CHARMS
An educational collaborative with member district from Canton, Holbrook, Avon, Milton, Sharon, and Stoughton
Overview

- CHARMS is governed by a six (6) member Board of Superintendents from the member communities.

- CHARMS also maintains an Operating Committee of SPED Directors from the CHARMS communities.

- Seven (7) low incidence programs housed in Sharon, Stoughton, and Canton

- Employs several teachers, support staff, a Program Director, part-time finance person, and a full-time Executive Director
Purpose of a Collaborative

- Tuition rates generally less in a partner collaborative
  - member/non-member rates
- Availability of programming
- Proximity of programming and less travel for students
- Potential for “collaborative” programming, purchasing, professional development, consultation
# Programs and Services

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Looking to the Future

- Initiated Strategic Planning Process, February, 2012
- Executive Director departure, March/April, 2012
- Hire Interim Executive Director, April, 2012
- Need viable, sustainable programming
- Enrollment critical (a loss or gain of just a few enrollments can make or break the budget)
- Budget concerns
What’s Next?

- Talking about options, March/April/May
- May 10, 2012 meeting
  - Executive Director interview
  - Turnaround potential
  - Vote of Board
- Stay in business, no change
- Stay in business and reorganize
- Merge with another collaborative
- Dissolve
Legal Implications

• Majority of the Board and member school committees necessary to dissolve...six (6) month minimum notice prior to the end of a school year and 30 days notice to member School Committees before taking a vote

• Dissolving at any time prior to the end of a fiscal year requires a two-thirds majority vote of Board and SCs

• Fiscal audit to inform decision(s)

• Assets

• Districts must give six (6) months written notice before leaving a collaborative