

Partnership Development in Action: Notes from the field

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Overview of case

- Development of a PHSI proposal submitted to CIHR
- Built on existing partnership between researchers (national) and knowledge users
- Characteristics of successful researcher/ku partnership
 - challenges



Characteristics of authentic partnerships

- Pre-existing
 - Steering Committee
 - Implementation evaluation (collaborative)
- Common purpose
 - Evaluation findings and recommendations
 - Provincial priority
 - CIHR partnership development grant



Innovation

- Knowledge-User initiated
 - Developmental evaluation
- PA's into Primary Care and Family Medicine
- Ministry, RHA, University Education Departments, and PA profession
- Political promise (2015)
 - Patient access to primary care



Relationship Broker Role

- Trialed a relationship broker role (as distinct from knowledge broker)
- Purpose:
 - to maintain active engagement of ku's
 - to ensure common purpose reflected in framing research question
 - Logistics management within busy reality



What We Learned?

- Many identified challenges in collaborations were manageable with experienced team and “relationship broker”
- We did identify additional challenges
 - Differences between ku’s as significant as differences between ku and Researchers
 - Time lags – impact of changing priorities by time funding approved
 - Time of ku’s in preparing application , communication



Thank you

Questions?

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What are the critical tasks

- Real challenges:ku

