

Group Exercise 2: Identify network priorities and discuss next steps

After generating ideas, attendees can collaboratively identify and rate priorities and discuss the network's next steps.

Voting and rating (15 minutes)

1. Ask attendees to vote on their priorities. (5 minutes)

Each person should take three sticky notes to vote. Instruct them to place the sticky notes on up to three themes they think should be the network's top priorities. The three themes with the most votes will be the network's priorities.

2. Rate the ease and importance of the three priorities (5 minutes)

This part of the exercise focuses on the three priority areas identified.

Instruct attendees to raise their hands to vote on the relative degree of ease of each priority on a scale of one to five. Explain that "one" means the most difficult for the network to accomplish and a "five" is the easiest. For example, something might be more difficult if it requires a large amount of time, effort, or funding.

For each priority, call out each number on the scale and count how many attendees raised their hand for each number. Count which numbers receive the most votes and select an "ease" rating from one to five based on the votes.

After you've voted on the degree of ease of each priority, repeat the voting process for importance, with "one" being the least important and "five" being the most important.

3. Review the ratings (5 minutes)

Read the ratings back to the group and note which priorities were voted the most important and the easiest to accomplish.

Discussion of next steps (10 minutes)

Discuss next steps and action items that the group identified. The priority ratings can inform this discussion. For example, the easiest priority could be addressed first, in order to build interest and enthusiasm for the network. Note that during the next meeting, attendees can form working groups focused on each of the identified priorities.

Remind attendees to write additional thoughts on the sticky notes provided and stick them in the "Parking Lot for Afterthoughts."



Group Exercise 2: Voting tracker

1. Count the total number of sticky note votes for each theme.

THEME	TOTAL VOTES
Case review & resolution	
Community education & outreach	
Legal aid & victim assistance	
Legislative & regulatory policies	
Local or regional response protocols	
Professional cross-training & resource sharing	

2. Ask attendees to rate the importance and ease of each priority on a scale of one to five. Tally how many people chose each rating level for each priority. Give each priority a rating based on the average.

THEME		1	2	3	4	5	RATING
Case review & resolution	Importance						
	Ease						
Community education & outreach	Importance						
	Ease						
Legal aid & victim assistance	Importance						
	Ease						
Legislative & regulatory policies	Importance						
	Ease						
Local or regional response protocols	Importance						
	Ease						
Cross-training & resource sharing	Importance						
	Ease						

3. Use this graph to plot the importance and ease ratings of your priorities (optional). The gray area indicates the priorities that were rated most important and easiest to accomplish.

