



ARCHI Quarterly Breakfast Summary September 5, 2018

On September 5th we gathered with about 90 individuals from diverse sectors to continue to further develop our understanding of health inequities in Atlanta. We focused on the specific challenges and opportunities faced by immigrants and refugees living in the region. If you were not able to make it to the meeting, please check out some of the highlights from the meeting below:

- Mike Carnathan, Director of Research and Analytics at the Atlanta Regional Commission and ARCHI Steering Committee Member, welcomed meeting attendees, shared ARCHI's health equity journey to-date, reviewed the agenda, and invited first time attendees to introduce themselves.
- A presentation by Dr. Pierluigi Mancini provided a foundation for the discussion. Dr. Mancini is a national expert on health, and particularly the mental health and substance use issues faced by immigrants and refugees. He has provided direct services in the Atlanta community for over 30 years. See the meeting slides from the presentation [here](#).
- The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (RWJF) put together several videos based on individuals who live in the region and we shared one that profiled Padam and Purna based in Clarkston. The short video can be viewed on YouTube [here](#).
- Groups reflected at their tables regarding the information shared through the video and drew on Dr. Mancini's presentation for processing their thoughts.
- Robyn Bussey with ARCHI moderated a conversation with leaders from two community-based organizations: Jim Neal with the Friends of Refugees and Aixa Pascaul from the Latin American Association. Jim and Aixa shared their perspectives on the health inequities experienced by the individuals their organizations serve.

- Shannon Sale with Grady Health System and a member of the ARCHI Steering Committee, highlighted examples of work underway and shared upcoming events that may be of interest to the ARCHI partners.

- For information regarding upcoming events, click the links provided below:
 - The Physiology of Health Inequity on September 26th at the Carter Center. More information can be found [here](#)
 - Tri-Cities Community Meeting September 18th at McClarin High School, from 10a-12p, register [here](#)
 - Just Energy Summit: September 21st – 22nd with more information available [here](#).
 - Health Connect South: September 27th and free registration for ARCHI members using this [link](#).
 - Transformation Academy launches October 6th. Visit this [webpage](#) for more information.

- Additional resources referenced:
 - [*iMental! in the Trump Era: Ten inspirational stories about immigrants overcoming addiction, depression and anxiety in America*](#) by Pierlugi Mancini
 - The Refugee Journey to Wellbeing, an exhibit at the David J. Sencer CDC Museum at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention through October 5th. More information regarding the exhibit is available [here](#).
 - Health is a Human Right Exhibit [Race and Place in America], an exhibit from the CDC Museum is on display at the GSU College of Law, which is open to the public weekdays. Visit this [webpage](#) for more information including visiting the physical exhibit and content available for online viewing.

We look forward to seeing everyone at the December 5th quarterly breakfast, if not before!