

Healthy Neighborhoods Learning Collaborative Meeting

June 2019

On June 3-4, 2019 Healthy Neighborhoods partners gathered in Clinton County, NY and engaged in a two-day learning and networking convening. On June 3, attendees participated in a bus tour of the Clinton County community. Legislative advocacy training from [Advocacy Institute](#) was the focus on June 4. Convening participants learned about the policymaking process, how to connect with elected officials and their staff, and best practices for mission-driven organizations to influence and benefit from state legislation. They also learned how to use Advocacy Institute's tools and resources to play a greater role in the state legislative process. Healthy Neighborhoods partners ended the learning collaborative by connecting with peers and workshop presenters in small groups to continue conversations about state and local advocacy, and tie it back in to their work. Attendees included partners from the Healthy Neighborhood sites, the [New York State Health Foundation](#), the [New York Community Trust](#), [Healthy Places by Design](#), the NYU Evaluation Team, and other partner organizations.

- [Participant Contact List](#)
- [Speaker Biosketches](#)

Presentation slides and resources are hyperlinked within the agenda below.

Meeting Agenda

Monday, June 3 | Clinton County, NY

Tour and Discussion with Clinton County Health Department and Partners

Welcome and Overview by Partners from the Clinton County Health Department

Healthy Neighborhoods partners experienced many parts of Clinton County on a tour that highlighted the county's deep resident leadership and natural beauty. The tour included interactive opportunities to learn about the partnership's efforts and successes around food access and activated spaces, with stops at LaPierre Lane Riverway, West Chazy Park, Cumberland Bay Market, and Plattsburgh Farmers' and Crafters' Market.

- [Clinton County Tour Map](#)

Networking Dinner

While enjoying a delicious and healthy meal, participants engaged in informal conversations and networking with partners from fellow Healthy Neighborhoods sites, New York State Health Foundation, New York Community Trust, Healthy Places by Design, New York University Evaluation Team, and other invited guests.

Tuesday, June 4 | Clinton County, NY

Welcome, Reflections from Day 1, and Overview of Day 2

New York State Health Foundation and Healthy Places by Design

Workshop: Understanding the Legislative Landscape to Advance Health

Marissa Martin, Executive Director, The Advocacy Institute

Blanca Villanueva, Team Administrator, The Advocacy Institute

During this session, participants learned about the policymaking process, how to connect with elected officials and their staff, and best practices for mission-driven organizations to influence and benefit from state legislation from the Advocacy Institute team. The team provides regular training for nonprofit organizations on legislative advocacy. This workshop was presented in three sections.

- [Presentation](#)

Lunch and Conversations

Participants shared a healthy meal with partners from other Healthy Neighborhood sites, and continued to engage in informal networking and collaborative learning.

Small Group Discussions: Connecting with Peers

After the workshop sections, participants continued conversations about state and local advocacy in small groups, and related it to their work in their home communities.

Reflections and Input from Sites

New York Community Trust and Healthy Places by Design Staff

This participatory session allowed the Healthy Neighborhoods sites and partners to share their reflections from the two-day meeting, and identify exciting and promising actions to take in their communities.