

# Assuring the Public's Health in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century

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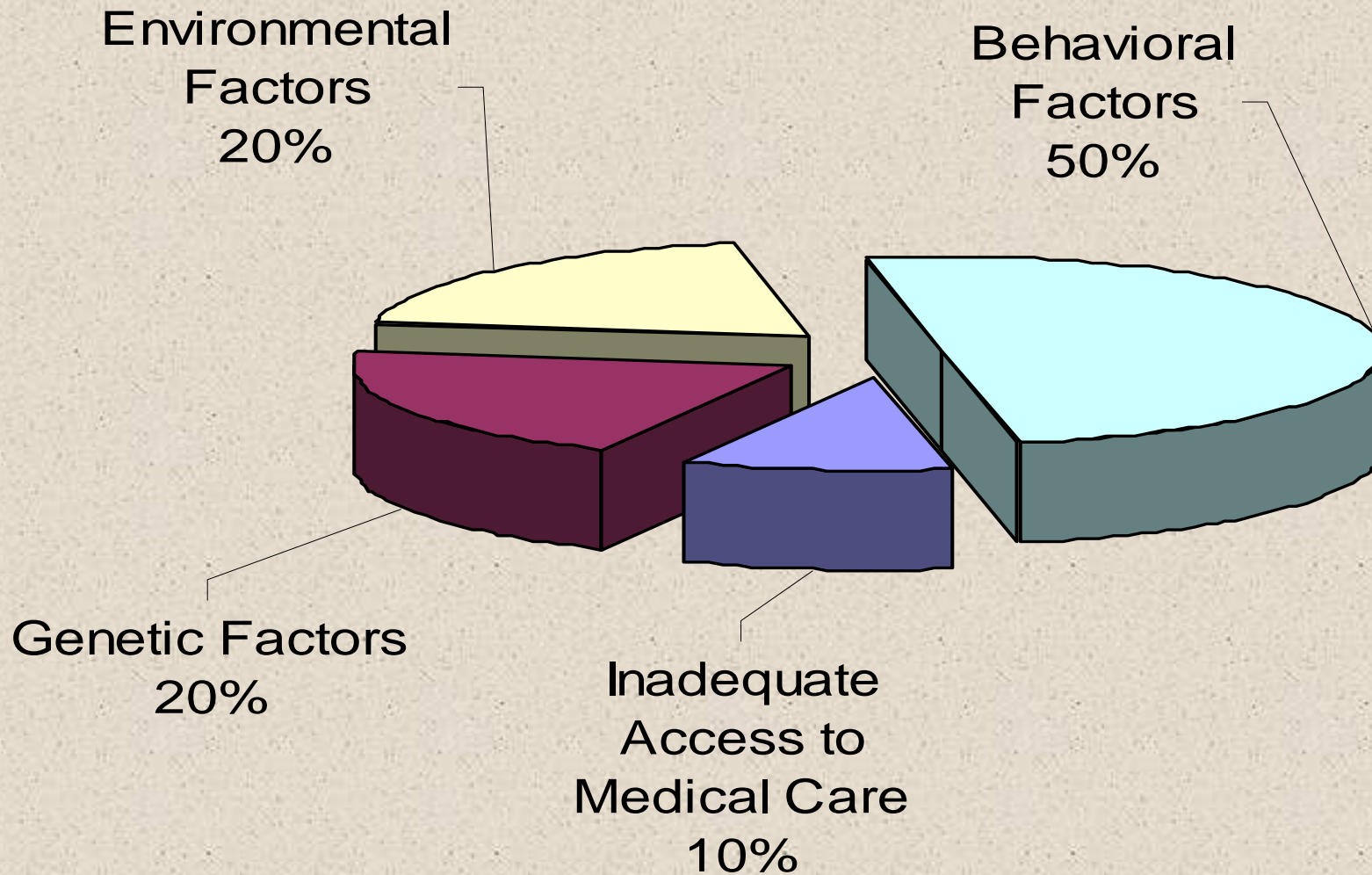
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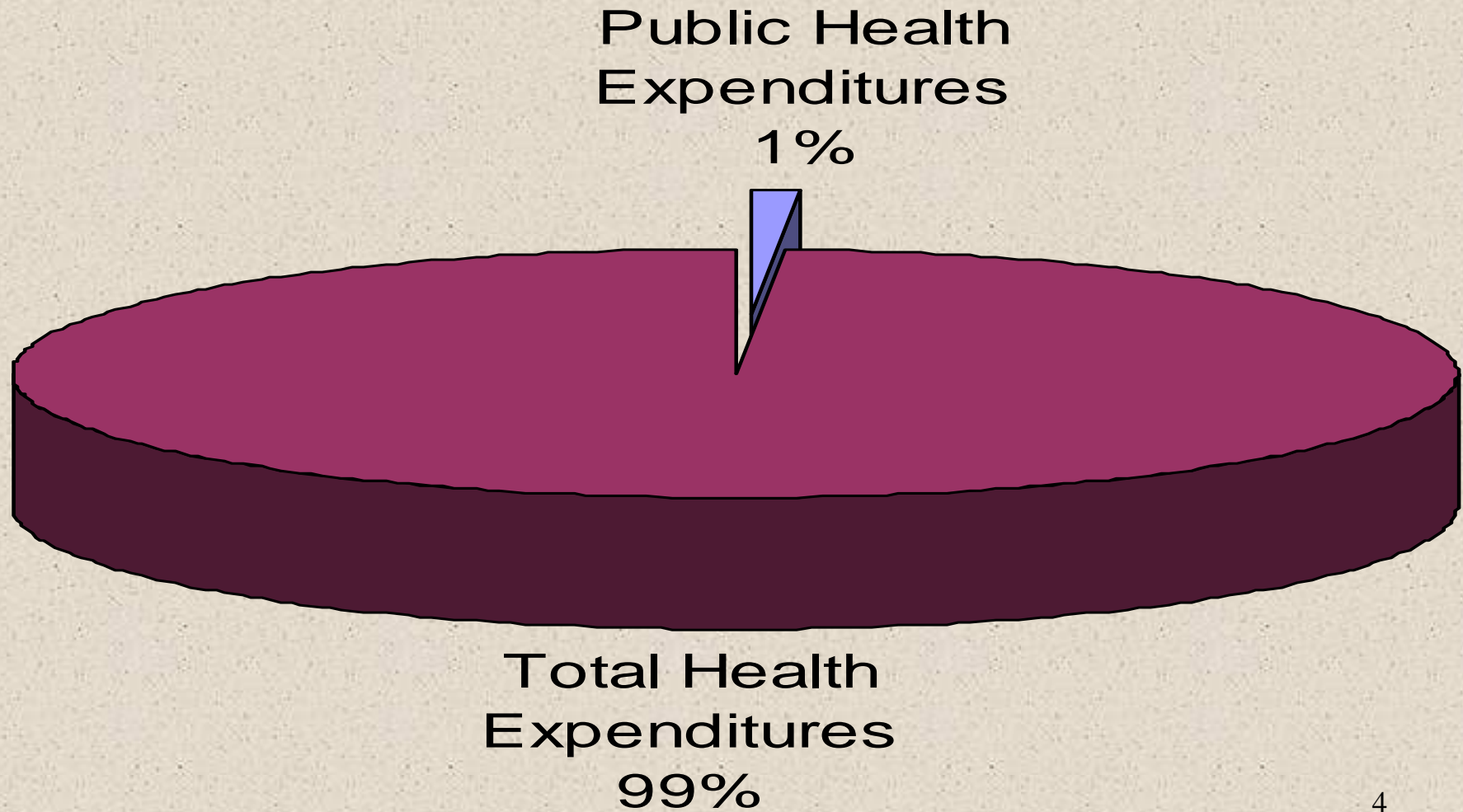
# **The Committee's Vision**

**Healthy People in Healthy  
Communities**

# Causes of Premature Mortality



# Public Health Expenditures As a Percentage of Health Expenditures



# Actual Causes of Premature Death in the United States in 1990

Cause	<u>Deaths</u>	
	<u>Estimated</u>	<u>% of total Deaths</u>
Tobacco	400,000	38%
Diet/activity patterns	300,000	28%
Alcohol	100,000	10%
Microbial agents	90,000	8%
Toxic agents	60,000	6%
Firearms	35,000	4%
Sexual behavior	30,000	2%
Motor vehicles	25,000	2%
Illicit use of drugs	20,000	1%

**TARGET OF INTERVENTION**

SOCIETY AND INSTITUTIONS

COMMUNITY

INDIVIDUALS

INDIVIDUAL ILLNESS

HEALTH

Clinical Care

Health Promotion/  
Prevention

Public  
Advocacy

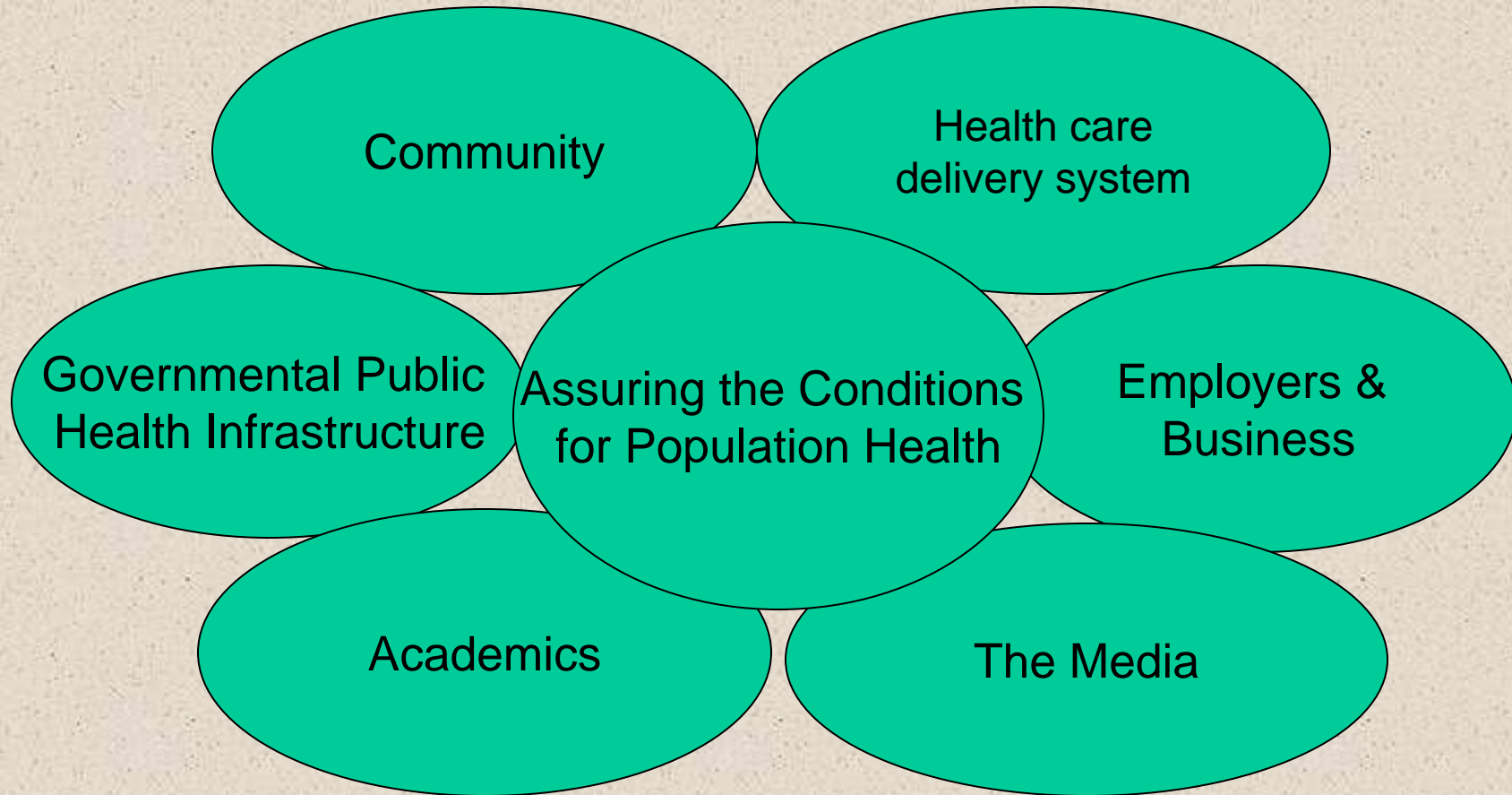
Intersectoral  
Working:  
Jobs/Housing/  
Education

**TYPE OF INTERVENTION**

# The Essential Public Health Services

1. Monitor health status to identify community health problems.
2. Diagnose and investigate health problems and health hazards in the community
3. Inform, educate and empower people about health issues
4. Mobilize community partnerships to identify and solve health problems
5. Develop policies and plans that support individual and community health efforts
6. Enforce laws and regulations that protect health and ensure safety
7. Link people to needed personal health services and assure the provision of health care when otherwise unavailable
8. Assure a competent public health and personal health care workforce
9. Evaluate effectiveness, accessibility, and quality of personal and population-based health services
10. Research for new insights and innovative solution to health problems

# The Public Health System





# **The Future of the Public's Health in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century**

**To Assure a Strong Public Health  
Infrastructure:**

**Recommendations # 7,8,9,10,13,15**

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**To Assure the Quality of Public Health  
Services:**

**Recommendations # 1, 5, 12**

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- **To Strengthen Public Health Practice and Education**

**Recommendations # 4,6,16,17**

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**To Enhance the Role of the Health Care  
Delivery System in Promoting Population  
Health**

**Recommendations # 18, 19, 20, 21**

# Key Messages

We need:

- A health policy that assures adequate and sustained investment in the important determinants of health
- A strong governmental public health infrastructure
- A public health system that reflects public understanding that health is everyone's business.