**Healthy Neighborhoods
Learning Collaborative Meeting
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Speaker Biosketches**

Amanda Maria Navarro, Managing Director, oversees and leads efforts of the national Convergence Partnership. She provides strategic guidance to government agencies and philanthropy, and trains diverse leaders and constituencies across the country on a range of strategies to advance racial and economic equity. Amanda brings deep expertise in collaborative efforts to advance equitable policy and practice change and is a frequent keynote speaker on equity-focused policy and organizational strategy. Before joining PolicyLink, Amanda worked at the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention coordinating several programmatic and research activities related to health disparities, social determinants of health, and community health promotion. She holds a master of public health from Boston University and a doctor of public health from the University of Texas School of Public Health-Houston. Amanda has published on various health issues, including HIV/AIDS prevention, access to health services among Medicaid and SCHIP families, and the impact of policies and practices on racial and ethnic health inequities.

Michele Silver, Senior Associate, provides support and leadership to the Convergence Partnership, including analysis and strategy development to advance equity-focused policy and practice change that address health inequities facing low-income communities and communities of color. Michele also brings deep experience related to equitable food systems and works on good food procurement efforts at PolicyLink. Before joining PolicyLink, Michele worked for the CUNY Urban Food Policy Institute at the CUNY Graduate School of Public Health, managing several evaluation and research projects examining healthy food initiatives in low-income neighborhoods in New York City. She has worked with a number of agencies and organizations, including city government, non-profits, small business and local economic development, community development, and affordable housing. She holds a master of science in urban policy analysis and management from The New School, and is currently a doctor of public health candidate at the CUNY Graduate School of Public Health. Michele is always excited to spend time with good people, enjoying good food, exploring new places, and hanging out with her dog Lionel.