**Collaboration Connector conversation August 26, 2025**

**Present:** Beto, Bruce, Dulcie, John, Murray, Ron

**Regrets:** JJ, KR, Kris, Ryan

**Meeting Notes / Action Items**

1. Discussion of Role Description.

* There is group agreement on the role description.
* Various terms were considered to summarize how we present to role to others. Several are good and true but not able to contain all that is involved: “shepherd, bridge, coach, support, cheer leader”.
* Consensus was that we use the phrase: **Collaboration connector** as we introduce ourselves to the regional teams we support.

1. Regional teams:

Murray reviewed our shared google doc asking us as “collaboration connectors” to update as we grow in our role: [https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1bdl\_UIWLQlyk6ozxLQamMMWLHmhmhSma/edit?gid=388958878#gid=388958878](https://can01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.google.com%2Furl%3Fq%3Dhttps%3A%2F%2Fdocs.google.com%2Fspreadsheets%2Fd%2F1bdl_UIWLQlyk6ozxLQamMMWLHmhmhSma%2Fedit%3Fgid%253D388958878%2523gid%253D388958878%26source%3Dgmail-imap%26ust%3D1756768575000000%26usg%3DAOvVaw1M2fM1PruVmxOh_ovBX7ja&data=05%7C02%7Cmmoerman%40outreach.ca%7C86acb32346dd491fbd5008dde431c2ba%7Caead8213762b4dcc91e867980c0c4a82%7C0%7C0%7C638917624576296310%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJFbXB0eU1hcGkiOnRydWUsIlYiOiIwLjAuMDAwMCIsIlAiOiJXaW4zMiIsIkFOIjoiTWFpbCIsIldUIjoyfQ%3D%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=IqCpdl86fu5Swk65hsHKhve5dSBqlSbyFri83IeIXXA%3D&reserved=0)

1. What is the best way of introducing our regional teams to the concept and role of Collaboration Connectors?

The suggestion was made to draft a letter to regional team leaders explaining the support role and inviting participation. The concern was expressed that this may feel more hierarchal than we want. No consensus. Murray will draft a communication for discussion.

Another (simultaneous) approach suggested was for the person who knows the regional leader best to introduce others in the collaboration connector role, “drink tea” and learn what is needed and how to help.

Our goal in introducing the support, is to be and been seen as a value-add, offering some means of agreement with regional team leaders welcoming the support.

1. How do we best move forward with our regional team 90 day “learning communities”?

Discussion brought agreement on the following:

We will propose Oct 9 (9 am Eastern) as next regional team leaders’ conversation

Content to include:

* + Review of role description of regional teams
  + Our central question of conversation will be: “What is the best way we can support you in your work?”
  + We’ll share our offer of collaboration connectors
  + Evaluation: we want to end every “learning community” (regional and national” with the question: please write in the chat what you found most useful.