



# The Role of CHC in Reducing Cancer Health Disparities

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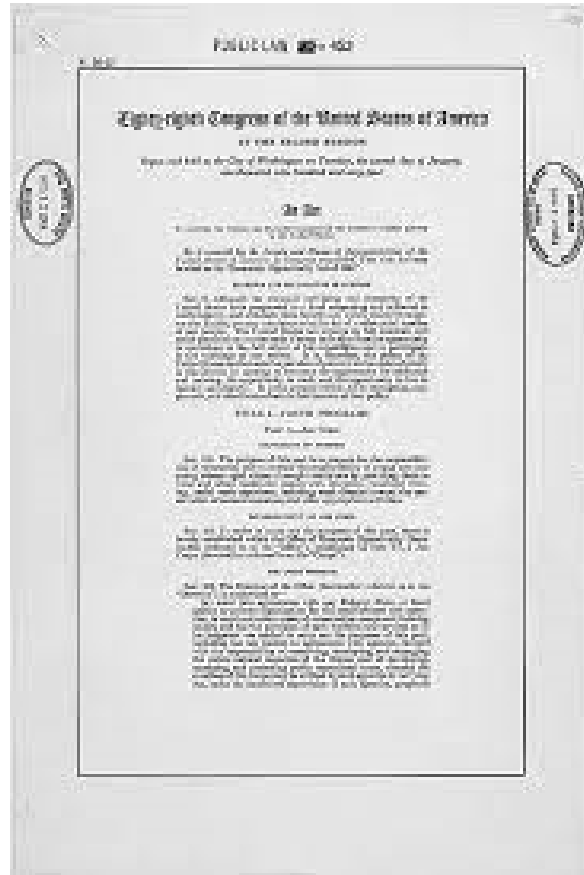


*A National Cancer Institute-designated Cancer Center*

“*When values are strong, rules are unnecessary. When values are weak, rules are insufficient.*”

Donald Berwick, M.D., Former Director of CMS

# Community Health Centers: *War on Poverty*



## LBJ Seeks \$962.5 Million To Fight Poverty In U.S.



### Five-Point Plan Aimed To Help Nation's Youth

WASHINGTON (UPI) — President Johnson, calling for "bold action" to the war against poverty, asked Congress today to approve a five-point \$962.5 million program to help open the door to prosperity for the nation's poor.

In a special message the Chief Executive proposed creation of a new federal office of economic opportunity, headed by Peace Corps Director Sargent Shriver, to lead the battle.

Johnson asked Congress to approve plans for a "job corps" that eventually would grow to 100,000 units who would be under-serviced counterparts of the "1000 boys" of the New Deal days in more than 100 towns across the land.

JOHN F. KERRY — helped lead the nation's fight against poverty, and was a key figure in the passage of the Economic Opportunity Act, which created the War on Poverty. He is shown here with other officials, including President Johnson, in the White House.

# How many Americans use Community Health Centers

- *7 million* people were cared for at nearly 2000 CHC sites in 1993
- HRSA funds nearly 1,400 health centers and approximately 100 Health Center Program look-alike organizations, collectively operating more than 14,000 service delivery sites in communities across the country. In 2021, health centers achieved a historic milestone of serving more than *30 million* people.

# 1942-1967: The History of Community Health Centers

Sidney and Emily Kark established the first CHC in South Africa, *Pholela Health Center*

1942



1950

Civil Rights Movement

President Lyndon B. Johnson signs Economic Opportunity Act of 1964 i.e. "War on Poverty", Jack Geiger at OEO proposed an idea of establishing CHC

1964

1965

Jack Geiger and Count Gison established *Columbia Point Health Center*, Dorchester, MA

First rural CHC established in Mound Bayou, MS, The *Delta Health Center*, Jack Geiger and John Hatch

1967



# Pillars of the CHC

1. The organization of poor communities and the management and control of their own health services is the first step
2. The development of the next generation of physician and nurses from the poor communities to serve those communities
3. The merger of frontline clinical medicine with a public health focus

# Lay Health Advisor



*Dr. Jo Anne Earp*

co-founded the N.C. Breast Cancer Screening Program in the late 1980s, one of the first large-scale interventions testing the “lay health advisor” approach to promoting and protecting health.

# Patient Navigation



*Dr. Harold P. Freeman*

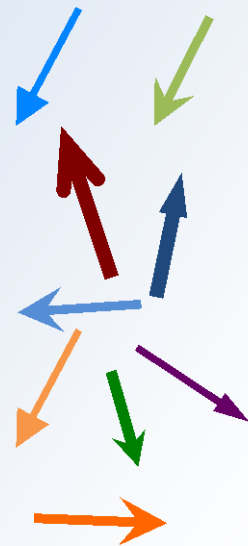
This discovery to delivery "disconnect" is a key determinant of the unequal burden of cancer.



# Alignment

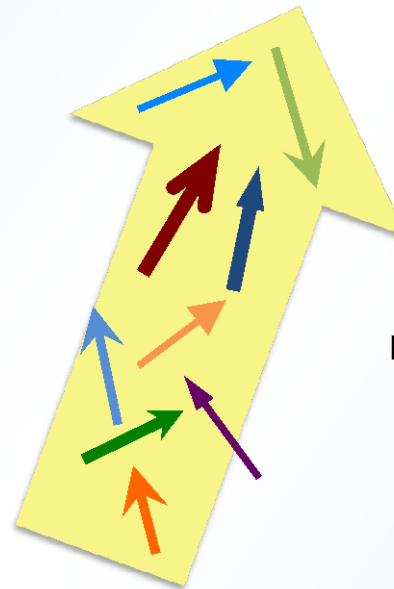
## ALIGNING THE FOCUS

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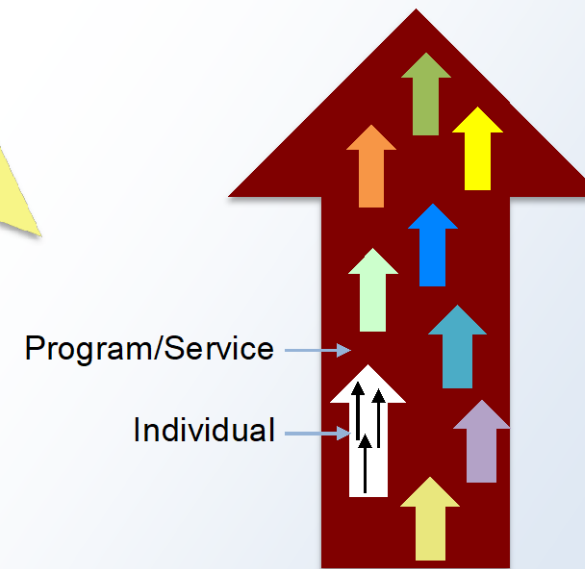
Current  
Community, Program,  
and Services  
Unaligned Projects

DEPLOYMENT



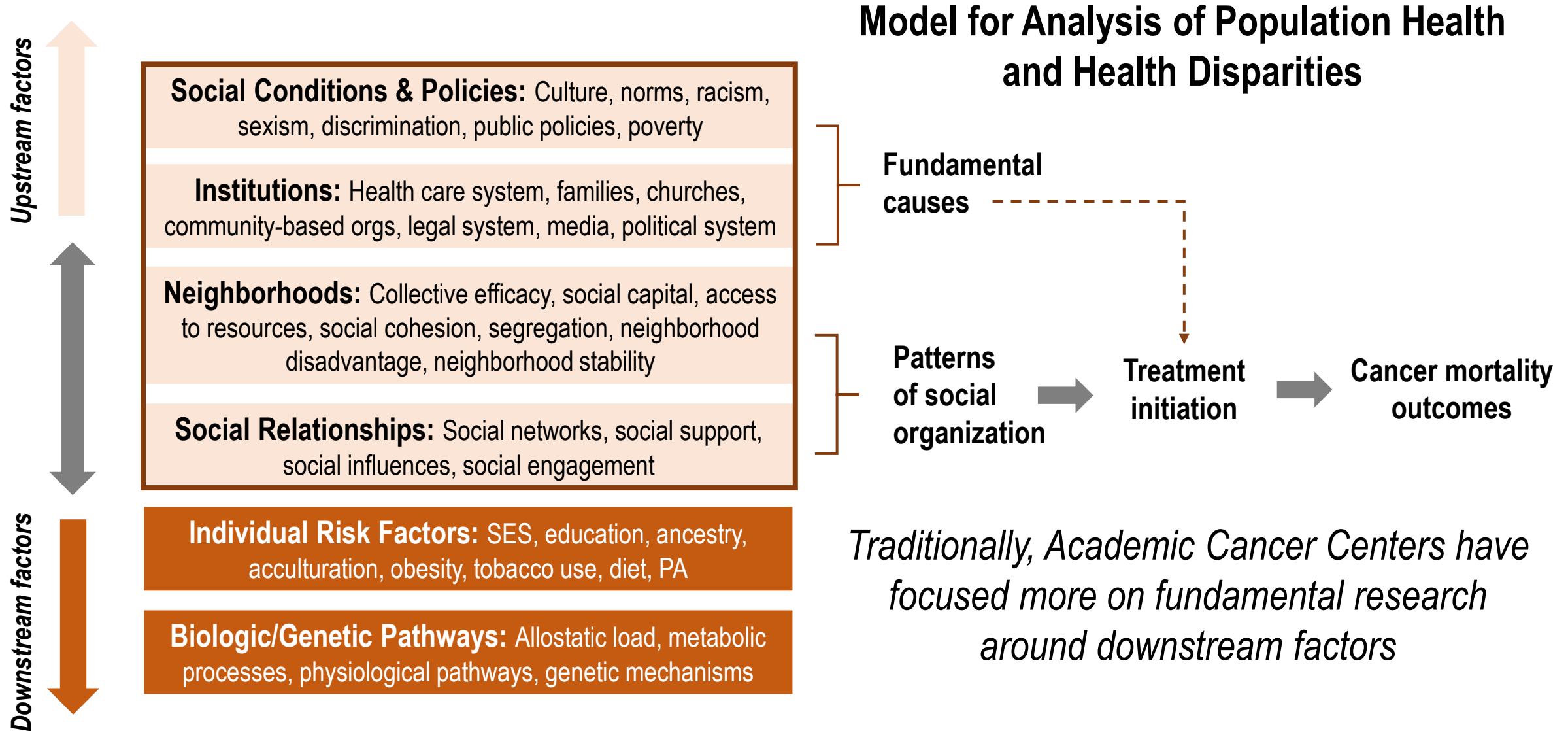
1-3 Years  
Community, Program,  
and Services  
Moving to Alignment

STRATEGIC DIRECTION

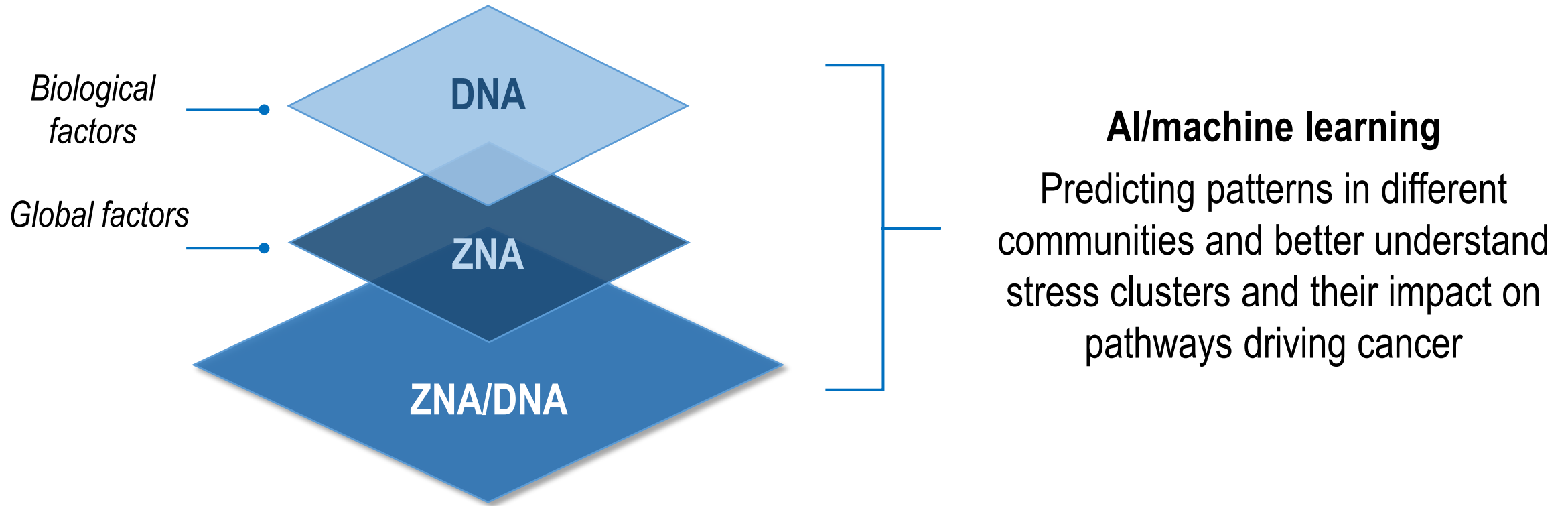


3-5 Years  
Community, Program, and  
Services, and Individuals  
Aligned Projects

# Social Drivers of Health and Structure



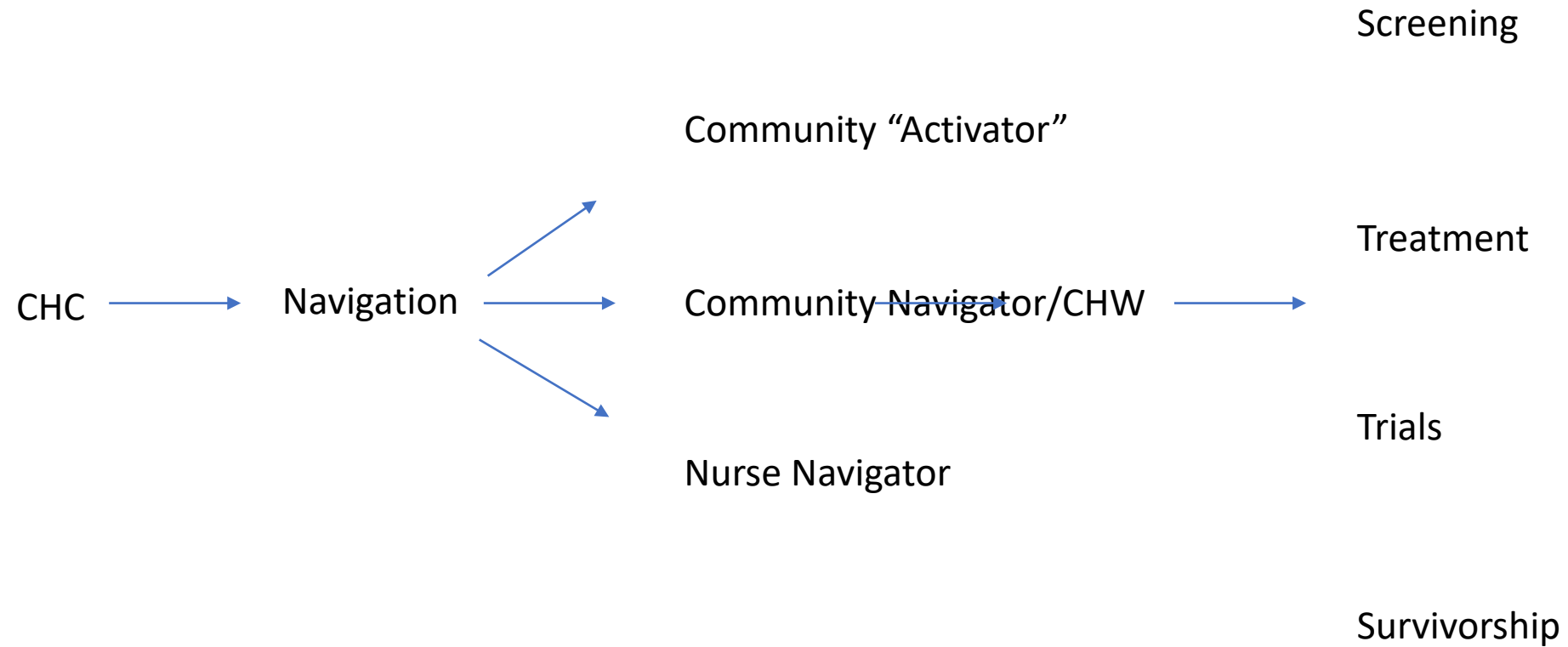
# Multi-Level Stress Clusters & Cancer



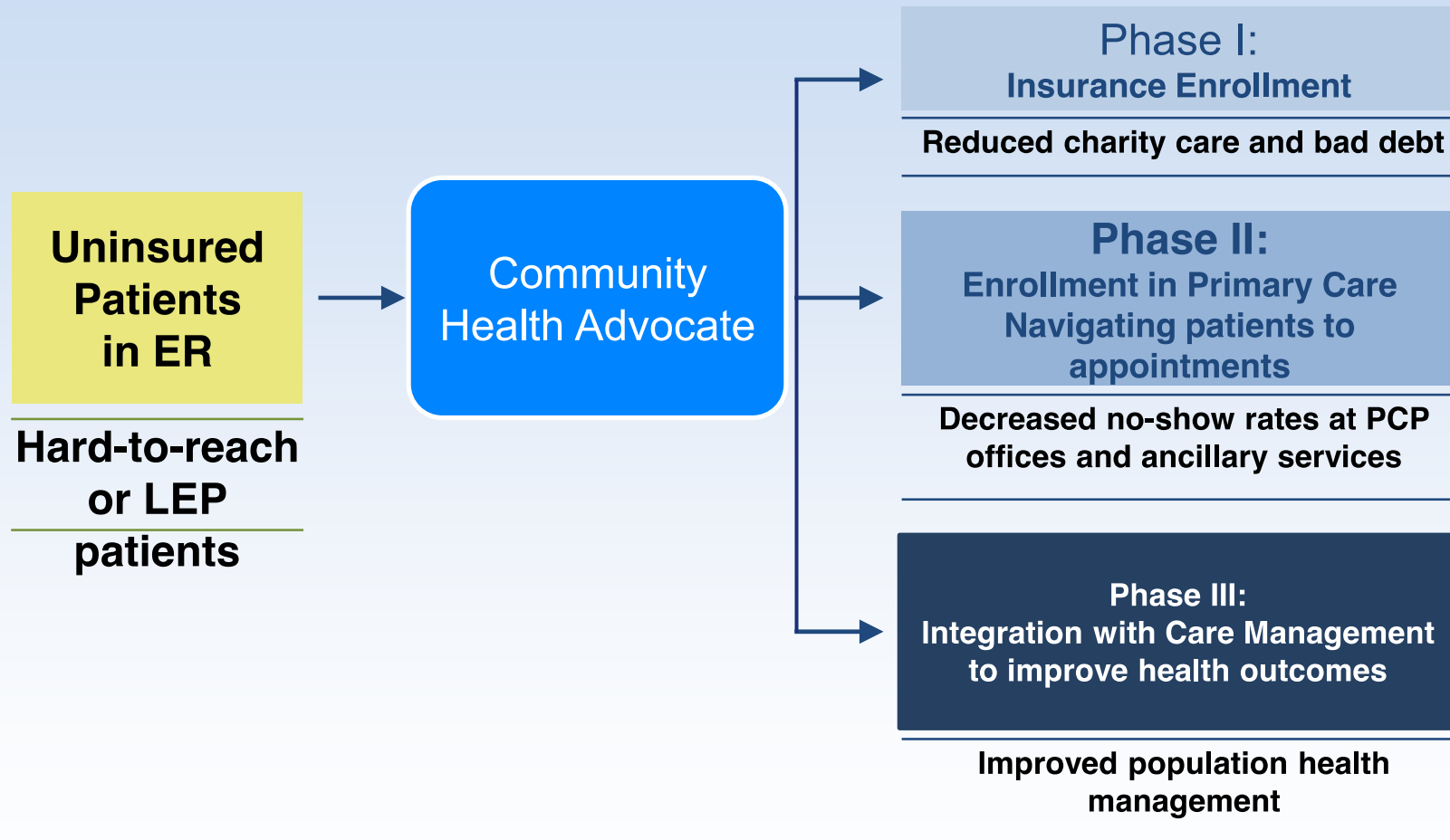
High Stress  Poorer Outcomes  More Cancer



# CHC Opportunity



# Community Health Advocate Program





# Questions?

