Working Group #1 - Economic Stability February 23, 2021 - 4-6pm Notetaker: Patrice



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NStat Summit Takeaways

• Really enjoyed hearing Domingo Morales and learning ways to get more involved within developments (Christine Brown)

Envisioning Activity (Jamboard)

- My community will be economically stable when...
 - We bring back supermarkets and corner stores, financial literacy programs, everyone who wants to work can work, access to quality food, more community engagement events, residents earn living wage through one job with growth potential, real investment in education, more social events and activity spaces.

• My community includes:

- More youth and intergenerational (youth + seniors) programming and relationship building, all age groups to ensure everyone feels included.
- After-hour community engagement, more social activity spaces
- Access to financial institutions
- Creates an opportunity for the community to come together as one and understand that we need one another

• This is important because:

- This is what communities need
- Everyone deserves access to the same opportunities regardless of zip code
- It allows individual growth and character development.
- We all deserve to live comfortable happy lives and these are things proven to lead to healthier, thriving communities
- Allows for more engagement which has been difficult with COVID-19.
- It promotes resilience against health/economic crisis.

Economic Stability - New Strategies (Jamboard)

Policy Event Analysis

- Overview
 - How charting our work can build power and confidence while making us realize we have the power to determine what happens in our communities.
 - We often think of policy as an act of Congress or City Council. So, when we imagine shaping policy it can seem overwhelming. However, policy is anything that determines how we live and can be the absence of legislation. Policy can be as simple as "you can't put a community stage there because no one has done that before."
 - It's important to chart everything. Even something as simple as a phone call or conversation with a friend. Charting change and reflecting on how we have created power where power did not exist before allows us to not have to start from scratch in our work. Some questions to ask are:
 - What is policy?
 - How does mapping your work build power?
 - How will you celebrate + win?

- What is policy event analysis?
- How does mapping your work create change?
- How do you keep going?
- A small act can lead to big change and this is policy event analysis. The event is each individual action you take. Examples:
 - Having a block party
 - Writing an op-ed for a paper
 - Meeting with your council member
- Event Policy Analysis can be successfully done without any technology (post-it notes).

Activity (<u>Jamboard</u>)

- NStat Policy Event examples as a reminder that policy belongs to us and not just elected officials and those who are perceived to have power:
 - Including TA presidents in community members
 - Food as fuel in Van Dyke
 - Virtual resiliency seminars
 - Health screening with Community Health Organizations
 - Lobby meetings at Butler Houses
 - Conducted needs assessments
 - Getting youth volunteers to do virtual tutoring
 - Job placement opportunities with partnerships
- What was one thing you accomplished and how did you get there? In other words, what were all the steps taken to make that goal achievable?
 - Food as Fuel (Van Dyke): 3-event process providing education on foods that help with energy and making healthier food choices based on what is readily available. Steps taken:
 - Advertising + community outreach to promote Food as Fuel
 - Emails, phone calls, door knocking, flyering around development and local businesses
 - Food + prize giveaways
 - Food + juicing demonstrations
 - Required outreach to residents + vendors + partners
 - Had vendors inside all events + different health partners
 - JobsFirstNYC's goal was to get voices from as many stakeholders as possible CBO staff, intermediaries, educators, young adults, government agencies, etc. - to contribute to agenda development