



Title of Design Lab:

Community Health Databases

Topic Champion:

- Amanda Carruth, Louisiana Public Health Institute (LPHI)

Summary of session

In 2013, the Louisiana Public Health Institute (LPHI) created a community health database that compiled data from a variety of academic, government and public health sources. Partners will be able to layer their own data with other sources in a centralized location creating a unique opportunity for collaboration, including leveraging resources for future data collection needs and new business opportunities for robust data sharing. Design lab participants learned about LPHI's role as a 'neutral data convener', their partnership model for creating the community health database, and lessons learned.

Key Takeaway points:

1. Participants learned about LPHI's approach for identifying partners and process for compiling data into community database
2. Participants learned about LPHI's role as a 'neutral data convener' and crowdsourcing data for potential business opportunities (i.e. NOLA healthy website, technical assistance on data utilization, etc.)
3. Identified community health indicators, potential partners and next steps
4. Discussed plans for sustainability and maintenance of the community health database

Action Steps:

- Following the design lab, the Topic Champion, Amanda Carruth, will contact other organizations that are building community health datasets
- Topic Champion will follow-up with participants about other approaches to continue inter-organizational learning on this topic.
- Topic Champion will follow-up with design lab participant's about their approach, challenges and lessons learned