

Akron Pod Convening – May 2-3, 2017
Closing Reflection and Next Steps

Overview: As we come to the end of the pod convening, it is a good time to take stock of key insights, questions, and new ideas from the convening, as well as our plans for action back home. Below are some questions to prompt reflection and discussion on these themes. Please spend 20 minutes reflecting with your teammates. We will then go around the room and ask each team to share a key insight or action step.

Prompting questions:

In thinking about the topic you brought to the discussion session:

- What new insights did you gain from the discussion?
- What new questions did the discussion raise about your work?
- What surprised you most about the conversation?
- Did you learn anything about another team’s approach that you might be able to modify and use in your city? If so, what?
- Did the discussion change how you will work on the topic? If so, how?

In considering other aspects of the pod convening:

- What surprised you most about the site visits?
- Did you see any parallels between the site visits and conditions in your city? If so, which ones?
- What insights from the Tuesday afternoon panel discussion are you most eager to share with leaders in your city?
- Are there any specific insights or approaches from the Wednesday panel discussions that you want to connect to or incorporate into your city’s approach or work? If so, what are they?
- What new connections did you make that might be useful back home?

Looking ahead to returning home:

- How will you describe the convening to your other team members?
- What are your specific plans for action at home?

Key insight or action step to share with the group:

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