



ARCHI Quarterly Breakfast Summary June 6, 2018

One hundred attendees, including several new faces, gathered together on June 6th for stimulating dialogue that wove together health equity and housing. As a result of interest from ARCHI breakfast attendees in March to learn more about the current face of housing discrimination and solutions, ARCHI was able to bring Dan Immergluck, professor of Urban Studies at Georgia State University, back for a second breakfast. With a panel focused on resolving current housing issues, the breakfast attendees had the opportunity to think critically about the opportunity for ARCHI partners to address our priority of creating Pathways to Advantage.

If you were not able to make it to the meeting, please check out some of the highlights from the meeting below:

- Tom Andrews, CEO of Mercy Care and ARCHI Steering Committee Member, welcomed meeting attendees, reviewed the agenda, and invited first time attendees to introduce themselves. Tom provided examples of the connection between health and housing has become clearer for him over the years, and ultimately led to opportunities to develop affordable housing through partnerships.
- Dr. Immergluck presented a brief recap of the history of housing discrimination, the forces behind segregation, the legacy of redlining, and policy recommendations. One of the points made by Dr. Immergluck included referencing the [NPR Code Switch podcast](#) which highlighted the concept of “housing segregation in everything.” See [Dr. Immergluck’s slides](#) for maps and more detail.
- Attendees had the opportunity to talk with individuals at their tables regarding their personal experience with housing discrimination, as well as the individuals that are served by their respective organizations. They were then asked to identify actions that they can take as individuals and/or as organizations to improve health equity within this context. Ideas noted by attendees included learning more about health system investments in affordable housing from around the country; increasing understanding of health equity through tracking outcomes by race, language, neighborhood, and economic characteristics; getting involved in one’s local neighborhood association; and leveraging organizational influence to support better housing policies.
- A dynamic panel presented their work to address housing discrimination and improve the availability of affordable housing. The panel was moderated by

Odetta Macleish-White of the TransFormation Alliance and the panelists included:

- Leonard Adams, Quest Community Development Organization
- Sarah Mancini, Atlanta Legal Aid Society
- Lauren Washington, Atlanta Volunteer Lawyers Foundation, Inc.
- ARCHI's Executive Director, Kathryn Lawler, announced that ARCHI is currently hiring and look forward to introducing new staff in the future.
- For information regarding upcoming events, click for more information:
 - [Rides to Wellness, June 20th 8:30 -3:00pm](#)

We look forward to seeing everyone in September, if not before!