**Lanah K. Hake Tarango - President & Founder, *LanahLink Social Impact Solutions***

Lanah has 16 years of strategic social change leadership experience in both the United States and New Zealand. From Fort Wayne, Indiana and having graduated from Indiana University School of Public and Environmental Affairs (SPEA) with a *Bachelor of Public Health Administration* in 1999, Lanah also completed her *Master of International Relations* at Victoria University of Wellington, New Zealand. Following her first degree, Lanah spent a decade leading a number of statewide non-profit initiatives focused on enhancing health care outcomes, cross-sector collaboration and strategic community engagement. Her work in New Zealand focused on a range of social issues including national strategies to address health disparities, poverty and leveraging strategic investments in research and evaluation of social policies. All of her work has focused on facilitating social change through strategic education, engagement and collaborative solutions based on collective impact in coordination with public, private, non-profit and foundation partners. In doing so*, Lanah helps to ‘link’ local to national best practice and leading edge 21st century innovation where business, education and the power of social impact intersect*.

Her projects have ranged from health policy, rural health, child health insurance, debt strategy, social policy research and evaluation as well as a broad range of closely affiliated social issues including education and economic development. Additionally, Lanah teaches Intro to Peace and Conflict Studies and is developing a first of its kind online curriculum allowing students to intertwine a theoretical and real world application of peace studies. Throughout her career, Lanah has taken on often complex, convoluted projects requiring intense cross sector collaboration and effective group facilitation. The following examples highlight Lanah’s social impact leadership:

* Served as Director of Child Health for Colorado Children’s Campaign co-sponsoring statewide $175 million Colorado Amendment 35 to enhance access to health care for children;
* Led and facilitated New Zealand Ministry of Social Development National Debt Strategy and coordinated input from government organization of 10,000 people and multiple departments addressing $800 million in debt;
* Facilitated national New Zealand Social Policy Evaluation and Research committee leading 19 government agencies through strategic assessment process overseeing $30 million invested;
* Innovatively led creation of United Way of Allen County Regional Education Network to leverage resources towards collective impact of 15 organizations in support of children’s education across region;
* Facilitated connection of national Strive cradle to career education framework to local regional economic development work (i.e. Vision 2020 21st Century Talent);
* Led and facilitated collaborative application process for All American City Reading Award to add Northeast Indiana to national funder’s registry including national network and technical assistance access through 2020.
* 2014 Athena Young Professional Award Nominee and 40 Under 40 Award Class

In 2012, Lanah founded *LanahLink Social Impact Solutions* to bring this unique breadth of social change leadership experience, global perspective and education to facilitate organizations to be both profitable and socially responsible. Her recognition of extensive resource investments lacking strategic focus and leveraging, led her to a mission to facilitate organizations towards strategic and *sustainable* social change from the inside out as a social impact strategist. Using a range of innovative tools, Lanah brings organizations to the forefront of their competitive edge by engaging and unearthing their social impact potential in a way that simultaneously enhances community and business outcomes. Throughout her life, Lanah has ‘walked the talk’ as an active global explorer through over 20 countries, a refugee resettlement volunteer for Afghani refugees in New Zealand and local community leadership of Lakeside Park Neighborhood revitalization, student mentoring and leadership development workshops.