



ARCHI Quarterly Breakfast Summary February 13, 2019

On February 13th we gathered with more than 100 individuals from diverse sectors focused on growing our understanding of health inequities in the Atlanta area through an exploration of the recently released 500 Cities data set and considered the perspective of community members in the interpretation of data. If you were not able to make it to the meeting, please check out some of the highlights from the meeting below:

- Kathryn Lawler, Executive Director of ARCHI, welcomed meeting attendees, provided an overview of ARCHI's priorities, reviewed the agenda, shared the 2018 year in review publication, and invited first time attendees to introduce themselves.
- Matt Hicks from Grady Health System shared an update on health insurance access legislation planning for the Georgia 2019 legislative session.
- Bernita Smith and Layla Bellows from the Atlanta Regional Commission provided an introduction to the Georgia Healthy Cities project and shared an overview of the 500 Cities data set. The duo described the unique opportunity presented with the data and how they can be applied within the ARCHI priority areas through a demonstration of the toolkit. To see some of the data they shared view the slides [here](#).
- Meeting participants were invited to work together at their tables to determine questions of interest and utilize the data set to explore the results. The participants considered what they learned, how they could use the data set in their work, and how parts of the system may be perpetuating health inequities.
- Michelle Rushing with the Georgia Health Policy Center and Na'Taki Osborne Jelks, a community member and faculty member with Spelman College, discussed the difference in what data present about a community and what members of the community feel or are concerned about. Na'Taki has

extensive experience working with community members to address urban environmental stewardship, including in Southwest Atlanta.

- The conversation was rich and Na'Taki encouraged organizations and professionals utilizing quantitative data for decision-making to both involve community members throughout the process and also to collect qualitative data for greater understanding of the perspective of community members.
- Evonne Yancey, a member of the ARCHI Steering Committee, shared her observations and takeaways from the meeting, invited attendees to become ARCHI partners, and gave an update regarding the operationalization of health equity as a top priority for 2019. An announcement was made of the opportunity to complete a survey in the next week that will help ARCHI gauge progress and ensure that future work is relevant and pertinent to the change we seek to support.

We look forward to seeing everyone at the June 12th quarterly breakfast, if not before!