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Strategies for Healthier Cities

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Invest Health Web-Based Learning Webinar
COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

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Desired Outcomes

- Gain knowledge regarding community engagement to include:
  - Authentic engagement
  - Purposeful engagement
  - How to engage community as a partner in the work
  - Institutional collaboration versus community engagement
Agenda

1. Introduction (Karya Lustig)
2. Community Engagement (David Liners)
3. Discussion (All, Facilitated By Karya Lustig)
4. Closing (Karya Lustig)
David Liners is the Executive Director of WISDOM, a Wisconsin network of over 150 faith based organizations, part of the international Gamaliel Foundation, for which he has worked as an organizer and trainer since March of 1997. Under his leadership, the statewide network has grown from three to eleven diverse, interfaith organizations in Wisconsin. He helps develop new models and strategies for a variety of projects. He has served as the Lead Organizer of MICAH (Milwaukee Innercity Congregations Allied for Hope). Prior to his work with MICAH and WISDOM, Dr. Liners worked for 15 years in communities on Chicago’s south side. He holds a B.A. in Political Science from Marquette University in Milwaukee, a Masters of Divinity from the Catholic Theological Union in Chicago, and a Doctor of Ministry from St. Mary of the Lake University in Mundelein, IL. He is fluent in Spanish and English and has published several articles in each language on themes of community organizing. He lives in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.
Community Engagement

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Three Primary Aims of Congregation-based Organizing

1. Build stronger, more diverse communities

2. Build capacity for positive change

3. Build leadership capacity
Community-building

• *Systematic one-on-one conversations*

• *Community based on “self-interest”*

• *Addressing some barriers to community-building*
Building Capacity (aka “Power”)

• Power = “The ability to act.”

• Power = Organized people + organized money

• Power = Capacity to demand justice rather than plead for charity.
Build Leadership Capacity

• “Iron Rule of Organizing” = Never do for others what they can do for themselves.

• Movement from victim and/or bystander to active participant in the public arena. (“Stop whining; start organizing!”)

• Community engagement is NOT networking
Questions:

• How much time and energy is spent listening to the “target” community, without an agenda?
• Are you “recruiting” or “organizing?” (How much room is there for people to shape the agenda?)
• Who is being empowered by this work? (Not: what is the policy result we are looking for).
EXAMPLE — EXPO (EX-Prisoners Organizing)

--Organization of, by and for formerly-incarcerated people

--At the center of the ROC Wisconsin campaign for criminal justice reform.
DISCUSSION
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