

Panel 2 Report Back:

PARTNERING WITH THE COMMUNITY TO ENABLE ACCESS AND BASELINE DATA

Top 2-5 Challenges/Issues:

- How to establish trust with the community pre-disaster
- Lack of pre-existing relationships between public health, academia, and other important stakeholders
- Lack of clarity of research benefit to the community
- “You only care about us in a disaster”

Short & Medium Term Opportunities:

- Pre-established partnership agreements between public health & academia
- Early involvement and engagement of the community in research planning
- Working with health educators and others to translate research data for community understanding
- Work with academic researchers and clinicians that are already conducting working with the community on a day to day basis.

Critical Partnerships and Collaborations:

- Health departments
- The “Mayors” of the Community-CBOs and FBOs
- Local universities and colleges
- Politicos