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• Objectives:
  – Who we are
  – Lessons learned
  – Impact of community engagement
  – Current Practices
  – Recommendations for the future
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• Local health department
• Tuberculosis Program:
  – TB Clinic
  – Nurse Case Management and DOT
• >90% patients identify as being from a culturally or ethnically diverse background
• ~280 latent TB patients and 30-40 active TB patients a year
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• Focus on Hmong and Karen communities
  – Hmong Day at MN State Fair
  – Adult Day Care Centers
  – Hmong and Karen New Year Celebrations
  – Hmong TV and Radio Shows
  – Community Health Fair
  – Hmong International Freedom Festival

• Provider outreach
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• Lessons Learned
  – Need engagement tools and promotional materials
    • Culturally appropriate materials tailored to the community
  – Leverage existing relationships to build partnerships with community-based organizations
  – Build trust by increasing presence in community and partnering with community-based organizations
  – Easier to engage providers with pre-existing relationships
  – Importance of connecting with clinical leadership team
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- Impact of Community Engagement
  - Increased trust and willingness to talk about TB
  - Increased baseline knowledge of TB
  - Improved relationships with providers
  - Opportunities for future collaborations
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• Current Practices
  – Continue community engagement activities
  – Expansion of provider outreach
  – Partner with other departments within organization
  – Partner with community-based organizations
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- Recommendations for the future
  - Embed community engagement into program
  - Budget for community engagement activities
  - Continue to build partnerships with community-based organizations