
Learning and Action in Policy and Partnerships Project Profiles

“Enabling *communities* to develop community -
state partnerships to better inform *inclusive*
policy and systems alignment”.

United Way of Central and Northeastern Connecticut

Project Title: Connecticut Health Enhancement Communities - Developing a Data Framework and Glide Path for Community Collaboratives to Improve Population Health
Hartford, CT

Lead Sector: Human Services

Project Focus: Health Enhancement Communities

Sector Collaboration: Academia, Behavioral Health, Community, Government, Non-Profit, Health Information, Health Systems, and Social Services

Data/Data System: Statewide Data, Clinical Data, SDOH Health Data.; Stakeholder Data Inventory; Data System Map; Equity Index

Anticipated Impact:

(1) The anticipated outcome for this project is that the state will, in partnership with HECs, use the developed framework and glide path to measurably advance existing data-sharing and data integration efforts that will result in access to data by community collaboratives so they can design and implement health improvement initiatives.

Deliverables:

- Data Inventory
- Data Mapping
- Shared Definitions & Discussion Meetings
- Legal, Legislative, & Regulatory Needs
- Equity Framework
- Draft Framework & Glide Path

Project Overview

This project dovetails with Connecticut (CT) state goals to advance health data infrastructure by co-developing a framework between agencies and regional health improvement collaboratives, and a “glide path” report with community-informed use cases and action steps, that will lead to improved access and use of clinical and health-related social data for equitable well-being improvement initiatives.

The LAPP core partner group consists of Health Enhancement Communities (HECs) which are community health collaboratives that encompass the state, CT Office of Health Strategy (and All Payor Claim Database), CT’s health information exchange (ConnIE), DataHaven, Trinity Health of New England, and CT Hospital Association. We will 1) use system mapping to inventory the state’s rich sources of existing multi-sector data, interoperability, and data access needs, 2) establish standards needed for HECs and partners including residents with lived experience to use state data, and 3) model potential legal, legislative, and regulatory needs.

Community Engagement & Persons with Lived Experiences Strategy:

- (1) All activities will include co-design with community members and those with lived experience.
- (2) HECs were developed by the state of CT and intentionally prioritize community and residents’ priorities at the center of the decision-making process. The Hartford HEC includes in its charter the value of equity and the need to challenge and address systemic barriers and inequities in the systems we aim to improve.
- (3) DataHaven, with its network of partners throughout the state, will provide subject matter expertise on how community collaboratives and other stakeholders could use publicly available data.

Action in Policy & Systems Change

By hosting North Hartford Triple Aim Collaborative, the United Way works together and with partners to advance a significant portfolio of interrelated policy, system, and environment interventions to increase well-being in the city and region. Also, taking this work one step further, this project will produce a “glide path” report that outlines the specific actions needed to bring clinical and social data to CTs community health improvement efforts. The report will include information on which sources of existing clinical and social data can be collected, disaggregated, and made available to measure the success of initiatives, and the process by which this will be done. It will also describe potential policy, legislative, or systems changes that should be considered to scale and sustain access to data, including approaches that center the needs of community residents and local organizations recognizing that grassroots engagement is key to long-term data use and sustainability.

Project Timeline

Quarter 1	Quarter 2	Quarter 3	Quarter 4
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Host Kick Off Meeting and establish monthly check in meetings. Host core partner meeting to develop data inventory list. Host HEC 9 communities for discussions using monthly HEC check in meeting – data mapping. Host open call for other community groups. Work w/ core partners to develop data mapping framework. Quarterly “connect” to community meetings. Draft ideas for equity framework 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Consolidate data inventory & disseminate for review and additions. Submit final inventory for inclusion into project. Synthesize information & send for stakeholders to review and provide comments. Monthly HEC check in meetings. Quarterly “connect” to community meetings. HEC meeting to provide feedback on regulatory needs. Co-design final framework 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Monthly check in meeting Quarterly “connect” to community meetings. Host consultants for 3-4 meetings to discuss considerations. Legislative & regulatory stakeholder meeting for feedback 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Monthly check in meeting Quarterly “connect” to community meetings. Quarterly “connect” to community meetings. Consultant provides document for framework. Draft Framework & Glide Path

Meet the Team!

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