

Promising Models Connecting Housing and Services as a Platform for Health and Independence

**Affordable and Accessible Housing for
Vulnerable Older Adults and People with
Disabilities Living in the Community**

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Connecting the Dots: Bridging Systems for Better Health

Better coordination not only improves lives but can save money

Goals:

- Advance policies to improve health care delivery and other services for people with significant physical, mental, and substance use conditions
- Connect health, housing, criminal justice and human services sectors to deliver affordable housing, health care and social supports to those with complex needs

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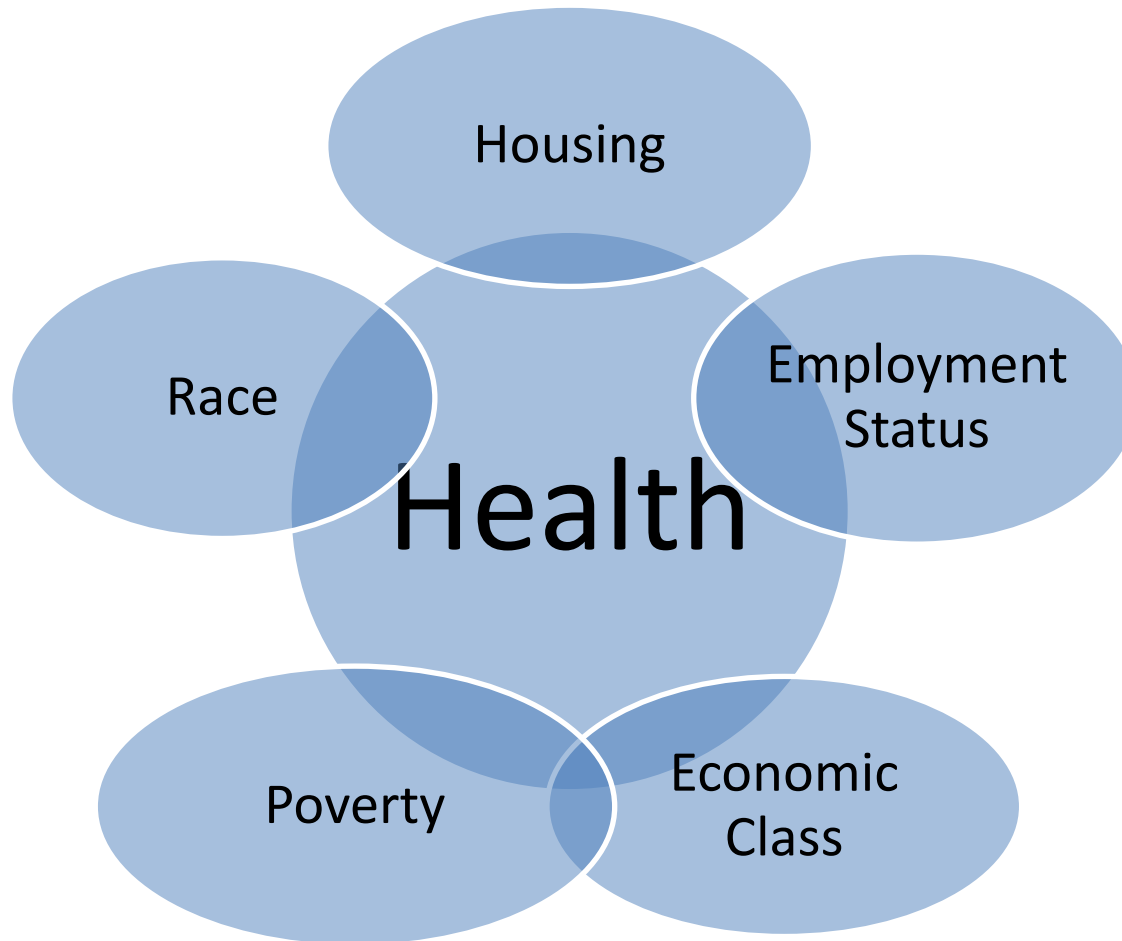
Bridging Systems for Better Health



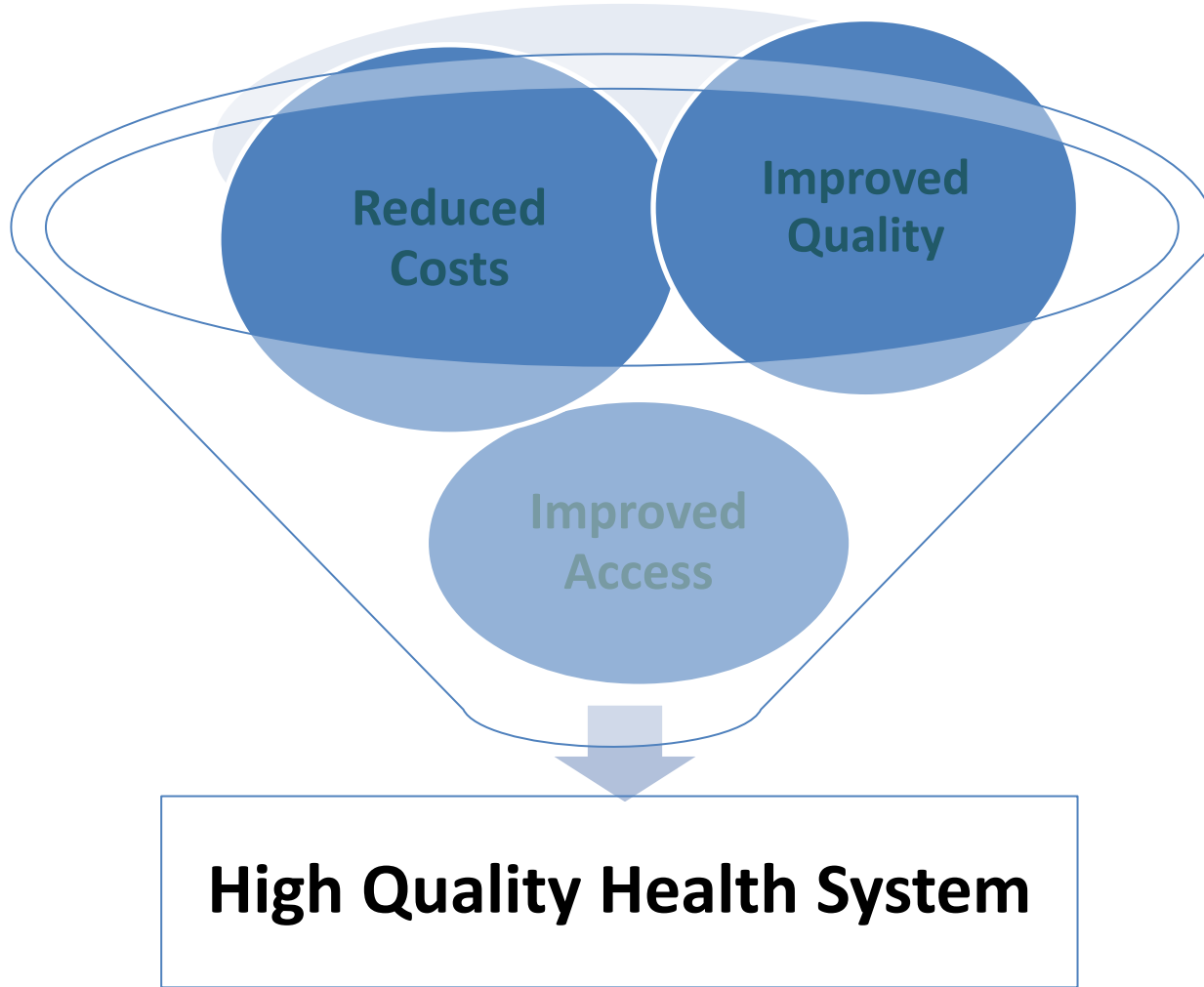
Outline

- Integration of Health and Housing
- Overview of Models of Community-Based Housing and Services
- Challenges for Individual Providers
- Promise of Partnerships and Community Planning

Social Determinants of Health



Health System Goals



Housing and Services Evidence

Promising Findings Suggest Supportive Housing May Improve Health

- Best studies: Impact of supportive housing for people with HIV/AIDS
 - Reduces the risk of death
 - Reduces risky behavior (sharing needles, survival sex, etc)
 - Improves viral load levels
- Need better health outcomes data for other illnesses
- www.cbpp.org/connecting-the-dots

Other Evidence

- More rigorous study is needed
- Healthy Housing – lead, environmental factors for asthmatics
- Mental Health/Stress – unstable or over-crowded housing
- Avoiding adverse outcomes



Housing and Services Models

Single Site Settings

Onsite clinic/services

Building near clinics/services

Efficient for residents with high needs

Scattered Site

Apartments throughout the community

In-home care and case management

Assistance going to doctor, hospital, etc.

Examples

Los Angeles – Skid Row Housing Trust’s Star Apartments

National Church Residences

HIV/AIDS Housing Providers

Camden Coalition of Healthcare Providers



Challenges for Providers

Service Need –
Not Linear

Difficult to
Target
Interventions

Affordable
Housing
Shortage

Workforce
Shortages

Medicaid
Reimbursement
Rates

Developing
Cross Sector
Partnerships



Strategies for Growth

- Create State and Local Rental Assistance Programs
- Amend Low Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC) Priorities
- Create Continuum of Partners to Allow Consumers to Move Between Models
- Strengthen Medicaid State Plans to Address Social Determinants of Health
- Protect Medicaid as an Entitlement

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