Transition Issues in Appalachia and Other Coalfield Communities: The SOAR Story

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SOAR Program of Work
Overview/Process/Outcomes
SOAR History / Rationale

I. Context, Challenge, Opportunity

II. Framework for Action

III. Working Group Mandates

IV. Necessity of a Collective Impact Approach
2014 SOAR Program of Work

Plan the Work:

I. SOAR Summit (December)
   
   Goals: Renew Hope and Commitment
          Build Regional Identity and Collaboration
          Surface Ideas and Innovations

II. SOAR Development (January-May)
   
   Goals: Build an Organization
          Create a Leadership Commitment / Common Vision
          Seek Resources
          Frame a Program of Work
Plan the Work:

III. SOAR Working Group Process (June-August)

   Goals:  Enhance Citizen Engagement/Dialogue
           Craft Specific Recommendations
           Present Collaborative Action Opportunities to the Region

IV. SOAR 2025 Futures Forum

   Goals:  Use Working Group Report to Begin Long Term Visioning
           Identify Ten Year SOAR Goals
           Create Metrics to Assess Progress Yearly
Working Group Mandates

- Dispersed Regional Dialogue
- Identification of Regional Priorities
- Alignment, Wherever Possible
- Suggestions to Enhance Collective Impact
- Recommendations Regarding the Future Course of SOAR
Work the Plan:

I. 2015 Year One Priorities (September-November)

Goals: Priorities Discussed/Aligned Where Possible
Founding Executive Director Hired
Region’s Leaders, Organizations, Institutions and Governments Asked to Engage
Work the Plan:

II. 2015 SOAR Summit and Action Teams (January-Ongoing)

Goals: Generate Regional Buy-In and Responsibility For Recommended Action Leadership/Teams Established, Work Begins Year One Priorities Now Being Addressed
Next Steps: 2015 Year One Priorities

Today: Region Receives Report

September/October: Regional Input (Speakers Bureau?)

November: Board/Working Group Chairs Retreat

November/December: Board Announces Priorities Invites Regional Engagement/Support

January: Summit – Action Team Formation
Five Conditions for Collective Impact Success

I. Common Agenda
II. Mutually Reinforcing Activities
III. Backbone Organization
IV. Continuous Communication
V. Rigorous and Shared Measurement