Chautauqua Key Take Aways

Facilitated and coordinated peer learning would be beneficial potentially with the inclusion of other sectors.

1. Cross-sector networking holds the greatest value-add
2. Meetings need to be in-person at an easy-to-access location
3. Include education about what true collaboration looks like, more than just writing letters of support to receive a grant

It is key to raise up out-of-the-box ideas and bring in speakers who have successfully implemented them.

1. Fundraising/revenue development multi-session program
2. Training around sustainable programs

Access to professional services is needed, including information technology, legal, grant writing, and accessing and organizing data.

1. Centralized database of support services, like 211 for nonprofit resources
2. Assistance with implementation
3. Recognition for groups that are collaborating well

Chautauqua Priorities

1. Fundraising and development support
2. Back office sharing
3. Communications and marketing support
4. IT support for smaller and rural organizations
5. Financially support collaboration

“We need a centralized source of community resources with staff to help direct us.”

“We all need to diversify our revenue streams so that they are not always grant based. New and creative ideas are great to share.”

“I like the concept of nonprofit leaders meeting periodically to learn best practices from each other.”