

**Jefferson County Health Alliance
Collaborative Funding Action Team**

November 4, 2020, 2:30 - 3:30 pm
Zoom

**MEETING
AGENDA**

Meeting Objectives:

- Discuss engaging community; lessons learned from community-led collaboration and identify potential actions this team could take to facilitate authentic community collaboration
- Identify next steps

Why We are Here:

- Collaborative funding is a core element of collaboration
- Changing the paradigm from doing work separately to intentionally collaborating
- Interest in learning more about different types of collaborations and how funding can be supportive
- In funding applications, collaboration needs to be defined both with roles and budget

Attendees: Noah Atencio, Community First Foundation; Mary Margaret Fouse-Bishop, Jefferson County Public Health; Hilda Gerhke, Adelante Coalition and Entrepreneur. Facilitator: Rachel B. Cohen, Aging-Dynamics

Time	Activity	Leadership
2:30 - 2:40	<p>Welcome</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Introductions: Name ● Warm Up: One thing that you are grateful for today. <p>Framing the work</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● What led to the creation of this action team <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Need responsive funding ○ Encourage funding and programming to connect rather than create silos ○ Create opportunities for co-writing grants...encouraging REAL collaboration not competition ○ Need for sustainability after grant...change how funding is provided...coupled with technical support ○ How has COVID changed how we fund? 	Rachel
2:40 - 3:15	<p>Engaging with Community and Funding Community Led collaboration</p> <p>Why Care about Including Community?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● If care about working WITH community not FOR ● Want to work towards equity and healthy communities <p>Concerns About Current Funding System:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● <i>Accessibility</i> to funds...barriers with writing grants and having to pay someone to write them and that money is not always staying with the community <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Specialized and lends itself to the White culture of financing initiatives (similar to a bank) 	Hilda and the Group

- People working to fix things in their community are dealing with their own trauma and now have to convince a funder of that trauma and how they can heal
- Funders need to give voice to the community and truly LISTEN
- Final deliverables as reports etc. why not shift that to an experience or a visual --walk through; event etc.
- Competition for funding discourages collaboration
- Barriers: language, differences in experience and expertise
- Collaboration requires a high level of trust between organizations
- Foundations require organizations to prove are already working in specific areas
- **Metrics for change**--the process measurements are not as tangible and require additional data collection systems
 - Tools for data collection and analysis
 - Skills for data collection need to be added --how do we support that happening in the community
 - Community and human change can take a long time and evaluation timelines need to reflect that
- Even well intended organizations don't know how to give voice to the community to contribute to the effort
 - Struggle with:
 - Giving up power
 - Learning how to communicate
- Resourcing of fundraising is its own economic engine
 - Consider other funding models:
 - Participatory grant making
 - Trust based philanthropy
- How do we support and encourage community led efforts?
- **How can organizations and communities work together?**
- Need to consider the white influence on not only funding but also the systems and how communities function.
- Changing language to be more uplifting and positive
 - Move from vulnerable, marginalized to...
 - Define our goals...what does it mean to be more equitable--some will have to give up for others to gain
 - Shift to collectivist mindset from individualist
- How do we define "community"?
 - Individuals vs collective
 - Geographic
 - Institute (school)
 - **Place to find connection**
 - May not require a definition
- Grassroots Institute for Fundraising Training (GIFT)

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Empowering the people you are serving to be the driver of the resources (Voice, outreach etc.) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ How can I help people to find their own power? Shift the definition of “empower” ■ Trust people in responsibilities; give opportunity to showcase talents 	
<p>3:15:3:30</p>	<p>Moving Forward</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● What could we accomplish together? ● <i>Design an approach for building equity into the funding process</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <i>Community led asset mapping</i> ○ <i>Defining community</i> ○ <i>Centered in the Community connection</i> ● Do we want to have some proof points or questions we want to answer? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ What is equitable grantmaking? ○ Could carve out an identity through Colorado Gives for Health Alliance? ● How does this fit with the other action teams? ● Build the capacity of the Alliance to demonstrate capacity to funders that a collaborative approach will work ● Health Alliance Meeting (Action Teams + Community) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Timing: December/January ○ Purpose: Learning about how to work alongside community and how to work in coalition ○ Action Teams work in breakout sessions to develop action plans for community engagement <p>Next Steps:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Schedule next meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Jamboard session to answer the following two key questions and start taking apart current processes and identifying inequities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ How can we make grantmaking more accessible and equitable? ■ How can we provide the tools that are necessary for people to access that process? 	<p>The Group</p>

