

CSTE LEAD: Leading Epidemiologists, Advancing Data
June 2021 Newsletter

LEADers in Action

Call for nominations – If you would like to share the work of a LEAD participant and/or LEAD project team in future newsletters, email Jessica Arrazola at JArrazola@cste.org

Highlights

In April, the curriculum focused on facilitating virtual meetings. In addition to learning about [facilitation strategies](#) and [tools for engagement](#), they agreed upon their own [virtual meeting expectations for the program](#). The monthly call was led by Jamie Black (Indiana) who facilitated a journal club discussion on [Why Design Thinking Works](#). There was robust discussion on applying the concepts presented in the article to their work and CSTE LEAD projects.

Personal leadership was the focus on May's curriculum. Participants learned about [appreciative inquiry](#) and completed the [DISC personality test](#). Prabu Gounder (LA County) led the monthly call and facilitated a case study discussion – [What's Rotten at the Pink Panther?](#) The discussion centered on leadership challenges and balancing state/local governance and responsibilities.

Stakeholder engagement is the focus of June's curriculum. Participants are learning about [boundary spanning leadership](#), [identifying stakeholders](#), [developing a stakeholder engagement plan](#) and [conducting a SOAR analysis](#). The monthly call was facilitated by our professional coaches at Wolf & Heron. They shared insight on [how to be good listeners](#) and all attendees practiced their coaching and listening skills with each other.

Activities

- CSTE Annual Conference: All participants will be attending the 2021 CSTE Annual Conference, June 13-17th.
- 360 Leadership Assessment: Participants are currently completing a 360 Leadership Assessment. Their supervisors and colleagues will be providing feedback on their leadership skills by the end of the month.
- Professional Coaching: All participants have met or will meet with their professional coach by the end of June. The professional coaches are serving as independent 3rd party to give career coaching and advice. Participants have described the coaching services as immensely helpful and a valued part of the leadership training experience.

If you have feedback on our newsletters, we would like to hear from you. Let us know how we can best support your participation in the program. Email feedback to Jessica Arrazola at JArrazola@cste.org