

Lanah K. Hake Tarango

PROFILE

Social change...strategically smarter.

Experienced social impact consultant and teacher with 20 years of successful strategic social change leadership across nonprofit, public and private sectors in the United States, Canada and New Zealand. *LanahLink Social Impact Solutions* provides a range of consulting services including social policy, executive leadership, organizational impact strategy, project management, stakeholder engagement and facilitation across social impact areas and sectors to maximize impact. Offerings from internal strategy development, program design, collective impact facilitation, social marketing fundraising strategy and advocacy to professional development workshops. Key transferable skills include:

- Empowering individuals and organizations to reach their community impact potential;
- Linking local to national and global ‘best in class’ evidence based models and infrastructure;
- Commitment to effectively engaging range of stakeholders towards collective impact;
- Effective facilitation skills for internal and external collaborative engagement;
- Strong communication skills including writing, public-speaking and advocacy;
- Strategic thinking and vision to see “big picture” while outlining tangible steps for clients;
- Exceptional program and staff management based on effective nonviolent communication;
- Engaging speaker qualities to authoritatively and authentically educate, engage and empower individuals and organizations towards their impact potential.

EXPERIENCE

Business Owner & CEO

March 2012-present

[LanahLink Social Impact Solutions](#)

LanahLink Social Impact Solutions facilitates organizations across the private, public and nonprofit sector to maximize their sustainable social impact from the inside out through:

- Executive level strategic impact consulting, program design and advisory services to support sustainable social impact;
- Professional development workshops empowering organizations to maximize resource and impact through collective impact facilitation;
- Development of Corporate Social Responsibility Strategies and Social Impact Portfolio Snapshots.

Sample of projects:

- 2016 - Senior Associate work with Allen + Clarke policy consultancy in New Zealand facilitating extensive stakeholder interviews, synthesis and recommendations on national level multimillion dollar public health sector project.
- 2015 – Facilitated the merger of two nonprofit organizations to address domestic violence and addiction in Indiana as one organization including executive coaching and facilitated retreats for all staff. This project was a year long initiative.
- 2014 – Designed innovative program for ‘best in class’ cross sector health engagement initiative for Indiana’s largest health system, Parkview Health and Hospital System.
- 2014 - Developed and presented a range of workshops on introduction to corporate social responsibility (CSR) to private sector firms.
- 2013 – Facilitated joint cross-sector development of federal community health clinic for underserved high health disparity area for Parkview Health and Hospital System.
- 2012 - Provided strategic advising oversight for education initiatives United Way of Allen County to merge local economic development efforts with national Strive cradle to career efforts.

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Director, Education Initiatives

June 2010 – February 2012

United Way of Allen County – Fort Wayne, Indiana

- Provided strategic leadership for key product within United Way including oversight and development of the 10 year Learn United initiative. Implemented collective impact model creating Regional Education Network initially including 10 organizations to leverage resources, strategically position United Way and maximize outcomes to support education of all children in the community;
- Core responsibilities included critical assessment, strategic improvement strategy, community collaboration, strategic alliance development, application of collective impact framework and effective leadership to maximize the collective impact of the education initiatives via United Way while also supporting strategic fundraising effort.
- Cultivating collaborations with national, regional and local partners to maximize education outcomes including facilitating introduction of the national cradle to career Strive framework with Vision 2020 and application for the All American City Reading Award 2012.

Manager, **Institute for Resources, Environment & Sustainability**

Sep 2009 - Dec 2009

University of British Columbia - Vancouver, Canada

- Oversaw and managed the Institute for Resources, Environment & Sustainability in conjunction with the Director to support 200 faculty, associates, students and staff working on cutting edge, cross-disciplinary solutions to climate change;
- Provided strategic guidance for the restructuring and project management needs of the Institute;
- Core responsibilities included staff management, contract oversight, and strategic support to Director.

Inter-Agency Project Manager, **Social Policy, Evaluation and Research Committee**

Apr 2007 - Jan 2008

New Zealand Ministry of Social Development - Wellington, New Zealand

- Strategically led the 19 public sector agencies making up the SPEaR Committee to assess and progress towards its mandate of enhancing the capacity and capability of the social policy research and evaluation sector totaling over \$30 million annually;
- Managed and strategically enhanced the infrastructure of the independent, cross-sector Secretariat created by the Prime Minister to facilitate the committee;
- Reported to the Prime Minister's Cabinet, provided direct staff management, contractor procurement, budget development and overall program management;
- Core responsibilities included fostering inter-agency relationships, facilitation, strategic analysis and planning, infrastructure building, marketing, and evaluation.

Project Manager, National Debt Strategy

Oct 2005 - Dec 2006

New Zealand Ministry of Social Development – Wellington, New Zealand

- Established a comprehensive cross-Ministry debt strategy to coordinate and direct the Ministry's work related to millions of dollars in debt;
- Responsible for all aspects of project management, including infrastructure, work plan, and implementation;
- Established, led and facilitated ongoing Governance and Work Group operations across Ministry;

Health Policy Analyst

June 2005 - Sept 2005

New Zealand Ministry of Health – Wellington, New Zealand

- Provided fixed term research, writing and policy analysis on two key projects focused on Maori Cardiovascular Health and Cardiovascular Health Disparities in New Zealand with a *Leading for Outcomes* approach.

Director, Child Health Initiatives

Apr 2003 - Apr 2005

Colorado Children's Campaign – Denver, Colorado

- Developed, implemented and evaluated state child health agenda to improve the health of Colorado's 1.2 million children through non-partisan systems change at the state legislature;

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- Key contributor to the successful passage and implementation of Amendment 35 – a tobacco tax initiative to generate and allocate \$175 million per year to increase access to health care for all Colorado residents;
- Established a child health advocacy infrastructure by: authoring the Children’s Health Toolkit to lead educational efforts, hosting statewide child health forums, and creating Child Health Advocacy Teams (C.H.A.T.’s) across the state;
- Represented, developed, and maintained strategic partnerships with key stakeholders to build support to make children’s health a priority in Colorado in coordination with education initiatives.

Policy Analyst & Program Coordinator

Apr 2001 - Apr 2003

Colorado Rural Health Center - Denver, Colorado

- Delivered grant management and technical assistance for multiple public health programs serving rural Colorado including: Colorado Rural Outreach Program, Child Health Plan Plus, Critical Access Hospital Program, Oral Health, Prescription Drug Purchasing, CEO Turnover, Transportation, and Medically Underserved efforts.

Grant Coordinator

Apr 2000 - Oct 2001

Child Health Plan Plus (CHP+) - Denver, Colorado

- Carried out and reported on the objectives the \$50,000 CHP+ Outreach Grant;
- Presented informative luncheons to over 40 provider organizations regarding the CHP+ program, their potential collaboration and feedback on barriers facing the program.

Public Health Program Coordinator

May 1999 - May 2000

JSI Research and Training Institute - Denver, Colorado

- Managed \$500,000 in funds to collaborate with top federal and state health officials to plan, implement, and evaluate public health conferences serving up to 800 attendees each.

Senate Intern

Jan 1998 - May 1998

United States Senate, Senator Dan Coats - Washington, DC

- Researched social policy issues, attended Senate hearings, and responded to constituent needs.

ACADEMIC

Adjunct Lecturer, Peace & Conflict Studies

August 2013 - present

Purdue Fort Wayne – Fort Wayne, Indiana

- Created curriculum to teach Introduction to Peace & Conflict Studies both face to face and as the first online offering of its kind released in 2015. Focus includes theoretical inquiry and practical community experiences to explore peace at the individual, community and global level from nonviolent communication to structural inequality and global affairs. Foundation course for PACS certificate.

Master of International Relations (MIR), Victoria University

Wellington, New Zealand

May 2009

International Relations, Inequality and Identity, Global Governance, Political Leadership and Thesis titled *Cosmo-Tourism: Exploring the latent cosmopolitanism of 21st century tourism.*

- Tutor for INTP: 113 Intro to International Relations Tutor

Baccalaureate of Science in Public Health (BSPH), Indiana University School of Public and Environmental Affairs

Bloomington, Indiana

May 1999

PUBLICATIONS (sample)

- Cosmotourism: Exploring *the Latent Cosmpolitanism of 21st Century Tourism* (Master's Thesis)
- *Non-profits as the Path to the Presidency... for Women* (Short Thesis)
- New Zealand National Debt Strategy (internal)
- *Colorado Children's Health Toolkit* (25 pages)
- [Snapshot of Rural Health in Colorado](#) – published first one that has since been replicated yearly
- *Colorado Rural Health Clinic Toolkit* (20 pages)
- Numerous other educational resources for organizations and communities that have been reprinted;
- Extensive research, analysis and writing for consulting clients that is confidential (see samples above).

SPEAKING & ENGAGEMENT (sample)

- Extensive workshops and conference presentations throughout Colorado and Indiana.
- Extensive volunteering as mentor, refugee support and range of roles.
- 2014 Panel: [Corporate Citizenship: Fad or Differentiator?](#)
- Tedx Fort Wayne Speaker– [Talk to Strangers, Change the World.](#)
- New Zealand Refugee Resettlement volunteer.
- [Fort Wayne Business Weekly](#) – magazine profile
- 2015 Off the Mat, Project Springboard Social Change Business Leaders Accelerator in California
- [40 Under 40 Class of 2014](#)
- Young Athena Leadership Award Nominee 2014
- Profiled in 2010 Young Leaders of Northeast Indiana (YLNI) 20/20 Vision Publication
- 2009 BlogTalk Radio Interview on Adventure Travel
- 2004 Colorado Young Nonprofit Leader of the Year Award
- 1998 Washington Leadership Program Participant
- Founder of Fort Wayne Outdoor Yoga, Lakeside Fall Concert & Neighborhood Board Member.

RESIDENCY STATUS

- New Zealand Permanent Resident
- US Citizen