Cattaraugus Key Take Aways

Peer learning is a way to capture historical knowledge of local nonprofit leaders as more retire. It could be really interesting if it is opened to other sectors as well.

1. Virtual meetings with small stipends could work
2. Menu of topics for organizations to choose from so they can attend the most relevant
3. Available to multiple levels of staff

Assist with discovering untapped potential around revenue development.

1. Coaching opportunities, evaluation of what’s needed
2. Nonprofits cannot be afraid to venture into new areas to generate income to fund mission-driven work
3. Importance of fund diversification

A strong network of accessible resources with deep local knowledge, especially regarding challenges rural organizations face, to offer individualized support.

1. Development of a pool of interagency consultants to spread best practices and “raise all boats”
2. Catchafire model of local professional volunteers who organizations can access with a menu of available services
3. Resources need to be well vetted

“Peer learning must include action steps. There are numerous opportunities to network, share ideas and learn from one another. We need to truly work together to solve community needs.”

“To ignite innovation and add interest in the region, we must seek additional resources to support our programs.”

“An asset building model for strengthening the skills of a consultant network is a must.”

Cattaraugus Priorities

1. Leadership development particularly for mid-level staff and new supervisors
2. Build and support an evidence base of successful practices that are created and implemented locally
3. Fundraising and development support
4. Communications and marketing support
5. Financially support collaboration

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