

Healthy Neighborhoods Learning Collaborative Meeting

November 2019

On November 13, 2019, Healthy Neighborhoods partners attended the second annual Building Healthy Communities Conference hosted by the New York State Health Foundation. The HN partners then traveled to East Harlem for a visit to El Museo del Barrio and the Museum of the City of New York. On November 14, the collaborative meeting featured a workshop on health equity and systems change from Policy Link's Amanda Navarro and Michele Silver. Attendees included partners from the Healthy Neighborhood sites, the [New York State Health Foundation](#) (NYSHealth), the [New York Community Trust](#) (NYCT), [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

Wednesday, November 13 | New York, NY | 8:30 am–12:30 pm

Second Annual Building Healthy Communities Conference: Supporting Community-Led Change for Health

On November 13, 2019, **New York State Health** hosted its second annual conference on Building Healthy Communities, titled "New Approaches to Neighborhood Health." The keynote speaker, Justin Garrett Moore, Executive Director of the New York City Public Design Commission, inspired the audience with his perspective on equitable and inclusive design of public spaces. Among his many insights, Mr. Moore urges community health organizers to "choose critical connections over critical mass." President and CEO David Sandman introduced the Creating a Healthier Niagara Falls Collaborative's new [video](#), which highlighted their exciting work. The conference also featured powerful discussions during two panels: *Community-Led Action* and *Data to Promote Social Cohesion*. Find the full conference recap [here](#).

Thursday, November 14 | New York, NY | 8:45 am–2:30 pm

Workshop: Advancing Health Equity through Policy and Systems Change

Amanda Navarro and Michele Silver, PolicyLink

The PolicyLink team discussed key concepts and practical examples of strategies to advance health equity and address social determinants of health by influencing policies, systems, and institutions. Topics included the impacts of bias and structural racism on health and exploring how to leverage existing efforts to address bias internally and externally. The workshop provided opportunities for dialogue and idea exchange in large and small groups.

- [Presentation](#)

Lunch and Conversations

Participants shared a healthy meal and engaged in informal networking and collaborative learning.

Bringing It Home to Your Community

Participants used this time to debrief with their community partners about the day's sessions. They also identified next steps they will take when they return to their communities.

Reflections and Input from Sites

NYSHealth and Healthy Places by Design

Risa Wilkerson and Healthy Neighborhoods coordinators and partners shared reflections from the two-day meeting and implications for their work in communities.