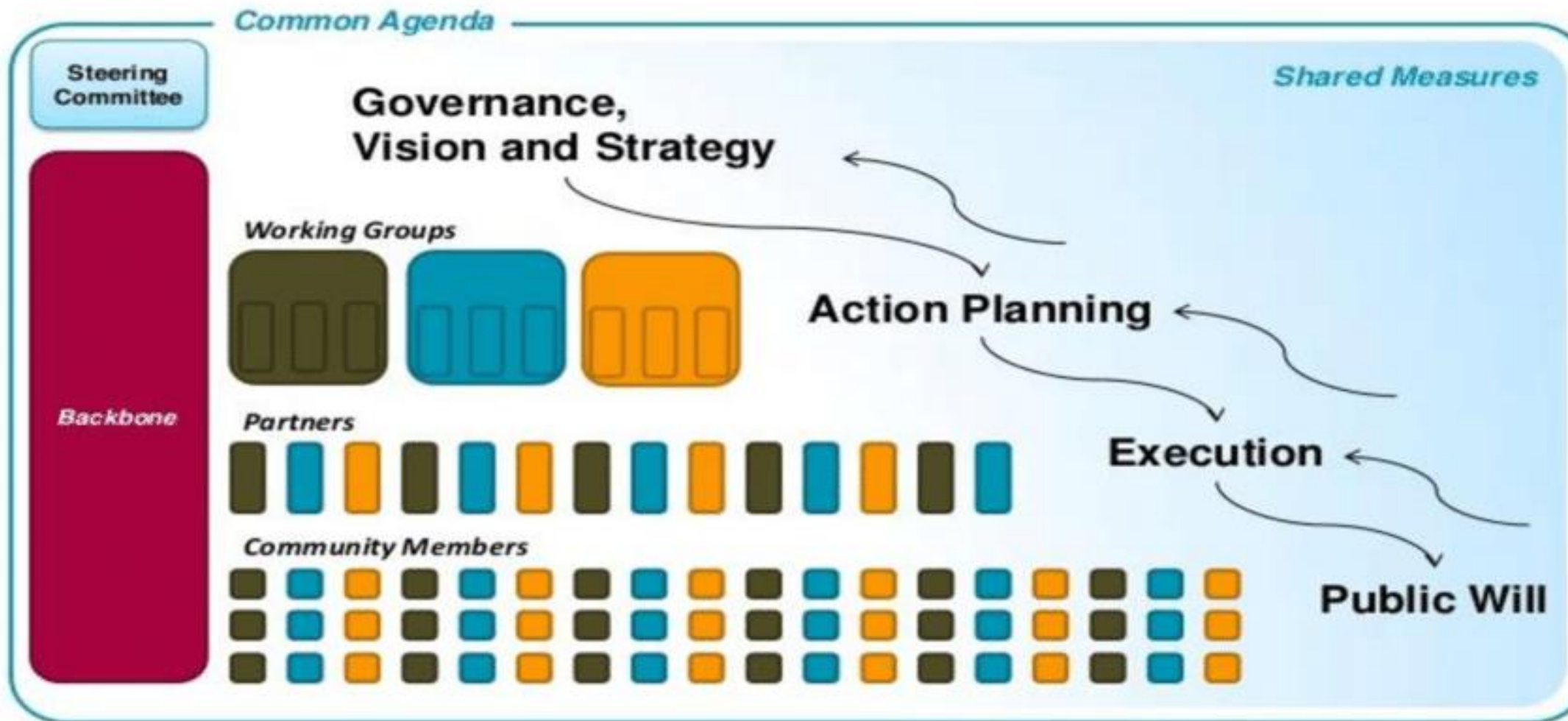
Continuous
Communication

Unsupported
Efforts



Backbone
Organization

Components For Success	PHASE 1 Generate Ideas & Dialogue	PHASE 2 Initiate Action	PHASE 3 Organize For Impact	PHASE 4 Sustain Action & Impact
	4-6 months	1.5 Year	2 Years	5 Years
Governance & Infrastructure	Convene Community Stakeholders	Identify Champions & Form Cross-sector Group	Create Infrastructure (Backbone & Processes)	Facilitate & Refine
Strategic Planning	Hold Dialogue About Community issues, Context, & Available Resources	Map the Landscape & Use Data to Make Case	Create Common Agenda (Common Goals & Strategy)	Align Goals & Strategies
Community Involvement	Facilitate Continual Outreach Specific To Goal	Facilitate Community Outreach	Engage Community & Build Public Will	Continue Engagement & Conduct Advocacy
Evaluation & Improvement	Determine If There Is Consensus/Urgency To Move Forward	Analyze Baseline Data & Identify Key Issues And Gaps	Establish Shared Metrics (Indicators, Measurement, And Approach)	Collect, Track, & Report Progress (Process To Learn And Improve)



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- Committing to Collective Impact (handout #3)



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Collective Impact Forum
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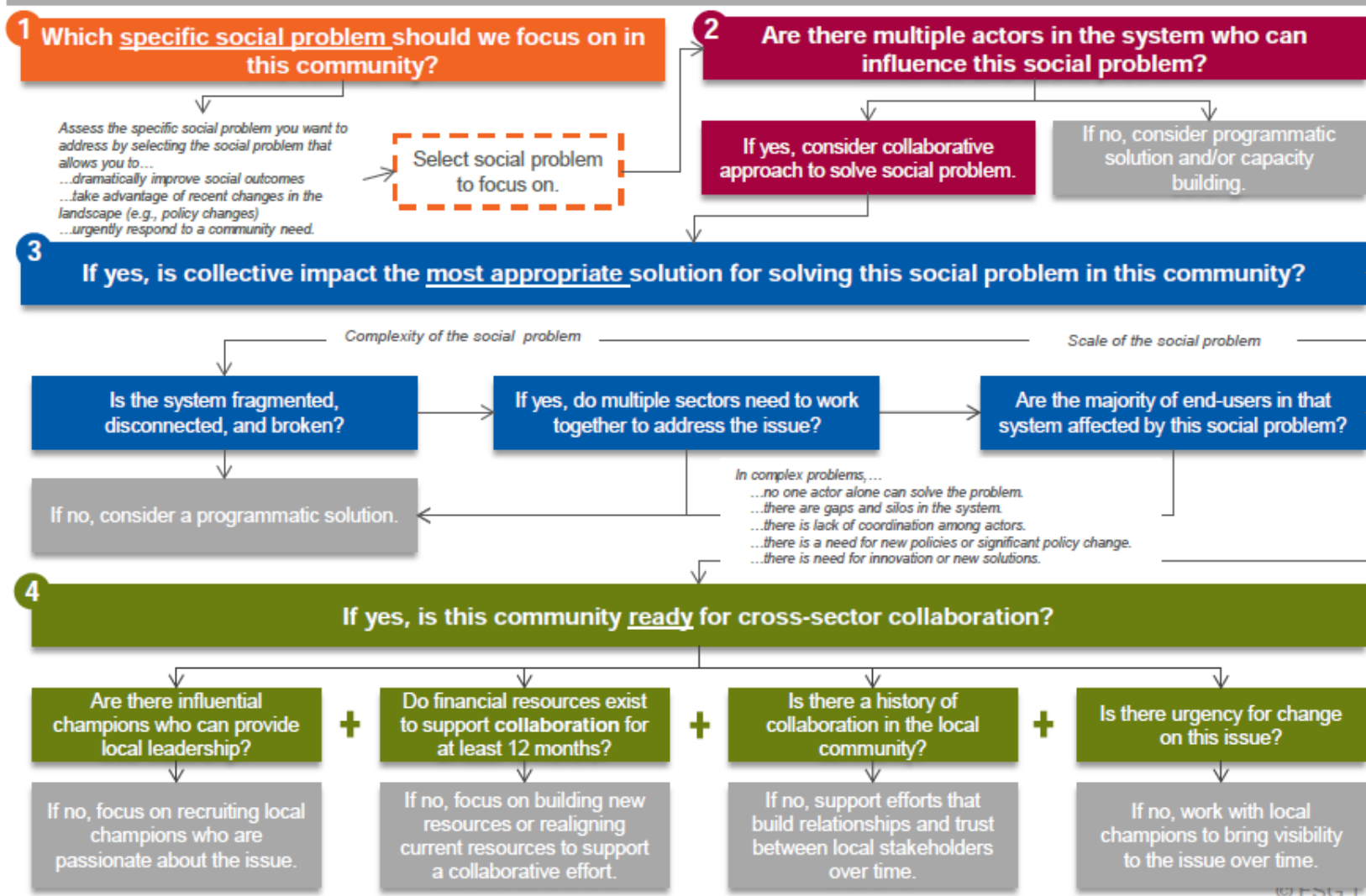
PRINCIPLES OF PRACTICE

- Design and implement the initiative with a priority placed on equity.
- Include community members in the collaborative.
- Recruit and co-create with cross-sector partners.
- Use data to continuously learn, adapt, and improve.
- Cultivate leaders with unique system leadership skills.
- Focus on program and system strategies.
- Build a culture that fosters relationships, trust, and respect across participants.
- Customize for local context.



WHEN SHOULD COLLECTIVE IMPACT
BE APPLIED?

Collective Impact Feasibility Framework



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Collective Impact Feasibility Framework (handout #4)



QUESTIONS?

A spark can become a flame and change everything.



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