Evaluating community engagement with a lens towards **adaptive learning**

What did we do?

Used a combination of data placemats and an emergent learning table to facilitate a data interpretation meeting. This platform allowed us to facilitate a conversation that flowed from data ➡ insights ➡ hypotheses ➡ action.

2 **Insights**	**Hypotheses** **3**
What patterns are we seeing? *What insights are emerging?*	*What will it take to make us successful moving forward?*
1 **Data**	**Action** **4**
How well do our experiences and observations align with the data? *What additional stories can we add?*	*When can we test our new thinking?*

Emergent Learning Platform
(www.4QPartners.com)

What did it make possible?

- Generate insights grounded in data
- Test our initial assumptions (theory of change)
- Brainstorm new ways to move the work forward

What difference did we make?

The foundation and their key stakeholders were able to <u>build</u> on evaluation findings to promote learning, generate insights, and foster collaborative problem-solving.

What did we learn?

- The power of collaborative conversation
- The importance of involving different perspectives when interpreting data

What would we do differently?

Build in frequent data interpretation meetings with foundation, key partners, and community members.

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What did we do?

Nine multi-sector partnerships addressing equity in community health outcomes were introduced to emergent learning **(BAR/AAR)** for community engagement

Before Action Review	**After** Action Review
• What are our intended results? • What will success look like? • What challenges might we encounter? • What have we learned in similar situations? • What will make us successful this time? • When will we check in?	• What were our intended results? • What were our actual results? • What caused our results? • What will we sustain or improve? • What is our next opportunity to test what we learned? • When will we check in ?

Emergent Learning: A Framework for Whole-System Strategy, Learning, and Adaptation (www.4QPartners.com)

What did this make possible?

- Inserted real-time, collaborative reflection into the grant process
- Moved groups to identify hypotheses and test ideas during grant implementation

What did we learn?

- Emergent learning can fit pretty much anywhere with any group
- Definition of success is often not clear across stakeholders
- Returning learning is powerful for change

What difference did this make?

- Small shifts in thinking and acting for improving processes
- Grantee in-reach and evaluation process seen as collaborative/supportive
- Making thinking visible for better partnerships

What would we do differently?

- Emergent learning context
- Greater intention around who is at the table
- Bring joint learning back to the grantee community

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