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Leonard Parker Pool Institute for Health News & Updates from November and December 2022



LVHN holds inaugural Community Health Symposium

On November 16, 2022, we were overjoyed with a full day's worth of engagement and meaningful conversations with over 100 local community leaders. In our inaugural Lehigh Valley Health Network Community Health Symposium, talented leaders conversed about social determinants of health in the Allentown community. Breakout sessions were held with topics focused on safe housing, cradle to college education pipelines, localized data, and more. We sincerely extend thanks to Dr. Brian Nester and Mayor Matt Tuerk for their keynote remarks, and to all of our attendees and participants.

⁴⁴ The topics discussed created a day's worth of insightful and engaging conversations. Although we feel the event's objectives were successfully met, there is a collective understanding that this needs to be just one of many on-going conversations. ⁷⁹

- Leonard Parker Pool Institute for Healh Executive Director, Ed Meehan

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Symposium



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Benches make awaited return to Franklin Park

The community asked, and the community has been heard! Surrounding neighbors at Franklin Park at St. Stephen's Outreach Center have previously requested sitting benches, new recycling and trash bins, as well as better lighting for the park. On November 19, 2022, an important first step was made with benches being installed at Franklin Park. We are thankful for community voices being heard, and we for leadership from Reverend Maritza Torres Dolich at the St. Stephen's Outreach Center, who is dedicated to improving our local resources that also impact our social determinants of health.



Photo courtesy of Peter Keady/PK3 Photography Allentown Mayor Matt Tuerk (L) obseverves the newly constructed benches at Franklin Park, as an emotional Reverend Maritza Torres Dolich embraces City of Allentown Recreation Program Specialist, Ryan Griffiths (R).

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Photo courtesy of LPPIH Shawn Duncan (L) and David Park (R) from Focused Community Strategies (FCS) meet with Collective Impact Fellows in November

Fellows Engage with FCS, The Systems Sanctuary

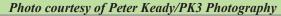
Members of our eighth cohort of the Pool Fellowship for Health continue to meet in monthly workshop sessions. On November 9, 2022, Pool Fellows learned about Authentic Community Engagement from Shawn Duncan and David Park representing Atlanta's FCS - Focused Community Strategies. Founded by Bob Lupton, author of the widely read book "Toxic Charity," FCS partners with under-resourced neighborhoods to provide innovative and holistic development that produces flourishing communities.

In December, Cohort 8 continued their learning with faculty member Rachel Sinha, co-founder and Director of The Systems Sanctuary. The session's focus was to understand systems change and when it was needed for creating long-term, sustainable change. The learning objectives included understanding the mindset of a systems practitioner and reflecting on our own exisiting capacities around change practice, as well as understanding the purpose of systems mapping.

Honoring the philosophy of Leonard Parker Pool, our staff is committed to learning from the very best minds in our country. Thanks to FCS and The Systems Sanctuary for leading and facilitating our Fellowship's workshops, we continue to act on our goal of creating authentic community engagement in our region.

Meet Cohort 8

Tommy Acevedo	Director of Integrated Behavioral Health Services	Valley Health Partners
Cheryl Arndt	Community Partnership Data Strategy Analyst	Pool Institute for Health
Darian Colbert	Executive Director	Cohesion Network
Chloe Cole-Wilson	Program Coordinator	Project Silk Lehigh Valley
Yusuf Dahl	Executive Director	Century Promise
Yorman De La Rosa	Community Liaison	Lehigh County Department of Community and Economic Development
Ramona Hollie-Major	Chief Operating Officer	COI Energy
AJ Lemheney	Vice President & Executive Director	Muhlenberg College Division of Graduate and Con- tinuing Education
Matt Tuerk	Mayor of Allentown	City of Allentown
Deidra Vachier	CEO/President	Community Services for Children, Inc.
Max Weintraub	CEO/President	Allentown Art Museum
Missy Wise	Empowerment and Engage- ment Director; Resiliency Project Coordinator	Valley Against Sex Trafficking; United Way





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