

Bridging the Gap for Rural Medical Education through Creative Partnerships

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What could this look like for your community?





MDH Office of Rural Health and Primary Care

Mission: “To promote access to quality health care for all Minnesotans. We work as partners with policymakers, providers, and rural and underserved urban communities to ensure a continuum of core health services throughout the state.”

Priority Areas

- Workforce grants portfolio: \$23.2M in workforce grants & \$15.5 M in loan forgiveness
- Workforce data collection, analysis & policy research: 24+ licensed provider types
- Health professional shortage area designations
- Gov appointed rural health advisory body

UMN Department of Family Medicine and Community Health

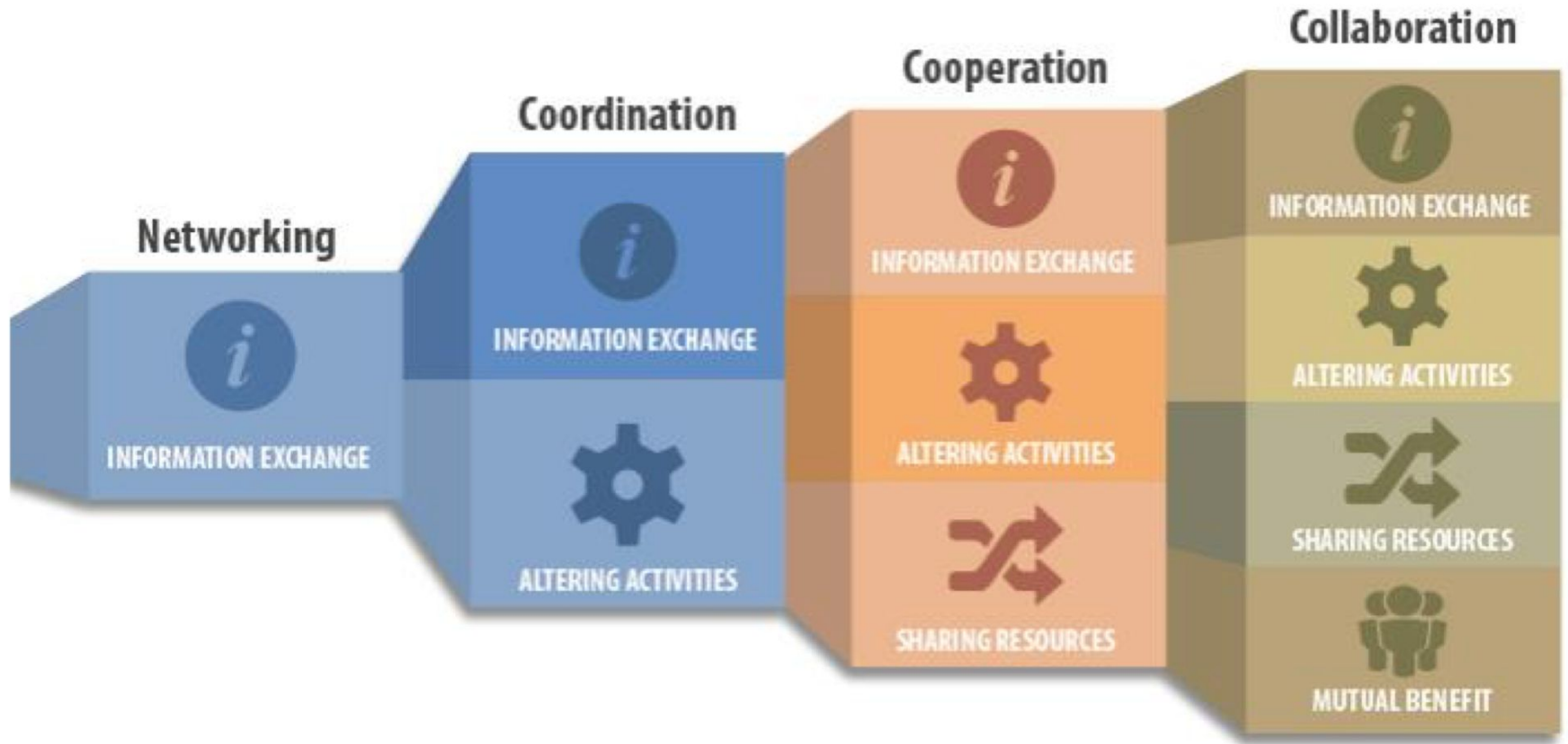
Seven family medicine programs, all in urban/metro areas

Main supply of FM docs for all of Minnesota

Goal: develop rural GME programs

History of UMN and MDH relationship

Connect	Started with networking, small meetings, shared interest!
Foster shared understanding	Gain better understanding of each organizations priorities
Create a shared vision	Improve rural workforce for MN!
Plan collaboratively	Monthly meetings to move projects forward
Work together for change	Each organization works on their piece of project to move things forward
Celebrate and renew!	Current wins: three developing RTPs, state funding (grants and sustaining)



Himmelman's Collaborative Continuum (Source: Toolkit2Collaborate.ca)

Take aways

Think about non-traditional partners

Work through the ambiguity

Keep the relationship going – even if you don't know where it is going!

Shared empathy fosters a deeper partnership

Questions?