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## **New Knowledge: Concurrent Mid-Morning Education Sessions**

### **[Community Development Sector Education for Health and Human Service Professionals](#)**

Andriana Abariotes, Executive Director, Twin Cities Local Initiatives Support Corporation

Allison Coleman, CEO, Capital Link

Stacey Millett, Senior Program Officer, Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Minnesota Foundation

### **[Health and Human Services Education for Community Development Professionals](#)**

Jim Hart, Adjunct Professor, University of Minnesota School of Public Health

David Kindig, Professor Emeritus and Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Fellow, University of Wisconsin School of Medicine and Public Health

Gretchen Musicant, Commissioner, Minneapolis Department of Health and Family Support

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## **Related Reading**

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## Testimonials

Minnesota Healthy Communities Conference participants and speakers offer their perspectives on building healthier communities and linking the work of community development and public health.

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[video](#) **Art Rolnick**, senior fellow, University of Minnesota, discusses the return on investment for communities investing in early childhood education.

[video](#) **Ed Ehlinger**, commissioner of the Minnesota Department of Health, describes how a return to a community-oriented primary care model can prompt interactions between public health and other sectors.

[video](#) **Paul Mattessich**, executive director of Wilder Research, discusses the importance of illuminating and addressing health disparities in Minnesota.

[video](#) **Rob Grunewald**, economist, Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis, discusses the connection between human capital investment and economic growth.

[video](#) **Andriana Abariotes**, executive director of Twin Cities LISC (Local Initiatives Support Corporation), discusses how the community development field is broadening its strategies and incorporating public health into its engagement with communities.

[video](#) **Kathy Gaalswyk**, president and CEO of the Initiative Foundation, describes how an integrated approach to community development and public health helped the city of Wadena, Minn., recover from a tornado that struck in 2010.

[video](#) **Justin Huenemann**, program officer for the Northwest Area Foundation, discusses the transformative effect of empowering communities to design their own environments and institutions.

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