

Ending the Silos, Linking Across Boundaries What works?

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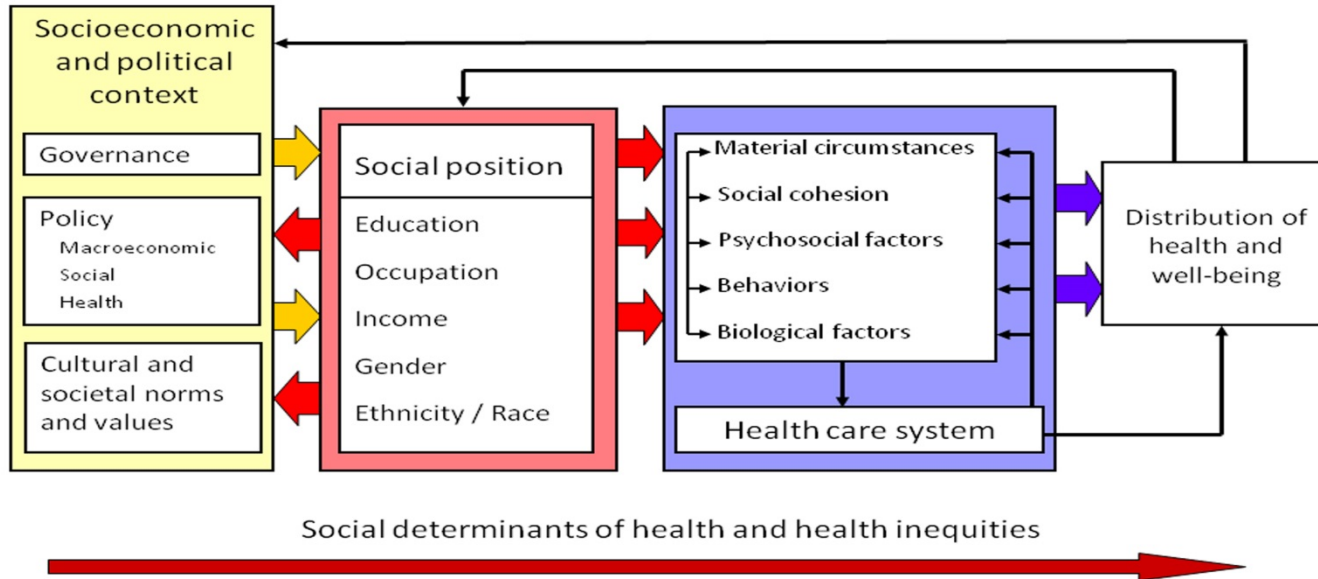
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Health vs Health care

WHO definition of health: “a complete state of physical, mental and social well-being, and not merely the absence of disease or infirmity.”

ATSI definition of health: “not just the physical well-being of an individual but refers to the social, emotional and cultural well-being of the whole Community in which each individual is able to achieve their full potential as a human being thereby bringing about the total well-being of their Community

The Social Determinants of Health



Removing silos

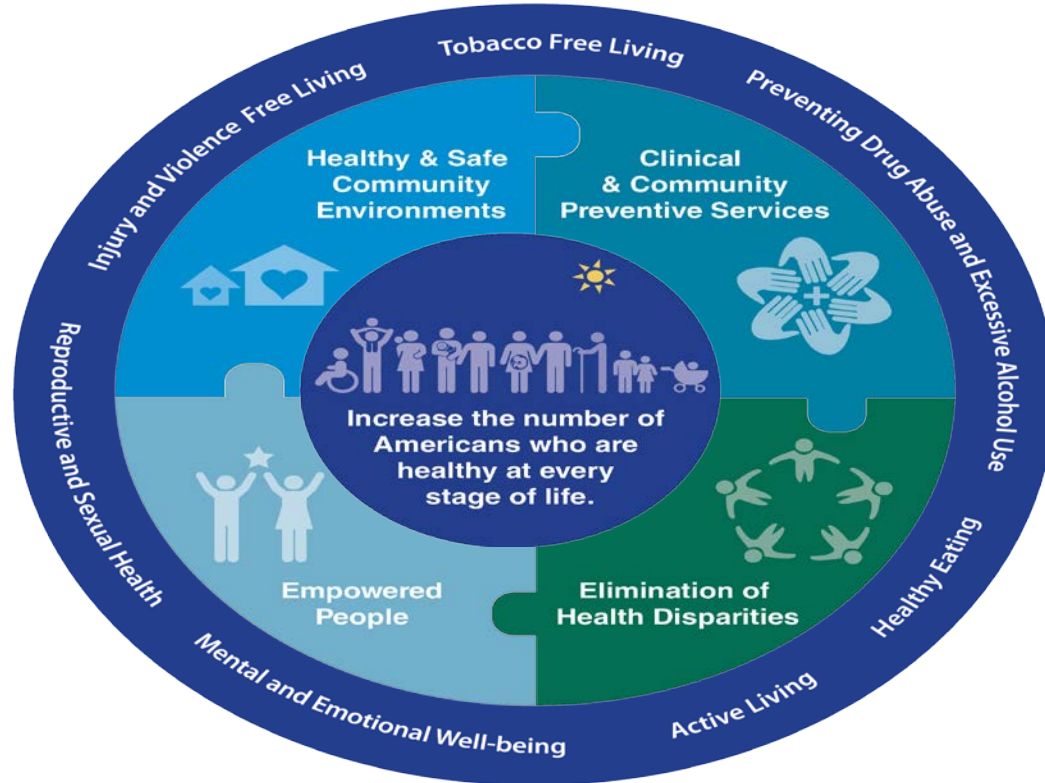
One department / jurisdiction / constituency alone cannot tackle ‘wicked problems’ like:

- Health inequalities
- Closing the Gap
- Mental health / substance abuse
- Ageing well
- Climate change

What works? United States

1. National Prevention Council
 - Established as part of ACA
 - 20 federal agencies, represented at highest level
 - Chaired by US Surgeon General (head of US Public Health Service Corps)
 - Prevention Advisory Group
 - National Prevention Strategy developed 2010

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- Federal Action Plan developed 2012
- Federal commitments to:
 - Tobacco-free environment
 - Healthy, affordable food
 - Identify opportunities to consider health and prevention
- Annual reporting at federal, state and county levels against established goals and targets
- Community Transformation Grants + funding to assist with grant applications and HiAP work

What works? Europe and UK

- Finland: North Karelia Project to tackle CHD, 1972 -
- Canada: Act Now BC Healthy legacy 2005-2010
- UK: efforts to integrate Health and Social Services, 2012 –
- Sweden: addressing health inequalities in Region Vastra Gotaland, 2012 -

The lessons

- Lots of reports and strategies
- Very little sustained action
- Political changes and interference
- Hard to take projects from local to national level and vice versa
- Culture changes more important than dollars

Where does this leave Australia?

- Federal / State divide is a hindrance but also a cop-out
- Need to be consistently clear about differences between general practice vs primary care vs primary health care
- Don't reinvent the wheel
 - Howard Govt 2004 report “ Connecting Government. Whole of Government Responses to Australia’s Priority Challenges”
 - South Australia Kickbusch & Buckett “Implementing Health in All Policies, Adelaide 2010”
 - COAG Indigenous Trials 2002-2006 – learning from lack of success
- Do something, do more, do better!