

Societal Experts Action Network Fall 2024 Symposium

Learning from COVID-19 to Build Resilient Communities

Symposium Event Page:

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Purpose

- Identify ways that resilience to future crises can be developed with a whole-of-society approach
- Provide an opportunity for direct interaction among SBE science researchers, state and local decision makers, and the organizations that support them.
- Explore how applied SBE researchers and state and local decision makers can better respond to and inform each other's work.
- Elicit feedback and identify unanswered questions from SEAN stakeholders to inform future initiatives.

9:30am

Registration Opens and Breakfast Available

10:00am –10:10am **WELCOME**

Maria Carmen Lemos, Chair SEAN Executive Committee

Michael Hout, SEAN Executive Committee

10:10am –12:00pm **SESSION 1: CROSS-SECTOR EFFECTS OF COVID-19 INVESTMENTS**

Panel 1: Examples of Cross-Sector Approaches

A wide range of interventions were put in place to mitigate the impacts of COVID-19, this panel discussion will focus on the cross-sector implementation of COVID-19 investments. Every panelist will present, followed by a moderated Q&A.

Moderator: Dominique Brossard, SEAN Executive Committee

- Umair Shah, Secretary of Health, Washington State Department of Health
- Lori Stegman, District 4 Commissioner, Multnomah County, Oregon

Tabletop 1: Small Group Discussions

Each table has a facilitator and a presenter. The tabletop presenter will share an example from their experiences with collaborative programming, which will be followed by a facilitated discussion among all tabletop participants. There will be an online facilitator and presenter for remote participants.

Table 1: Chicago Arts & Health Pilot for Creative Workers

Presenter: Meida McNeal, Deputy Commissioner of the Cultural Grants and Resources Division, Chicago, Illinois

Table 2: Colorado Blueprint to End Hunger, Emergency Hunger Relief Fund

Presenter: Justice Onwordi, Impact Director, Colorado Blueprint to End Hunger

Table 3: Washington Wastewater-Based Epidemiology (WAWBE)

Presenter: Breanna McArdle, Supervisor, Washington Wastewater-Based Epidemiology Program

Table 4: Hamilton County, Tennessee Sheriff's Office Re-Entry Program

Presenter: Bo Drake, Vice President of Economic and Workforce Development, Chattanooga State Community College

Table 5: Cambridge Holistic Emergency Alternative Response Team (HEART)

Presenter: Corinne Espinoza, Co-Director, HEART

Table 6 (Virtual): San Francisco's Navigation Centers

Presenter: Lisa Rachowicz, Director of Outreach and Temporary Shelter, San Francisco Department of Homelessness and Supportive Housing

Sharing Highlights and Facilitated Discussion Across Tables

The room facilitator will have each tabletop facilitator share key takeaways and insights from their group's discussions, highlighting common themes and novel or interesting ideas. Staff will first share the summarized takeaways from the online facilitators. This collective sharing will allow participants to identify emerging patterns and key issues that resonate across different tables.

Facilitator: Dominique Brossard, SEAN Executive Committee

12:00pm – 1:00pm **LUNCH**

1:00pm – 3:00pm **SESSION 2: TRANSFORMING FUTURE RESILIENCE**

Panel 2: Perspectives on Future Resilience

This panel discussion will focus on envisioning strategic approaches that enhance community resilience by fostering integration, responsiveness, and sustainability across various sectors. Panelists will each share their vision for key aspects of future cross-sector investments and then engage in a forward-thinking dialogue that balances creativity with practical solutions for future challenges. This will be followed by a moderated Q&A.

Moderator: Emily Brunson, SEAN Executive Committee

- Manisha Juthani, Commissioner, Connecticut Department of Public Health
- Quinton Zondervan, Policy Director, Run on Climate - Former Cambridge MA City Councilor
- Monica Schoch-Spana, Texas A&M University-San Antonio

Tabletop 2: Facilitated Exercise: Identifying Actions

Participants at each table will have time to think about possibilities for action by individually reflecting on the panel and tabletop discussions and using provided prompts to identify actions that could be taken in areas relevant to their own roles and contexts. Once complete, the tabletop facilitators will guide the sharing and discussion of those identified actions. Conversations will converge on ideas for immediate implementation. Virtual participants will engage in the online facilitated activities.

Sharing Highlights and Facilitated Discussion Across Tables

The group facilitator will ask each tabletop facilitator to share one thing energizing from their table to the room, then invite attendees to add additional highlights. Drawing on these highlights, a discussion will identify patterns across groups and broaden back out to systemic issues that need to be addressed for the individual actions to work.

Facilitator: Emily Brunson, SEAN Executive Committee

3:00pm – 3:15pm HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE DAY – GRAPHIC NOTES

In the closing session, SEAN staff will present a synthesis of the key highlights, points of emphasis, and conclusions drawn from the day's discussions. A graphic note-taker will have captured the main themes and insights throughout the symposium, and these will be shared with all attendees. This reflection will serve as an opportunity to connect the day's learnings with future initiatives, ensuring that the knowledge and ideas generated are actionable moving forward.

Bridget Kelly, SEAN Team

3:15pm – 3:30pm FINAL REFLECTIONS AND ADJOURN

Maria Carmen Lemos, Chair, SEAN Executive Committee