

Spring 2019 HEAL Learning Community A Day of Celebration and Reflection

May 21, 2019 | Pasadena | 9:00 am – 4:00 pm Followed by Site Awards Ceremony & Reception 4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Objectives:

- Celebrate the work we have done together
- Document our learnings, catalytic moments and highlights
- Reflect on the goals we have set for the future

AGENDA

9:00 – 9:30 am Breakfast and Registration

9:30 – 9:45 am Welcome and Introductions
Judy Harper, Community Partners

9:45 – 10:30 am Community, Creativity and Courage

Jennifer Vanica, Senior Fellow, PolicyLink

Jennifer will begin the day with a conversation on the role of community, creativity, and courage within social change. By acknowledging challenges and celebrating our courageous acts, we position ourselves as social change leaders. This session will explore how our networks of committed teams will to continue the brave work that is demanded of us to build a new narrative of health and healing for our communities.

10:30 – 11:00 am The Power of Culture and Storytelling

Lefaua Leilua, Former Community Coordinator for the Market Creek Experience

In the Samoan community and culture, storytelling intersects with dance. It is this creative expression that keeps people grounded, confident, and connected. Lefaua will engage participants in a group activity to lift up stories that reflect our collective journey and depict how life moves forward in the face of change.

11:00 – 12:00 pm Lessons from our HEAL Journey

Reflecting on the collaborative map of our catalytic moments, participants will work within their small groups to identify lessons learned from the HEAL initiative. We will capture insights that should be shared with other funders, practitioners and local residents. What was the most important resource you had? What resource do you wish you would have had that could have accelerated change or made your work easier? What is one bold goal you have for the future?

12:00 – 12:45 pm Lunch

12:45 – 1:00 pm The Power of Culture and Storytelling, part 2

1:00 – 2:15 pm Our Legacy of Learning

Working in mixed-site teams, we will identify and share the most important common lessons and critical insights of our work. Whether what we tried worked or didn't, the HEAL initiative leaves an important legacy of learning for the next generation of social change leaders. Looking across the sites, what were the 3 most important lessons from the HEAL undertaking?

2:15 – 2:30 pm Break

2:30 – 3:30 pm Bringing the HEAL Story to Life

Practicing creativity, team-bonding, and self-care are vital to sustaining our skills, power, and courage to undertake challenging work, which can be practiced through a combination of healing activities and experiences. If you were telling the story of your teamwork with HEAL over the last 6 years through dance, poetry or visual art, what would it look like?

3:30 – 4:00 pm Final Reflections

The group will reflect on the day's take-aways and the HEAL legacy.

4:00 – 6:00 pm Site Awards Ceremony and Reception

Presented by Ceping Chao, Clara Steimberg and Roberta Tinajero