Cross Systems Collaboration: Some Serious and Persistent Questions

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John Morris Notes that

“It is all about Us!!”
But

Who are We?
Why are We Concerned About Cross System Collaboration?

- What Are the Problems in a Non-Collaborative System?
- Who Cares?
- Why Should They?
- What Do We Really Have to Offer?
- What Do We Think Would be the Benefit?
- Is This Benefit a Shared Value?
What Frustrates Collaboration

- Differences in
  - Philosophy and Values
  - Language
  - Goals
  - Regulatory and Financing Systems

- Darwinian Principles of Organizational Preservation

- Can We or Should We Address These Issues?
Do We Have Shared Values?

- Care Should be Consumer and Family Driven
  - Mental Health Versus Substance Abuse

- Early Identification and Treatment
  - If We Identify It, We’re Responsible for It
  - Intrusive Into the Family Issues

- Normal Life in the Community
  - Child Welfare Family Preservation Dilemma

- Illness versus Anti-social Behavior
  - Safety and Management of Institutional Environments
  - Can or Should We Participate in these Environments?
Do We Have Shared Goals

- Educational System
  - Reading, Writing and Arithmetic vs. Socio-Emotional Development

- Correctional/Legal Systems
  - Safe Communities and Institutions
  - Punishment versus Rehabilitation

- Child Welfare
  - Child Safety from Pathological Parents
  - Staying Out of the Paper

- Health
  - Eliminating Disease or Promoting Health
  - Containing Costs within My Budget
What Do We Have to Offer? How Strong is the Science?

- Do We Have Intervention Models that Comport with each of these Different Environments?
  - Science as Fragmented as the Field
- Do We Have Interventions that **Can** Work?
- Can We Implement Something that **Does** Work?
- What Does “Work” Mean Anyway?
- Could We Incorporate Natural Helpers within Each of These Settings?
So, Where’s the Transformation in This?

- Reframing of Complex Issues in Terms of Prevention, Illness and Health
  - Forging a Common Definition of Problems
- Seek to Better Understand Root Causes
  - De-fragment our Science
- Critical to Understand Distributed Costs and Benefits
- Reframe Issues in Terms of the Public Good
- Need a Marketing Plan
  - May Need a Disaster or Crisis
  - What are the Levers of Change?
We Are All In This Together