Health Data Users Group

Wednesday, January 20, 2021
12:00-1:00 PM

Welcome!

As you arrive, please complete the brief poll and introduce yourself in the chat (name and organization).
Goals of the HUG meeting

• Connect dataphyles in Milwaukee to new data, new projects and each other.

• Use data to improve health in neighborhoods.
Agenda

Welcome

COVID-19 Data Chats with Residents - Amy Rohan and Katie Pritchard, Data You Can Use

Using Data to Identify Racial Disparities in Behavioral Health - Matt Drymalski and Justin Heller, Milwaukee County Behavioral Health Division

Announcements
Health “Data Chats” with Neighborhood Residents

Purpose

• Discuss COVID related data with residents and neighborhood organizations
• Ground-truth the data and promote data literacy at the neighborhood level
• Generate resident explanations and solutions to health-related problems

(2 Socially-distanced and 9 Virtual)
September 2020– January 2021
1,897 years of collective resident experience

11 neighborhoods

112 residents

16 data points

3 Saturday mornings
8 early evenings

9 virtual meetings
2 socially distanced
3 bi-lingual

Average of 17 years living in the neighborhood!!

52% African American
34% Latino
13% White
1% Asian

71% female
29% male

2% under age 25
55% 25-54
42% 55 +

162 suggestions and recommendations!
The Process:

Looking at neighborhood level data:
  • Basic demographics
  • Neighborhood and resident characteristics
  • Prevalence of underlying health conditions

We asked:
  • How are these related to COVID?
  • How do the numbers reflect your reality?
  • What should be done?

Partners Convened Residents

Garden Homes Data Chat!

Please join us for an online community meeting,
MONDAY November 2, 2020 || Time: 6-7:30pm
CALL IN VIA ZOOM BEGINNING @ 5:45pm
Call In#: (312) 626-6799 || Meeting ID#: 931 0369 3298
THE FIRST 10 RESIDENTS WHO REGISTER & PARTICIPATE WILL RECEIVE A $50 GIFT CARD!!

Featuring: A community conversation around the effects of COVID-19 on our neighborhood,
led by DATA YOU CAN USE

To RSVP or if you need help with ZOOM, please call
The Corridor at 414-509-5115 for assistance.
1. Age-related data generated stories of different burdens and intergenerational conflict.

➢ Original messages focusing on older adults were misleading
➢ Multi-generational households are especially challenged.
➢ Seniors are caring for children while parents work
➢ Stress of home schooling hits all ages
➢ Youth don’t heed warnings
➢ Older adults have different understanding of immunity and vaccines
➢ Elderly residents are especially isolated and challenged to connect virtually.
2. Data on employment sector and access to transportation brought conversations of concern and inequity.

- Essential workers more likely to be exposed to risk.
- Many in their neighborhoods don’t have the “luxury” of working from home or social distancing
- Taking public transportation and carpooling lead to greater exposure and increased frustration
  - People are late for work because of bus rider limits
  - Mask wearing is not enforced on public transportation
- There are added challenges managing children’s schooling/childcare
- Service workers are called “heroes” but not paid as such or even prioritized for vaccine.
3. Residents were disturbed-- but not surprised---by the prevalence of underlying health conditions in their neighborhood. When they compared it to their reality, they felt the numbers were low.

- In most neighborhoods, prevalence of high blood pressure and diabetes were above the city average.
- Prevalence of these underlying conditions was higher among their identified neighbors and friends than the data suggested.
- There were simple practical suggestions for improving health in their neighborhoods.
4. All conversations raised the issue of mental health, but the emphasis was greater in the more recent data chats.

- Residents raised cultural beliefs and norms associated with the stigma of mental illness, and reluctance to talk about it.
- Isolation causes additional challenges for:
  - those with addiction issues
  - people returning from prison and
  - those not connected to the internet.
- Many work environments are not safe, but people cannot give up their jobs.
- Other sources of anxiety and depression were:
  - Stressors of homeschooling for children and caregivers
  - Lack of health insurance
  - Increased scrutiny from child protective services
  - The grief of losing loved ones and being unable to afford funerals or mourn with social support.
- Challenges are compounded by neighborhoods already stressed by poverty, the pandemic, and structural racism.

Source: US Census Household Pulse Survey, September 2020. Data are collected at the state level and represent the national average.
Resident Suggestions and Recommendations

**Short term**
- Check on neighbors—phone bank, mutual aid, distribute information and resources
- Continue to be vigilant with masks, handwashing, social distancing
- Recognize residents as resources
- If you are sick, stay home, call your doctor
- Get reliable sources of information—CDC and Health Department
- Watch nutrition and increase exercise
- Increase intergenerational programming
- Reduce the stigma of mental health
- Get the vaccine when its available

**Long term**
- Learn more about prevention, and holistic care.
- Increase exercise and good nutrition.
- Create health clinics in the neighborhood with accessible hours and non-intimidating screenings
- Establish an ongoing relationship with a trusted primary care physician or nurse practitioner
- Create jobs with living wage and health insurance
- Vote
- Hold leaders accountable
The Payoff:

- Residents and organizations welcomed the opportunity to come together around the data and wanted to continue the conversation and expand in their own networks.
- DYCU produced a presentation kit with data digest, slides and script, worksheets, and translated materials as appropriate.
- Data digests were used in Public Health planning class and graduate students developed health promotion “pitch presentations” that were shared with neighborhoods.
- The project generated requests and support for health data digests and data chats in three additional neighborhoods.
- Data and project ideas have been shared with elected officials, funders and health care partners.

“For [residents] to secure COVID testing in the neighborhood was absolutely INCREDIBLE! Everyone was talking about it. Yes, the data has allowed several conversations to be “legitimate.”
Thank you to 112 neighborhood residents and …

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References


• Covid-19 reports for each neighborhood available at https://www.datayoucanuse.org/covid-19-health-conditions/

• Presentation Kits (please contact Amy@datayoucanuse.org)

• Neighborhood Data Portraits – available at https://www.datayoucanuse.org/reports/download-category/neighborhood-portraits/

Using Data to Identify Racial Disparities in Behavioral Health

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Save the Date

Next HUG meeting
Wednesday, April 21, 2021

Housing Data Users Group meeting
Thursday, February 11, 2021

Email Amy Rohan at amy@datayoucanuse.org to be added to the invite list.