

FACTORS INFLUENCING THE SUCCESS OF THE COLLABORATION

1. **ENVIRONMENT**
 - **History of collaboration or cooperation in the community**
 - **Collaborative group seen as a leader in the community**
 - **Political/social climate favourable**

2. **MEMBERSHIP CHARACTERISTICS**
 - **Mutual respect, understanding and trust**
 - **Appropriate cross-section of members**
 - **Members see collaboration as in their self interest**
 - **Ability to compromise**

3. **PROCESS/STRUCTURE**
 - **Members share a stake in both process and outcome**
 - **Multiple layers of decision-making**
 - **Flexibility**
 - **Development of clear roles and policy guidelines**
 - **Adaptability**

4. **COMMUNICATION**
 - **Open and frequent communication**
 - **Established informal and formal communication links**

5. **PURPOSE**
 - **Concrete, attainable goals and objectives**
 - **Shared vision**
 - **Unique purpose**

6. **RESOURCES**
 - **Sufficient funds**
 - **Skilled convenor**

Source:

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