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January 24, 2020, 10:00am – 12:00pm

Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission

190 N. Independence Mall West, 8th Floor

Main Conference Room

Light refreshments will be served in advance of the meeting.

Lunch will be served after the meeting.

AGENDA

Welcome and Introductions

Panel Discussion: How can stakeholders within our region affect change?

- Meg Long, Equal Measure
- Margie DuBrow, Nonprofit Executive Leadership Institute (NELI)
- Kahiga Tiagha, The ITEM (The Inclusive Technology + Entrepreneurship Movement)
- Lynn Mandarano, City & Regional Planning, Temple University

Panel Q&A

Futures Group participant updates and announcements

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SPEAKER BIOS

MEG LONG

President, Equal Measure



Meg has nearly 25 years of evaluation, philanthropic strategy, program management, organizational development, and leadership experience. Over the course of her career, Meg has worked on a wide range of domestic and international issues, including righting educational disparities, building individuals' economic security, and improving the communities in which they live.

Through her leadership of Equal Measure, Meg brings to the organization's clients extensive experience in strategy, evaluation design, organizational learning, and field-level capacity building, and has led many national, regional, and local place-based systems change engagements. She has helped clients translate ambitious, complex change strategies into successful interventions and policies in fields such as the cradle to career pipeline, community health and well-being, and two-generation approaches to family economic mobility. Among the projects to which Meg has provided strategic and evaluation guidance include: Lumina Foundation's Community

Partnership for Attainment and Talent Hubs initiatives, the Irvine Foundation's Linked Learning Regional Hubs of Excellence, the Aspen Institute Forum for Community Solutions' Opportunity Youth Forum, the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation's P-16 Community Investment Evaluation Research Partnership and Equitable Futures portfolios, Robin Hood's Mobility LABs initiative, and the Scattergood Foundation's RISE Partnership Evaluation. She also co-facilitates the Funder Evaluator Affinity Network, which explores barriers to greater collaboration and impact, and identifies approaches and strategies to build the collective capacity of small and mid-sized evaluation firms.

Along with her strategic contributions to Equal Measure's clients, Meg has devoted considerable leadership to guiding the organization's culture. Her efforts include building a deep and sustained organizational commitment to diversity, equity, and inclusion, so that Equal Measure can model the changes it wishes to see in the field; and sharpening and expanding the skills of its team, so that Equal Measure can enhance its strategy, evaluation, and thought leadership contributions to clients—as well as strengthen the capacity of the social sector to create enduring systems change in communities across the country.

MARGIE DUBROW

Director, Nonprofit Executive Leadership Institute (NELI)



Margie DuBrow, Ph.D., joined the Nonprofit Executive Leadership Institute (NELI) as Director in 2009. NELI's mission is to strengthen individual leadership performance in the nonprofit and public sector and improve nonprofit performance in achieving meaningful results. Margie brings extensive experience in leadership education, program development, and program evaluation to her role. As Director, she is the lead designer of NELI's programming, which includes its Executive Leadership Certificate Program, its Ascending Leadership Certificate Program, and customized workshops in leadership development that are delivered to nonprofit organizations that want to enhance their leadership capacity in-house.

Prior to her position at Bryn Mawr College, for 11 years, Margie was the principal consultant in Creative Management Strategies, Inc., a firm which specialized in community planning and building the capacity of nonprofit organizations. She holds a doctorate in organizational development from Temple University.

KAHIGA TIAGHA

Founder, The ITEM (The Inclusive Technology + Entrepreneurship Movement)



Kahiga Tiagha, JD. CSAA, is a seasoned business, non-profit, political executive who has spent his working career in the Greater Philadelphia area. After a 15 year career as a corporate lawyer, recently, Kahiga has pivoted on his career at the intersection of entrepreneurship, technology and community development through The ITEM, Inc., a nonprofit designed to help people of color access the technology sector for career and wealth building opportunities. Through his work with The ITEM, Kahiga has been invited to speak on The Future of Work and Diversity and Inclusion in Tech issues including most recently at the Urban Land Institute, the Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia and the AWS Public Summit in Washington DC. As AWS Certified Solutions Architect Associate and an AWS Educate Faculty Ambassador, Kahiga is a passionate advocate of cloud computing as a powerful entry level skill for those seeking to join the tech sector.

He is also the founder of Wellstone Technologies, a technology knowhow transfer firm that provides professional services in cloud computing and DevOps to small businesses and corporations in the Greater Philadelphia area and beyond. Wellstone is minority owned and operated and is, in part, designed to provide opportunities in the tech sector to diverse professionals.

LYNN MANDARANO

Associate Professor, City & Regional Planning, Temple University



Lynn Mandarano, Ph.D., is an expert in community engagement and capacity building for collective action to address complex social and environmental concerns. Her research explores how everyone from individuals to regional collaborative institutions develop capacities, such as knowledge, relationships and political will to plan and implement projects that have positive, long-term impacts. Her work in Philadelphia assists communities with capacity building and engages students through community-based service learning projects.

She is actively engaged in research and has been awarded over \$1,000,000 in external funds. Lynn's work is published in leading planning journals including the Journal of Planning Literature, Journal of Environmental Planning and Management, Journal of Planning, Education and Research, Local Environment, Planning Practice and Research and Society and Natural Resources, among others.

Prior to becoming a professor, Lynn worked for more than 20 years as a professional consultant in the fields of environmental engineering and environmental policy for United States municipal, county and state governments, private business and international clients. In 1998, Lynn started her own consulting practice, The Natural Resource, which is a certified as a woman-owned business enterprise in Pennsylvania and Philadelphia.