

Updates from Success Measures

Evaluation Learning Partner for Community-Based Organizations and Funders

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The Kresge Foundation and Success Measures learning together



In the newly released Stanford Social Innovation Review article, "**Housing and Health: Creating Solutions with Communities**," co-authors Jessica Mulcahy, Success Measures at NeighborWorks America; Vedette R. Gavin, Verge Impact Partners; and Stacey Barbas and Kate McLaughlin, The Kresge Foundation discuss their collaborative work on a three-year developmental evaluation to learn about the strategies and approaches grantees are using to advance health equity through housing. This article is part of the series "Collaboration for Housing Justice" sponsored by **Funders for Housing and Opportunity** to mark their fifth anniversary.

Thank you to all our clients

In this season of gratitude, we appreciate the partnership of both new and ongoing clients as we work together to support communities becoming more inclusive, healthy, safe and equitable.

Some of our newer work includes:

Robert Wood Johnson Foundation – Success Measures was selected to provide two years of ongoing learning and evaluation technical assistance and expertise to the **RWJF Healthy Communities** theme grantees and evaluation practitioners.

National Collaborative for Health Equity – Success Measures has kicked off an evaluative engagement to help the collaborative assess the learning and leadership opportunities for participants in its **Culture of Health Leadership Institute for Racial Healing**.

St. David's Foundation – Success Measures is conducting a developmental evaluation for the foundation's **Thriving Rural Communities** initiative which addresses health equity in rural communities surrounding Austin, TX.

Universal Health Care Foundation of Connecticut – Success Measures co-designed and facilitated an evaluative learning process for the **foundation** and a cohort of community-based grantee organizations in Connecticut who are looking to advance health justice and equity across issue areas affecting health.

Lincoln Institute of Land Policy - Success Measures is conducting an evaluation of this global **research center's** communications programs and products related to the institute's core goal areas for communities, including climate resilience, reduced poverty and spatial inequality, and equitable land and tax policy and systems.

Health Starts at Home: A Study of Health, Well-being and Connection in Affordable Housing Communities (partnership between Columbia and Harvard Universities, Dartmouth Institute for Health Policy, Enterprise, Community of Opportunity Fund and Jonathan Rose Companies) – Success Measures is continuing its multi-year collaboration with this research team. Having developed the study's survey of the health and well-being impacts of resident services and green building practices, we are currently engaging residents and will be administering the survey in 10 properties across the country in the new year.

Lots of activity for the Success Measures team

Success Measures is hiring! The new **Senior Manager, Success Measures Evaluation** will join staff and consultant colleagues who share a passion for social impact and dedication to empowering nonprofit organizations and the communities and individuals they serve. This key position will manage local and national efforts that demonstrate the impact of programs and services on the quality of life, well-being and equity in communities across the country. **Please email successmeasures@nw.org to receive the full job description when it is posted.**

Coming Soon! **Jessica Mulcahy** has co-authored a book chapter entitled "Centering Community Engagement" with Emily Yu, Managing Director, Partnerships - de Beaumont Foundation, which shares their collaborative work on **BUILD's Health Challenge** Listening Tour and BUILD's Health Equity Journey. This new "Community Engagement" book is part of the "Strategic Skills for Public Health Practice" series, a joint project between de Beaumont Foundation, the Association of State and Territorial Health Officials and **APHA Press**. **Check for updates** on publication scheduled for the end of December.

Tenia Wilson has completed the **Six Sigma** project management and business operations training, earning her green belt certification. Congrats Tenia!

Jessica Mulcahy and **Lynne Wallace** provided advisory support to the Health Partner Investment Learning Lab, a collaboration between NeighborWorks America and the Center for Community Investment designed to help community development and housing organizations partner with health organizations. Success Measures developed the Readiness Assessment in the newly published **toolkit** so that organizations can look at their approach, internal capacity and relationships to prepare for health investment partnerships.

We're Moving! NeighborWorks America's D.C. office is moving effective Dec. 31, 2022. Please update your records to reflect our new address:
1255 Union St. NE, Suite 500, Washington D.C. 20002.

Want to know more about our work?

We'd welcome the chance to share our insights and experience with you. We look forward to hearing from you and wish you healthy and happy holidays.

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