

Dimensions of Overarching Leadership Council

The chart below outlines the questions that need to be asked when forming an Overarching Leadership Council or when selecting an existing entity to serve in the function.

Dimensions Of Overarching Leadership Council	To ensure that there is a Leadership Group that...
Goals	<i>Has a broad scope in terms of goals (across ages, outcomes, approaches).</i>
Alignment	<i>Is intentionally connecting and aligning work under a coherent big picture agenda. Processes or structures in place to resolve competing priorities, resource levels, etc.</i>
Geography	<i>Has intentional connections and coverage across levels – neighborhoods, city/county, local/state.</i>
Staffing	<i>Has staff skilled in big picture analysis, stakeholder engagement & servant leadership and is adequately staffed to play designated functions.</i>
Connections & Structures	<i>Connects across sectors, systems and levels. Has intentional linkages to related coalitions, provider networks, partnerships.</i>
Functions & Roles	<i>Delivers on a range of functions/roles including: strategic planning, data analysis, data-driven decision making, coordination, convening & communications.</i>
Authority/Mandate formal	<i>Has authority by virtue of who is involved (e.g, top-level decision-makers, cross-sector) .</i>
Authority/Mandate informal	<i>Has authority by virtue of who is involved/invested. Credibility based on buy-in and engagement from all levels including frontline, community members, family, youth.</i>
Accountability	<i>Has a clear focus on accountability, with a primary purpose being the focus on coordination of data and information for ongoing decision making.</i>