SESSION #7: FACILITATED FORUM FOR ADVANCEMENT ROUNDTABLES

Bringing it all together!
OBJECTIVES

- Review key “aha” moments from each of the sessions
- Refine and reflect key ideas for further clarification
- Identify action items and assessment of potential outcomes for the future
The Art of Hosting Conversations That Matter

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Mandala of Health
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Funding/Advocacy/Succession Plans

- Health as an individual responsibility breeds arrogance & isolation, ‘blame’
- Preachy / Proactive – limit choice
- Loss of questionable (from a health perspective) sponsors limits funding resources
- Success planning – risk of losing
- Plans need to have intention—has to be long term

- Health benefits are long term not quick!
Ecosystems and Health

What are the challenges to managing healthy ecosystems
- How do we know if we’re successful? (measures & indicators)
- Balance ecological values with cultural values & expectations
- Politics of climate change
- What’s the baseline of a healthy ecosystem
- Interconnectedness of the ecosystems (local solutions might effect others)

How can we better link parks & tourism to healthy communities?
- Modeling good behavior
- Consistency across agencies
- Positive branding
- Healthy ecosystems lead to healthy communities
- Triple bottom line (environmental, economic, social/community
- Community gardens & farmers’ markets (link food and parks)
- Farm to Fork
Collective Impact

Innovations & solutions for developing a collective impact model for community and/or social change?

- Use Community Health Needs Assessment and Community Health Improvement Plans
- Parks & Recreation not invited to Collective Impact process
- Having a backbone
- Funding the backbone
- Who spearheads the process?
- Egos as walls and roadblocks
- Start with the threat/issue & work backwards
- Identify what is currently being done
- Sharing successes
- Align common agendas
- Allow autonomy to meet the needs & oversee common results
Community Connections

Challenges to connecting people with green spaces, parks, conservation, trails?
- Understanding how different cultures play
- Access to amenities, lack of knowledge
- Advertise to raise awareness
- Understanding barriers – traffic, walkability, language, fear, cultural barriers
- Ability to purchase land
- Ability to know how to use park/facility
- Rules for free play
- Safety issues, changing intention

Innovations & Solutions
- Positive connections to police officers; strategy & adopted plan – being intentional
- ADA; conversations with community
- Reinvent spaces – creating destinations & places for families to lay
- Connecting to local leaders – community & playground
The Value of Public Lands: Celebrating Healthy Parks, Healthy People

Anne O’Neil, Director of Prescription Recreation Program, National Park Service
Dr. James Lee, Frederick County, MD Pediatrics
How can the medical community & parks managers communicate more effectively?

- Not all know what to do in a park
- We can communicate what to do
- How to schedule/pick your time
- Give tools to physicians - brochures
- Need a paradigm shift to prevention
- Who to connect to? Direct link/liaisons - when/how/directives
- Nature centers - enjoying parts of nature, then walking to explore them
- Health portals - 2nd tier link to P & R offerings with medical & private center info
- Health plans include incentives for getting active and outside
Resources for Park Rx

- Prescription pads that are developed together with docs and P&R
- Existing prevention programs as a framework:
  - Walk with ease, diabetes prevention
  - Create more specific prescriptions, resources available
- Local health departments
- Partnerships with reducing insurance premiums, i.e., University of Utah benefit program; Intermountain healthy connecting to community resources
- Utilize neighborhood schools
- Map physical activity options by zip code!
How to evaluate what is being done?

- Organize and convene key stakeholders
- Explore demographic cohorts and investigate medical data; partner with public health/university/P & R Department
- Investigate school districts that are “doing it” vs. those that are not (fitness, environmental field trips)
- What are the policy statements and indicators connected to strategic planning?
- Profile and highlight success stories (kids)
- What is the influence of media/marketing on attitudes of the general public?
How do we impact our community?
(i.e., schools, private industry, parks, social services, local and state government)

- Framing and re-framing:
  - Asset building framework
  - Health realization model --- core health
    - Shifts perspective away from shame to a message of wellness and positive outlook
    - Would a non-user fund it?
- Holistic approach
  - Shift from individual approach to families, cultural shift
- Community blames individual
  - Negative connotation, shaming, ‘your problem’
  - Your child needs
- Connecting dots—meeting kids where they are
  - Child care—most time spent
  - Connect to licensing
- Collective impact—ROI—what motivates us, may not motivate others
  - Social equity—what crosses all boundaries (ie child care, insurance, commit to health)
Evidence Based Community Design & Practice

John Henderson, Research & Evaluation Manager, MNCPPC
Robby Layton, Principal, Design Concepts Landscape Architects
How Do We Define Success?

- Shift from risk factors to thriving factors using a checklist/scorecard
- What has a voice?
- Use library promotion and position in the community as a model
- Recognize political realities
- Measure fun, tell stories, attitude change, enthusiasm
- Research dosage - # times things occur/exposure to nature
- Study impact of coaches, sense of independence, ACA camping
- How do we operationalize ‘intensity’?
- Make initiatives simple and easy to understand
- Measure FTEs as they related to # acres/1000 people
Desired Outcomes

- Address health disparities using Park Score, align with local culture
- Component based analysis of free space
- Understand that assessments are a snapshot in time and the process is dynamic
- Evaluate if the components are right for the community
- Measure individual neighborhood needs
- Thriving across the age span
- Individuals getting what they need to thrive
- Understand ‘neighborhood’ labels and cultures
- Endearing diverse groups to the environment
- Neighborhoods need a plan
- Education on the costs of programs
Rethinking Eco-Tourism as a Contributor to Health & Well-Being

Kelly Bricker, Chair, Department of Park, Recreation & Tourism, and Univ. of Utah President, International Eco-Tourism Society
The Ecotourism – Community Resource Balance: Connecting to Health and Well-being

1. Partnership Opportunities to support environmental conservation and community well-being in a locale (new resources and connections)

2. Consider tourism resources that contribute to health and well-being of community, environment, economics, and social cultural revitalization

3. Best practice examples – connecting health and well-being to visitor engagement

4. Community resources and the visitor—brainstorming new connections
Peer Circle: Trend Setters & Innovators in Building Healthy Communities

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Healthy Communities and Innovators

Collaboration
Creating Champions
Relationships
Network Mapping
Policies
Places
Programs
Consistency
Outcomes
Healthy & Green: Sustainable Communities and Economic Vitality

Andy Fox, NCSU & Adam Bossi, GreenPlay, LLC
Great Resources

Policy
Maintenance
Environmental Design
Park Planning Research

Fully integrated solutions satisfy multiple agendas, thereby increasing efficiencies, expanding opportunities, and creating multiple benefits.

Expand + Transform Shifting the Paradigm
Two Loops Theory of Change

Where are you choosing to participate?

giving hospice to the old →
supporting emergence of the new →
illuminating the choice →
SESSION #6: CONNECTING THE DOTS – COLLABORATION FOR PROGRESS

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SHARING

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- Facebook
- LinkedIn
- Newsletters
- Ongoing Connections
- Summary of Proceedings – Research Briefs
OBJECTIVES

• **Review known collaborators in our realm**

• **Identify missing potential collaborators that should be invited**

• **Construct and propose additional collaboration mechanisms to move forward.**
WHO ARE THE COLLABORATORS?

• Associations
• Academics
• Practitioners
• Consultants / Planners / Designers
• Non-Profit Orgs
• And?
ABOUT NRPA

- THE LEADING NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION DEDICATED TO THE ADVANCEMENT OF PUBLIC PARKS, RECREATION AND CONSERVATION, WITH A PARTICULAR FOCUS ON THE LOCAL LEVEL
- 53,000+ MEMBERS, REPRESENTING 4,000 PARK AND RECREATION AGENCIES ACROSS THE U.S.
  - URBAN SETTINGS, RURAL SETTINGS, AND EVERYTHING IN BETWEEN
- MEMBERSHIP, CERTIFICATION, ACCREDITATION, CONFERENCE, EDUCATION, & RESEARCH
NRPA collects and distributes research data with 2 goals in mind:

• Data to help park and recreation agencies make **optimal decisions** on operations, programming, and spending

• Data to help park and recreation professionals **make the case** for greater (and more stable) funding
NRPA PARK METRICS

AGENCY PERFORMANCE RESOURCES
• SURVEY
• REVIEW (NRPA FIELD REPORT)
• INTERACTIVE TOOLS
• CUSTOM AGENCY PERFORMANCE REPORTS

• PREVIOUSLY KNOWN AS PRORAGIS,
• WITH STREAMLINED SURVEY INSTRUMENT
GP RED
FOR HEALTH, RECREATION, AND LAND MANAGEMENT AGENCIES

• Trying to Help Fill the Gaps
• Research, Education, & Development
• Some focus on Local Parks and Recreation, but Global Outlook
• Operating and National Advisory Boards
• Current objectives
RESEARCH

- Healthy Communities Research Group
- Safe Routes To Play
- REDline Survey
- USFS Children’s Forest Corridor Project
- Research Briefs
EDUCATION

- Workshops & Webinars Content
- Operation Rescue Response
- Whole Measures Visioning Process
- Small Communities Master Planning Guide
- GP RED National Think Tanks
MANY OTHER ORGANIZATIONS

• STATE P&R ASSOCIATIONS
• APA, ASLA, APHA, AIA, ACA, SDA....
• TPL, CPA, ALR, ALBD....
• AGENCIES AND UNIVERSITIES AND ALL OF YOU!
• AMAZING BRAIN TRUST AND RESOURCES TO BE LEVERAGED
REVIEW OF INDIVIDUAL ACTION PLANS
COLLECTIVE IMPACT

- What is the potential for the outcome of this gathering?
- How should we move forward?
THANK YOU!!!

Appreciation and Certificates
Safe Travels and Blast OFF!