

# Healthy Neighborhoods Learning Collaborative Meeting

**June 2016**

A Healthy Neighborhoods Learning Collaborative meeting was held on June 23, 2016 for partners from the New York City neighborhoods supported by the [New York State Health Foundation](#) (NYSHealth) and the [New York Community Trust](#) (NYCT).

[Meeting participants](#) included partners from the six NYC Healthy Neighborhoods sites, NYSHealth, NYCT, Active Living By Design (ALBD), and other guests.

Presentation slides and resources are hyperlinked in the agenda below.

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## **Welcome and Introductions**

*David Sandman, President and CEO, NYSHealth*

*Patricia Jenny, Vice President for Grants, NYCT*

*Phil Bors, Technical Assistance Director, ALBD*

## **Community Engagement for Better Health: Building Health through Solidarity**

*Thomas LaVeist, Chairman, Department of Health Policy & Management, George Washington University  
Milken Institute School of Public Health (remotely)*

[Dr. Thomas A. LaVeist](#), Professor at the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health, shared his expertise in equity, health, and social policy. He also engaged in conversations about how Healthy Neighborhoods partners can deepen their community engagement efforts. Meeting participants viewed a video clip of [The Skin You're In](#), which highlighted Dr. LaVeist's investigation into the disturbing phenomenon of the astonishing disparity between Black and White health in America, why it exists, and what can be done about it. Dr. LaVeist also discussed his current work in his home neighborhood of Brownsville.

*Mindy Fullilove, Professor of Clinical Sociomedical Sciences and Psychiatry, Columbia Mailman School of Public Health*

[Dr. Mindy Thompson Fullilove](#), Professor at the Columbia University Mailman School of Public Health, has research expertise and community-based experiences on the mental health effects of environmental processes such as violence, rebuilding, segregation, urban renewal, and mismanaged toxins. She has published numerous articles and six books including "Urban Alchemy: Restoring Joy in America's Sorted-Out Cities," "Root Shock: How Tearing Up City Neighborhoods Hurts America and What We Can Do About It," and "House of Joshua: Meditations on Family and Place." Last month, Dr. Fullilove led an Urban Alchemy "teach-in" as part of a Leadership Summit hosted by the Niagara Falls

Friends of Change and Conscience that focused on how local residents can become leaders and build support in finding solutions to problems they see in their own community.

- [Presentation slides](#)
- [The Domino Effect](#) video

### **Facilitated Discussion: Actionable Community Engagement Strategies**

In preparation for the meeting, Healthy Neighborhoods site partners were offered questions as guidelines for discussion during the meeting. This session enabled partners to discuss their efforts related to community engagement.

### **ioby Campaign as a Tool for Community Engagement**

*Erin Barnes, Executive Director, ioby*

*Ethany Uttech, Leader Action Strategist and Partnership Manager, ioby*

The ioby Healthy Neighborhoods Challenge will support resident ideas in the nine communities. In partnership with NYSHHealth, which is providing \$100,000 in matching grants across the Healthy Neighborhoods sites, ioby will harness the excitement and power of local communities to make neighborhoods greener and safer, improve access to healthy affordable food, promote walking, biking or exercise, and educate neighbors about healthy choices.

- [Presentation slides](#)
- [Healthy Neighborhoods Challenge](#) web page

### **Action Steps and Closing Remarks**

*Bronwyn Starr, Program Officer, NYSHHealth*

*Joanne Lee, Collaborative Learning Director, ALBD*