

National Leadership Academy for the Public's Health (NLAPH) Culminating Team Report Written Summary

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The Metro Detroit Health Partnership team was convened to support the work of a health care collaborative in collecting Race, Ethnicity and Primary Language preferences in hospital and health systems. The team initially began implementing an initiative on hypertension utilizing peer storytelling and literacy tools to improve the incidence of high blood pressure in Metro Detroit. Through the NLAPH program, the teams focus evolved to identify not only an isolated condition, but to address more broadly the social, economic and environmental concerns of the community. The work through NLAPH helped the team to begin to understand inter-sectoral leadership, including increasing the focus on the community as a key driver of any initiative and change.

The current project of the team involves working with a broader subset of leaders that can help, not only implement, but define the targeted goal of what is needed to improve health locally. As a result, the team has modified its project and team goal to seek change and address multi-factors including education, the environment and employment. The current goal now is to connect enrollment navigators and CHWs to reduce health disparities by bridging gaps in services for hypertensive patients. The team has also set more ambitious individual and work related long term goals of not only improving health outcomes, but aligning with additional community strategies to improve hope and optimism among a population, city and region that has experienced many challenges in the distant and recent past.