Affinity Group Name: “Pathways to Yes” Data Sharing Affinity Group

Group Facilitators and Subject Matter Experts (SME): Chris Alibrandi O’Connor and Stephen Murphy, The Network for Public Health Law

Staff Support: Support Staff: Travis Parker Lee, Public Health National Center for Innovations (PHNCI) at PHAB (tlee@phnci.org)

Affinity Group Type: This Affinity Group will be a hybrid of curriculum-based and peer consultancy learning. The sessions will utilize and track the material presented in “Pathways to Yes: A legal framework for sharing data to promote health, well-being, and equity”, a publication of DASH and The Network for Public Health Law. Exercises and short readings will be provided for each session; participants will gain more from the Affinity Group if they do both, but neither is required to participate. Participants will be encouraged to share their experiences with data sharing efforts to also present opportunities to learn from each other.

Ideal Participant: This affinity group is geared to those who seek a more structured approach to overcoming data sharing barriers. If your past data sharing efforts weren’t as effective as hoped for or would have come together more easily with some prior knowledge of common challenges and recommended approaches, this group will provide tools and insights to inform your next efforts. And if you are new to data sharing, particularly across sectors, the information provided will help you effectively plan your project to avoid common pitfalls in data sharing. And, since data sharing efforts often require legal review due to the legal protections many types of data carry, the material and presentations will also cover recommendations for how and when to engage your legal counsel to work towards a common goal. The group will be geared to non-lawyers but lawyers are welcome.

This group is not great for: Someone who needs intensive, individual support around a current data-sharing effort. The sessions will provide small group time to apply the material to hypothetical data sharing projects and participants will be encouraged to bring examples of their own projects into discussions, but the size of the group will not allow for individual support from facilitators. The facilitators’ office hours will provide participants opportunities to have one-on-one conversations with Stephen and/or Chris about current projects for general feedback or
suggested approaches, but they will not be able to provide legal advice or take on tasks requiring follow up.

**Proposed Learning goals:**

1. Learn a structured approach to planning successful data sharing initiatives.
2. Learn strategies for working with and finding common ground with legal counsel on data sharing efforts.
3. Learn of and from successful and challenging experiences with data sharing projects of other Affinity Group members.

**Meeting schedule:** Four, 90-minute sessions on Tuesdays from 2:00-3:30 PM (EST)

1. May 17
2. June 14
3. July 12
4. July 26 or Aug 9 (which to be determined in early July so please hold both for now).

**Technical Assistance:** In addition, NPHL will offer 2 hours/week of office hours that participants can sign up for to discuss Affinity Group-related readings or other data projects.

**Resources:** Links to materials will be provided in the introductory email from the Affinity Group leaders participants will receive the first week of May.

1. *Pathways to Yes* narrative
2. *Pathways to Yes* case studies (5)
3. Other presentations and resources to be provided during the series of sessions
4. All In: Data for Community Health website
   a. [https://www.allindata.org/](https://www.allindata.org/)
5. All In 101 webinar introduction to All In: Data for Community Health, online learning collaborative
   a. [https://vimeo.com/487432652](https://vimeo.com/487432652)

**Additional Information:** If you’re new to the All In learning collaborative, the first step to join 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](https://www.allindata.org/).