Inaugural Partners Network Steering Committee
Selection Criteria

The network development process for the Partners Network is transitioning from the planning to the design and implementation phase. The meeting at the PastForward conference in Houston will provide an opportunity to mark this transition. To support the next phase, the working group (comprised of National Trust and Partners Network leadership) would like to convene a steering committee.

The Steering Committee will comprise ten to twelve network members. These individuals must be willing to guide the transition of the existing network towards a generative network. The initial focus for this group will be to develop and define the governance structure, membership criteria, and operating principles for the network. The vision for this work is to create a network that will be self-governed, self-directed, action-oriented, and financially sustainable.

The outcome will be a robust network that will strengthen collaboration among partners and build the capacity of individual members, while also enhancing the network's relevancy.

Interested individuals can express their willingness to serve to Daniel Carey at dcarey@myhsf.org.

Steering Committee Responsibilities
Steering Committee members will engage in six major activities over a 6–12 month period:

- Develop and review information to assess member needs and opportunities.
- Create a charter outlining membership requirements, governance, operating principles, and other implementation elements.
- Contribute to and comment on work plans and other documents.
- Provide regular reports of progress to member organizations.
- Facilitate approval of the charter by a consensus of partner organizations.
- Collaborate with an interim network administrator.

Steering Committee Expectations
Steering Committee members must be able to serve for at least 12 months with the following commitments:

- Attend one to two half-day workshops on network implementation and charter development.
- Participate in regular conference calls.
- Attend two half-day in-person meetings at the NTHP spring retreat and the fall conference.
- Generate, review, and comment on work plans and deliverables.
- Serve as champions and ambassadors for the project through outreach to members to generate support and awareness.
- Balance individual interests with collective needs to produce a charter that is satisfactory to all member organizations.

Selection Criteria
Five members of the Partners Network working group will select 10–12 individuals to serve on the Steering Committee based on the following criteria:

- Individual commitment to prepare for and participate in the committee’s activities
- Geographic representation
- Cultural diversity
- Representation from mature and emerging organizations
- A balance of representatives from small, medium, and large organizations
- Ability to serve as an ambassador for the project