
Guiding Principles

- I. **Continuous learning communities** - Members of the CIM Collaborative seek to create and provide an open space in which continuous sharing of knowledge and learning are encouraged. Contributors to the Learning Community include any party willing to share insight and knowledge with the group in hopes of benefiting the greater good of local communities, the Collaborative, and the Network.
- II. **User friendly at the lowest level of access** - The CIM Collaborative is committed to creating a tool that is publicly accessible and usable by all members of a community, similar to a public library. Our goal is to provide a user-friendly process that enables education, learning and sharing of information.
- III. **CIM is a public good** - The CIM Collaborative vision is to provide a public good, therefore we will keep CIM publicly available and encourage users to share knowledge gained from CIM in a manner that is beneficial to over all community well being. CIM should not be exploited for personal or business financial gain.
- IV. **Responsive to varying levels of decision making** - The CIM Collaborative strives to create a process that enhances decision making at multiple levels; from the neighborhood level, scaling up to the international level. CIM is able to help inform questions related to community/neighborhood planning, public policy, as well as inform on assets, needs, and issues.
- V. **Assets, needs, and issues** - The CIM Tool provides an environment enabling communities to highlight and focus on available assets, as well as identify and understand the geographical nature of community issues.
- VI. **Support conversations and contexts for dialogue** - The CIM Collaborative aims to provide an open space in which people are invited to initiate and contribute to dialogue on assets, issues and solutions in their communities.
- VII. **Continually reflect on questions** – Collaborative members encourage all users to reflect on the questions being asked and contribute to conversations regarding the use of knowledge gained from CIM. The Collaborative also encourages people to contribute questions.
- VIII. **Transparency and accountability** - The CIM Collaborative is committed to maintaining a transparent operation in which feedback and knowledge sharing are encouraged. The provision of a public good requires the Collaborative to be accountable for the accuracy and integrity of data reported by CIM.
- IX. **Build community capacity** - The CIM Collaborative continually promotes the use of CIM to motivate and enhance networks and participation among members of a community. People are encouraged to develop collaboration and build capacity within communities and neighborhoods, mobilizing around the improvement of quality of life.
- X. **Integrity and availability of data** - The CIM Collaboration encourages responsible reporting of empirically supported data, and is committed to sharing the information in an ethical manner aimed at improving quality of life and building assets in communities.