All In: Data for Community Health Affinity Program

Reimagining Governance Models while Centering Community

Learning Goals

Subject Matter Expert Leader & Facilitator: John W. Levi (jwl3pllc@gmail.com)

John enjoys working in asset-based community development ways to strengthen local communities. Working for institutional racist organizations that are part of the larger system, John is intentional about focusing on building relationships with individuals. The individuals are who make up the organizations, institutions and the greater system.

Governance is part of our daily life and unpacking the intent and the impact is exciting work John enjoys. John has over fifteen years of experience on community boards, board of directors, steering committees for community projects, community collaboratives, as well as creating and leading community programs.

With people at the heart of his work, John spends many days thinking and pondering the functionality of society, in particular, the politics of community. John enjoys rich dialogue and the power of storytelling while creating a safe environment for learning and connection.

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Potential Guest Speakers may include the following:

- Richelle MacKersie, Strategic improvement, Elevate Health
- Just and Healthy Food Systems
- Victor Rodriguez, Tacoma Pierce County Health Department, Health Equity Program Manager.
- Generate Health (St. Louis)
  - Building Community Data (flourishstlouis.org)
Affinity Group Profile: This group will include facilitated discussions around how organizations/institutions partner with their local community for outcomes that are advantageous for both. We’ll explore flexible governing models that work to accomplish community-centered initiatives, projects, and policies. This group will dialogue and brainstorm with colleagues from around the country on topics such as:

- Why Do We Center Community? Mindful Practices to Put Into Action
- Asset Communities: How To Apply To Your Organization.
- Community Governance Models: Community citizens as members.
  - Note: You may have a backbone organization representative to support the group, but not necessary. This body focuses on the assets the community has and/or needs to be increased.
- Collaborative Governance Model: This may be your typical organization structure “org chart”. We will explore options with policies, procedures, and charters that could assist the functionality and outcomes desired when partnering with the community.

Affinity Group Type: Peer learning collaborative

Ideal Participant:

Someone who enjoys courageous conversations and deep dialogue that leads to better understanding, which can lead to better actions and outcomes. If you enjoy facilitated conversation in groups. If you are someone who likes to debate, I would also encourage you to join as well. If you enjoy listening to good conversation and adding value, I invite you. If you like to learn new things and understand things which you did not, I invite you. If you are conflicted or concerned about how power and privilege impact the Community, I invite you.

This group is not great for: Fixed mindsets.

Learning Goals:

Participants will learn and discuss:
1. Strategies to integrate community members into collaborative governance models.

2. Mindful best practices when sharing or redistributing power to community members

3. Gaining buy-in from internal organizational structures (such as your C-Suite, Board of Directors, etc) with collaborative models and community models, to effectively integrate community.

**Group Meeting Schedule:** 3/30, 4/27, 5/25, 7/6

**Meeting length:** 1 hour or 1.5 hours

**Kick-off date:** March 30, 2022 @ 11:00 a.m. PST

**Resources:**

1. **Playbook – PCCI (pccinnovation.org)**

2. **Jim Diers on the seven principles of ABCD - YouTube**
   Example of a model working to transfer assets and equity to their community: **Community Control — Boston Neighborhood CLT (nclt.org)**

3. **Assessing Meaningful Community Engagement: A Conceptual Model to Advance Health Equity through Transformed Systems for Health - National Academy of Medicine (nam.edu)**
   All In: Data for Community Health website
   a. [https://www.allindata.org/](https://www.allindata.org/)

4. If you’re new to the All In learning collaborative, the first step to joining is to sign up for the online community ([community.allindata.org)](community.allindata.org) And create an individual member profile. Read our FAQs for help getting started.

5. All In 101 webinar introductions to All In: Data for Community Health, online learning collaborative
   b. [https://vimeo.com/487432652](https://vimeo.com/487432652)