Achieving Health Equity –
Addressing the Social Determinants of Health

CDC

NATIONAL CENTER FOR CHRONIC DISEASE PREVENTION AND HEALTH PROMOTION

Our mission is to work with people and communities to **prevent chronic diseases and promote health and wellness for all.**

We work to make our vision of **healthy people living in healthy communities** a reality.
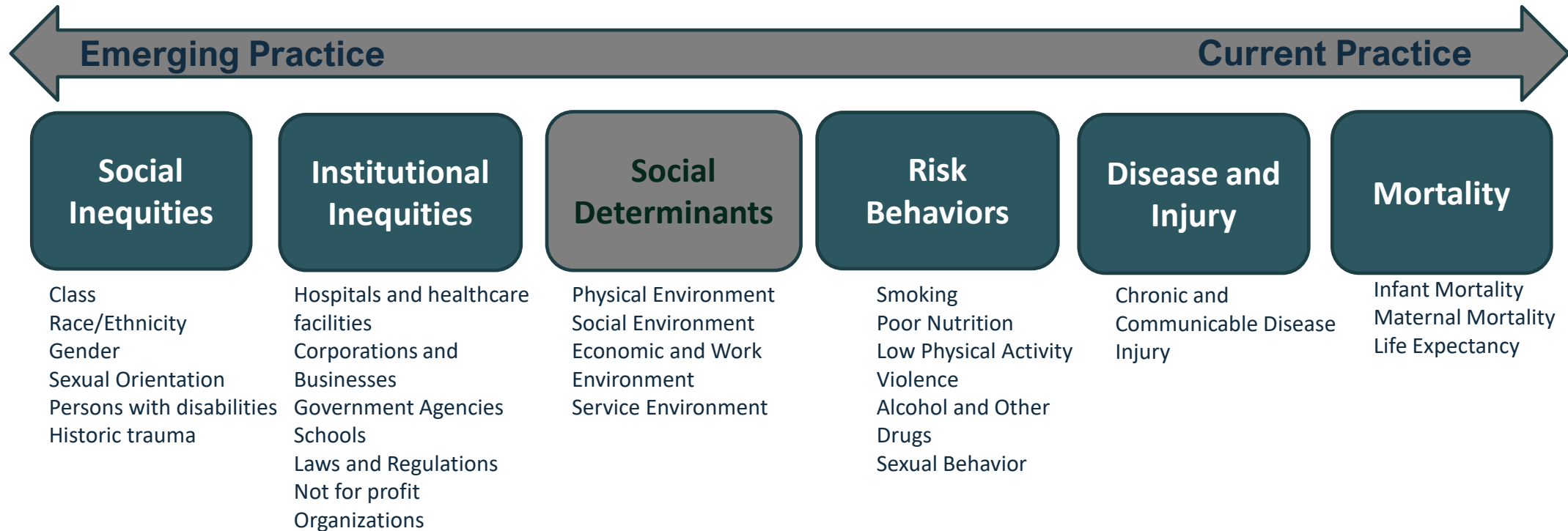
Addressing **social determinants of health to achieve health equity is a strategic priority**

Everyone has a fair and just opportunity to attain their highest level of health. Achieving this requires focused and ongoing societal efforts to address historical and contemporary injustices; overcome economic, social, and other obstacles to health and healthcare; and eliminate preventable health disparities.
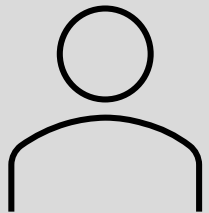
Health Equity

Addressing Social Determinants of Health is a Strategic Priority

Emerging Practice ←→ Current Practice

Social Inequities	Institutional Inequities	Social Determinants	Risk Behaviors	Disease and Injury	Mortality
Class Race/Ethnicity Gender Sexual Orientation Persons with disabilities Historic trauma	Hospitals and healthcare facilities Corporations and Businesses Government Agencies Schools Laws and Regulations Not for profit Organizations	Physical Environment Social Environment Economic and Work Environment Service Environment	Smoking Poor Nutrition Low Physical Activity Violence Alcohol and Other Drugs Sexual Behavior	Chronic and Communicable Disease Injury	Infant Mortality Maternal Mortality Life Expectancy

SOCIAL DETERMINANTS VS SOCIAL NEEDS

Health Care System
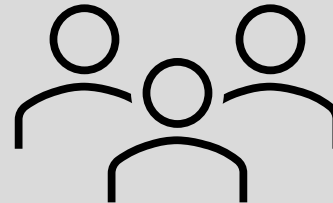
**Health-related
Social Needs**

**Addressing barriers to
individual health:**
- How do I get to the doctor?
- I don't have a place to live
- I lost my job
- I can't pay for food

Public Health

Social Determinants

**Addressing policy, system, and
environmental change to
create healthy communities:**
- Economic stability
- Education access and quality
- Neighborhood and built environment
- Health care access and quality
- Social and community context

ROLE OF PUBLIC HEALTH IN ADDRESSING SDOH

Convener

Foster multi-sectoral, multi-level partnerships

Integrator

Conduct surveillance and integrate data from multiple sources

Influencer

Lead approaches to develop upstream policies and solutions

Strong Foundation for Addressing Social Determinants of Health Across CDC

Research

Programs

Data and Tools

Policy

NCCDPHP History

REACH
Racial and Ethnic Approaches to Community Health

WISEWOMAN™
Well-Integrated Screening and Evaluation
for WOMen Across the Nation

Healthy Tribes
TPWIC

ERASE MM
Enhancing Reviews and Surveillance to Eliminate Maternal Mortality

SCREENOUTCANCER
Advancing Cancer Prevention Nationwide

Where Can NCCDPHP Lead?

Focus on primarily upstream, evidence-based, scalable interventions to advance health equity

Identify gaps in the evidence base, inform research priorities, and accelerate translation and implementation science to minimize health disparities

Foster multisectoral, multilevel partnerships to expand and scale interventions that address SDoH

Conduct high-quality surveillance and use datasets to identify disparities and equitably target funding, guidance, and technical assistance

Inform policymakers of the value in addressing SDoH to document and understand the economic and health impacts of interventions and policies on priority

Focus Areas

Food and Nutrition Security

Tobacco-Free Policy
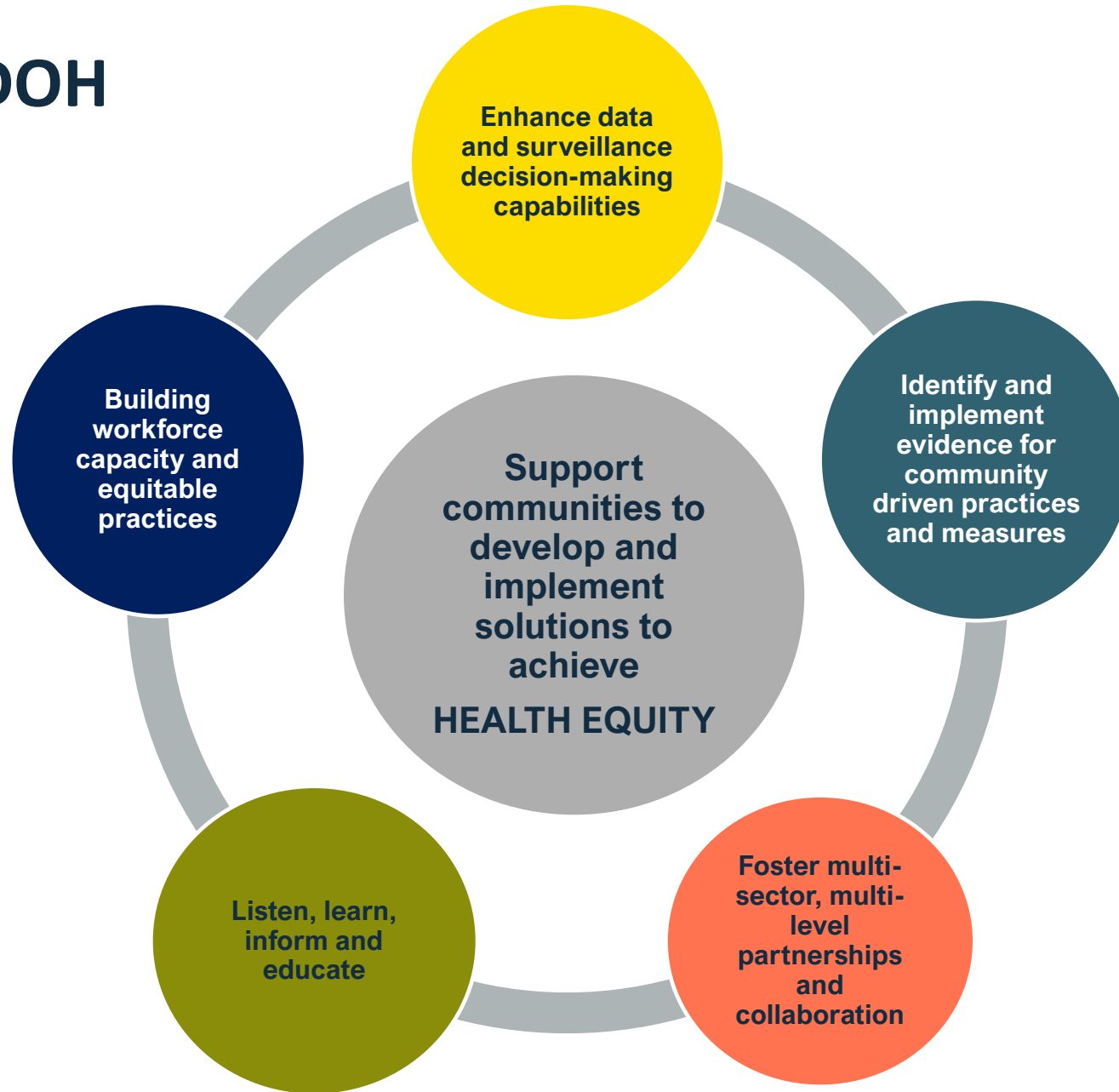

Built Environment

Social Connectedness

Community-Clinical Linkages

NCCDPHP SDOH Approach

THE PATH FORWARD

- SDOH Accelerator NOFO

- Potential expansion of existing line item

- Healthy Tribes

DISCUSSION

1) What are the main social determinants that you feel are critical to work on?

2) Do you have resources in place for these types of activities?

3) What are the challenges and opportunities that you face in trying to address SDOH?

4) What should we consider if we get additional SDOH resources vis a vis planning and implementation