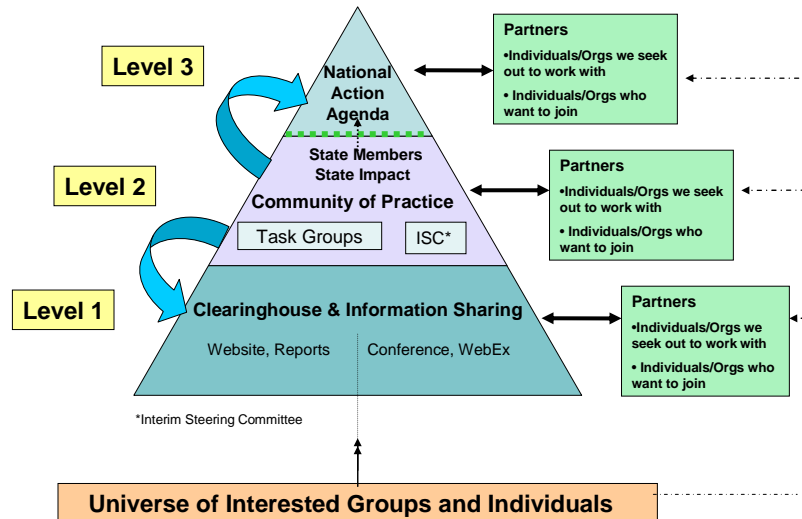


Collaborative Organizational Model and Participation Levels

Below is a triangle diagram that illustrates three levels of participation in the Collaborative

Health Systems Collaborative Three Levels of Activity and Participation



Level 1: Information Sharing and Clearinghouse

The purpose is to create, share and disseminate information, research, and experience pertinent to health system changes to address tobacco use. Dissemination may be via website; listserv, webinars, or an annual conference. Information housed on the Collaborative website may be developed externally or may be the product of member or Collaborative Task Groups' work. All interested individuals and groups are invited to participate, although fees are charged for some events or the annual conference.

Level 2: Collaborative Task Groups

This level is the primary work of the Collaborative as a community of practice. It is here that members gather, contribute, investigate, and develop and carry out specific projects. Members presently include representatives of tobacco control programs in states and their partners, as well as some national organizations with shared goals. All members have something active to share and offer some level of commitment. Membership is by invitation. Organizations eligible to apply are all US state-level and Canadian provincial tobacco control programs, their partners, and national organizations with shared goals. A Steering Committee governs the Collaborative and is made up of contributors of significant time, resources, or both.

Level 3: National Action Agenda with Partners

This level really represents an activity or issue selected by the Collaborative that needs to be pushed to the national level—typically an issue or barrier that impacts state-level effectiveness. Participants are selected by the Collaborative Steering Committee to fit the need. Currently, task groups are developing action agendas for consideration by members and the Steering Committee for FY 2010. Potential national partners will be also be identified and contacted.