

Presented to the Task Force at Meeting #1 – June 13, 2013

Decision Making in the Task Force

Decision making within the Task Force will be by a process that aims to achieve mutual agreement. “Mutual agreement” does not necessarily mean that all members of the Task Force are equally enthusiastic about the decision or recommendation. It does mean that everyone in the group is willing to “live with” the agreement, even though some individuals might prefer an alternative approach or solution.

The facilitator will explore the levels of agreement within the Task Force when it appears there is disagreement with a recommendation or decision being proposed. The six levels of agreement include:

1. I can say an unqualified “yes” to the decision. I am satisfied that the decision is an expression of the wisdom of the group.
2. I find the decision perfectly acceptable. It is the best of the real options that we have available to us.
3. I can live with the decision; I am not especially enthusiastic about it.
4. I do not agree with the decision but I am willing to support the decision because I trust the wisdom of the group.
5. I feel that we have no clear sense of unity in the group. We need to do more work before mutual agreement can be reached.
6. I do not agree with the decision and feel the need to register my disagreement.