



Building Partnerships
to Reduce Crime

The Reason Behind

DATA COLLECTION DURING HUB DISCUSSIONS

The *Hub Database* was created in partnership between analysts from Community Mobilization Prince Albert and an evaluator from the University of Saskatchewan. The variables developed for the database originated after hundreds of hours were spent observing actual Hub discussions and assessing the data collection needs of multiple interests (e.g. government, academia, service providers). The database was designed to help Saskatchewan Hubs and their government and academic partners with the following:

- Identification of systemic issues and root causes of social problems.
- Provide opportunities for analysis and research, resulting in new solutions to systemic issues and social problems.
- Effectively support ongoing Hub discussions.
- Protect privacy rights of individuals discussed at the Hub table.
- Account for the due diligence of Hub discussants in their efforts to reduce risk.
- Help improve the operational effectiveness and efficiency of the Hub discussion process.
- Build capacity for proper and systematic evaluation that assesses the reach, performance and impact of the mobilization process by measuring outputs and outcomes of the Hub discussion.
- Justify collaborative intervention as an effective tool of public safety and wellness.
- Assist in replication of the Hub model in other jurisdictions.

The data inputted to the Hub Database will be securely stored by the Saskatchewan Ministry of Justice, but it will be made available to all partner agencies based on their involvement in community mobilization. The data collected through the Hub database is in no way a mechanism to supervise Hub discussants.

Overall, there is a considerable need for Hub discussants to voluntarily participate in the data collection process. Doing so will not only help bring added-value to the work they do in the community, but it will help improve client outcomes generated by community mobilization.

Over the coming months, BPRC consultants will be working with Saskatchewan Hubs to implement the Hub Database and offer ongoing support in data collection.

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