ARCHI Quarterly Breakfast Meeting Summary

June 12, 2019

In partnership with the Georgia Global Health Alliance, ARCHI had 150 attendees gathered together on June 12th to engage in conversations associated with global health efforts and its applications in a local context. Through a facilitated panel of local global organizations and hearing from a Global to Local-Seattle keynote speaker, we continued the conversation of health equity by adopting a global health lens and how its lessons can apply in our work. ARCHI was able to bring in Jonathan Sugarman, CEO of Global to Local-Seattle, to share an overview of their work applying global health strategies to local health challenges in Seattle. In addition, the morning involved global health experts from Atlanta-based global organizations sharing concrete examples of their work and lessons for Atlanta practitioners, with an emphasis on health equity practices.

If you were unable to attend this meeting, please check out the highlights below:

- Karen Minyard, CEO of the Georgia Health Policy Center and a ARCHI Steering Committee, opened up the morning with welcoming attendees, provided an agenda overview, and invited first time attendees to introduce themselves. Karen highlighted some feedback from the multi-part evaluation of ARCHI’s 100+ organizations working together under the 28-year plan. This evaluation served purposes to learn more about ARCHI stakeholders and their perceptions, establish baseline metrics that can measure against and identify what is or is not working, and new opportunities to improve.

- Maria Thacker-Goethe, Executive Director of the Georgia Global Health Alliance (GGHA), introduces how they exist to advance global health equity by promoting and facilitating collaboration among businesses, academia, non-profits, and government organizations in Georgia and connecting them with partners in the US and other countries. In addition, she shared Atlanta health data similar to data in the Global South. You can learn more about GGHA HERE.

- Jonathan Sugarman, CEO of Global to Local-Seattle, builds his case of the effectiveness of global health strategies to improve the health status of local underserved communities. He describes how Washington is a catalyst of global health organizations, how the U.S. healthcare system ranks last in comparison to other wealthy countries, and shared their approach in adopting community engagement efforts and using community health workers to address top health needs. Jonathan shares 6 suggestions of potentially transferable global health interventions.

- We then transition to our panel of speakers who shared examples of their work and challenged practitioners on key health equity practices in their work sites. The panel was moderated by Gigi Bastien of Morehouse School of Medicine and the panelists included:
  
  - Dr. Louis Sullivan- National Health Museum
  - Patrick O’Carroll- The Task Force for Global Health
  - Brandon Talley- CDC Foundation
Chris Parker, director of the Population/Global Health team at the Georgia Health Policy Center, shared 3 examples of community health work in rural and urban areas and a pooled fund example in South Sudan.

We had a table exercise with discussion points assessing the landscape of applying Global to Local concepts in organizations at work in Atlanta. This facilitated an opportunity for people to discuss persistent health challenges their communities face that could be addressed adopting global strategies. In addition, they shared about additional information/training that could support them with the tools on their work sites.

Robyn Bussey, Community Health Strategist with ARCHI, closed out the morning inviting organizations to become partners and shared about the Member Check-in Survey Feedback, which was administered earlier in the year.

Our next quarterly breakfast is scheduled for September 11, 2019 from 8:00am-11:00am. We are dedicating more time on this topic so the breakfast will be extended to 11:00am. See you there!!