PLACE, POVERTY & OPPORTUNITY in AMERICA

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KEY TAKEAWAYS

- Poverty looks different in different communities. Collaborative, locally-generated strategies are key

- How do we give services without creating stigma
- Better coordination to help suburban communities have an infrastructure that allows them to meet the increasing needs
- How do we remove barriers (financial, measurements) from agencies with successful ideas to make change?
- Collaboration is key as all organizations recognize the needs that need to be met
- State and suburban political leadership needs to be informed of changing demographics of poverty
- Why do we still refer to HS as the safety net? How does that shift in mindsets about poverty?
- Who else should I be working with to help promote the big "P" of Public Health to help influence systems
- Where you live impacts your access to services and the costs of their provisions
- Poverty is rapidly changing. We need to consider de-centralizing resources from cities and spreading to suburban

- Idea of "brokering" (CLUES Pilot) for meeting peoples' needs —regardless of funding → done w/ private funding
- There's an opportunity to re-frame the poverty debate and build a broader/stronger coalition of partners. (useful for thinking strategically about effected)
- Changing dynamics of poverty → suburban vs urban
- I was surprised at my own ignorance about the striking suburbanization of poverty
- Escalation of poverty in suburbs— don't have systems or funding to address
- Impact of changing demographics on subsequent generations & continuing cycle of intergenerational poverty
- How do we simultaneously hold the very real challenges w/ the changing demographics of poverty while also shifting the narrative to recognize and lead with community opportunity and assets?
- Need for much more integrated & coordinated systems (and resource allocation) across geographies… need to trade data over time and adjust (social services sector together)
- We need to hold our communities accountable (corporations, gov't

officials, NGO's) to provide equitable services

- Whole-family approaches take flexible funding and the opportunity to solve problems and find unique solutions.
- Shifts in poverty and how we can respond
- Local social services responsiveness is hard. Feds (SNAP & EITC) do the easy work
- How do you empower people of color and give them a voice in decision-making roles?
- Where people understand the problem to be is where services and funding go; it doesn't matter if that's where the problem is most prevalent
- How do we use the limited resources effectively?
- Poverty is in the suburbs. Services are not
- Thinking across boundaries in social service delivery
- Our current definition of poverty does not capture poverty
- How do we make it not an us vs. them and a total collaboration working against poverty
- Besides more money, how can we focus on wellbeing, equity, connection s and love so that healthy happens for all?
- Increase suburbanization of poverty connected to Trump's election?
- Insight: Assumptions about race and poverty inform discussions of service provision in Rochester

even though they do not map onto our geography

- Who needs to know/understand poverty in order for us to address it in the way our communities deserve?
- How much do communities uphold white affluence/supremacy norms in poverty and place?
- Across all geographic lines—city, suburban, rural
- Federally funded and regulated programs are more responsive to need
- Be more mindful of suburb poverty and proactive about collaboration
- Key Insight: Lack of funding and program in suburban areas
- Poverty increase in suburbs
- We need collective advocacy across communities and local solution (within communities)
- Push for creative and more consistent fed/state/local funding
- How do we respond to changing geographic need?
- How can we break boundaries of services?
- Does anyone think of themselves as "poor"?
- What do rural/suburban nonprofit human services providers feel they need most to make more of an impact in their communities?