

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