Adaptive leadership for equitable community impact

Now more than ever, public health leaders are required to be skilled at collaborative and intersectoral work. In a world where leadership is transitioning and where public health professionals and organizations are being asked to do more with less, communities need leaders that have vision, essential technical and management skills, and the ability to work deeply with partners.

Recognizing this need, the CDC has sponsored an initiative that offers a nine-month fellowship that supports developing these skills and accelerating impact. There’s no better time than now to develop your career and be part of the movement to create the next generation of public health leaders.

Multi-sector teams are now invited to apply to NLAPH to transform their collective impact.

What is NLAPH?

Since 2012, NLAPH has helped teams with members from diverse sectors including health, housing, education, transportation, and law enforcement to grow individual leaders into a collective leadership team better suited to address today’s complex issues and effectively transform their communities, improve health, and advance equity.

As an NLAPH fellow, you will develop high-performing team leadership skills around assessment, communication, policy development, and advancing equity while working on an issue that is already a priority in your community through an Applied Health Leadership Project. You will experience first-hand how team leadership multiplies the potential to advance health equity beyond what each individual could achieve on their own.

“[W]e [had] all been doing duplicative and non-cost effective work. People were going to each other’s meetings, but then going back inside their own walls and doing their own thing. But [now] we’re changing that...we believe that we will make an impact...by aligning resources in a way that has never been done before.”

- NLAPH Cohort 3 (2014) Fellow
How does NLAPH benefit me?
NLAPH fellows receive training and support to increase mastery of individual and team leadership skills, in order to increase impact in the community. Our evidence-based program will help you:

- Develop the necessary leadership skills to navigate uncertainty and manage change.
- Work more effectively with multi-sector partners.
- Learn how to use data to tell your story, plan, evaluate, and monitor impact.
- Refine systems and processes with Continuous Quality Improvement (CQI).
- Co-design programmatic and policy solutions in collaboration with community members.
- Communicate your impact and influence policymakers.
- Create sustainable change.

What are the eligibility requirements?
- Must be a multi-sector team of at least four individuals.
- Teams should be from an existing coalition or working group already engaged in addressing a community priority.
- One team member must be from the public health department.
- Team members should include multi-sector leaders who can help advance the group’s goals.

What is the commitment?
- Participation in the launch webinar on November 29, 2023.
- Participation in a three-day leadership retreat TBD in March 2023.
- Minimum 8 hours each month for learning opportunities.

What is the cost for my team to participate?
Participation in NLAPH is free, including team coaching; retreat, access to all program materials and webinars, and enrollment in the Leadership Learning Network (LLN) after completion of the program.

When are applications due?
All applications must be submitted by 5pm PT on Monday, October 2, 2023.

How do I apply?
Visit our website for more details and to apply.

I still have questions. Who can help?
For questions and assistance please email us at laph@healthleadership.org.

How does NLAPH address the unique needs and issues in my community?
You apply to NLAPH to advance work that is already a priority in your community. The program is designed to use your community work as your learning ground – all content and tools will be applied to this project. NLAPH will support you to accelerate your impact on a priority in your community.

NLAPH centers your community’s core values and needs within the program, building a focus on advancing equity.

How is NLAPH funded?
NLAPH is operated by PHI Center for Health Leadership & Impact and is funded by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

How long does the program run?
NLAPH program elements begin November 2023 and run through July 2024.