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Knowledge Network Guidelines

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Knowledge Network Definition: Resources and learning experiences shared amongst a network of non-profit organizations and colleagues who aim for continuous learning and building of expertise to improve outcomes and increase impact.

Scope

- Build a knowledge management system that allows SCANPO to help nonprofits: 1) find information, 2) acquire knowledge and 3) develop expertise.
- Build capacity of individual contributors and the collective team to serve the interest of member organizations and the nonprofit sector.
- Promote organizational self-assessments to encourage nonprofits to pursue self-directed learning.
- Knowledge Network resources will be provided as member benefits and services to the sector.

Knowledge Network Partnerships

- Pursue partnerships with united ways, community foundations, chambers of commerce, private foundations, academic institutions, and statewide associations to provide resources for the benefit of their grantees and members.
- Collaborate with the best and brightest consultants and business partners, within SC and nationally, and help advance their capacity to serve SCANPO members.

Design Consideration

- SCANPO's GP&BP (Guiding Principles & Best Practices) will be used for curriculum development and to determine organizational and individual competencies to be derived from Knowledge Network offerings.
- Base on regional needs determined in conjunction with regional partners.
- Provide resources that address for all stages of nonprofit development.
- Address volunteer board member needs, as well as staff needs, especially emerging leaders.
- Promote active participation and "take aways."
- Encourage peer-to-peer learning.
- Provide "cutting edge" resources.
- Always evaluate offers to inform development of the Knowledge Network and SCANPO's overall services.

Knowledge Network Components

- Annual summit – sector offering with member discount
- Regional trainings – sector offering with partners
- Knowledge Network Calendar – sector offering
- Website Resources – Sector offerings and downloadable resources for members
- Learning community platforms – social networks
- Customized training/ services - member only
- Research and publications – member discount
- Assessment tools – member only
- Resources for partners to use