

Research Action

Principle: Go in DUMB. Come out SMART!

Definition: 1 hour meeting with a private or public official

Purpose: Build a stronger relationship.

Document the problem.

Learn and develop Solutions.

Find out who is Responsible.

1. Preparation:

Make appointment with official

Set up 1 hour before meeting with other leaders to prepare

2. Agenda:

Welcome and Focus

Chair

Introductions

All PIA Leaders

PIA Credential

One PIA Leader

Testimonies – how this problem affects your community

2-3 PIA Leaders

Questions –

1 question per Leader

Make your case before you ask your question.

Ex. Refer to your testimony, then ask your question.

Your question should point out contradictions.

Ex. I know that you have been committed to violence prevention, so why has the city not invested more in after-school programs for youth?

Summary

Chair

Briefly restate key points

Confirm any specific commitments (such as referrals or documentation)

Thanks for Meeting and Exit

3. Evaluation

What did we win?

What key points did we learn?

What are the official's motivations and self-interests?

How did we run the meeting? Who had control?