

# A CASE STUDY OF A SYSTEM AND POLICY CHANGE AT THE INTERSECTION OF HEALTH AND HOUSING

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# OVERVIEW

## OBJECTIVES

1. Identify where in the World Health Organization's framework the DNP can create impact to improve patient outcomes.
2. List examples of how the DNP prepared nurse participates in policy development and implementation in academia, clinical practice, administration, research and informatics.
3. Describe ways that DNP prepared nursing collaborate to influence change.

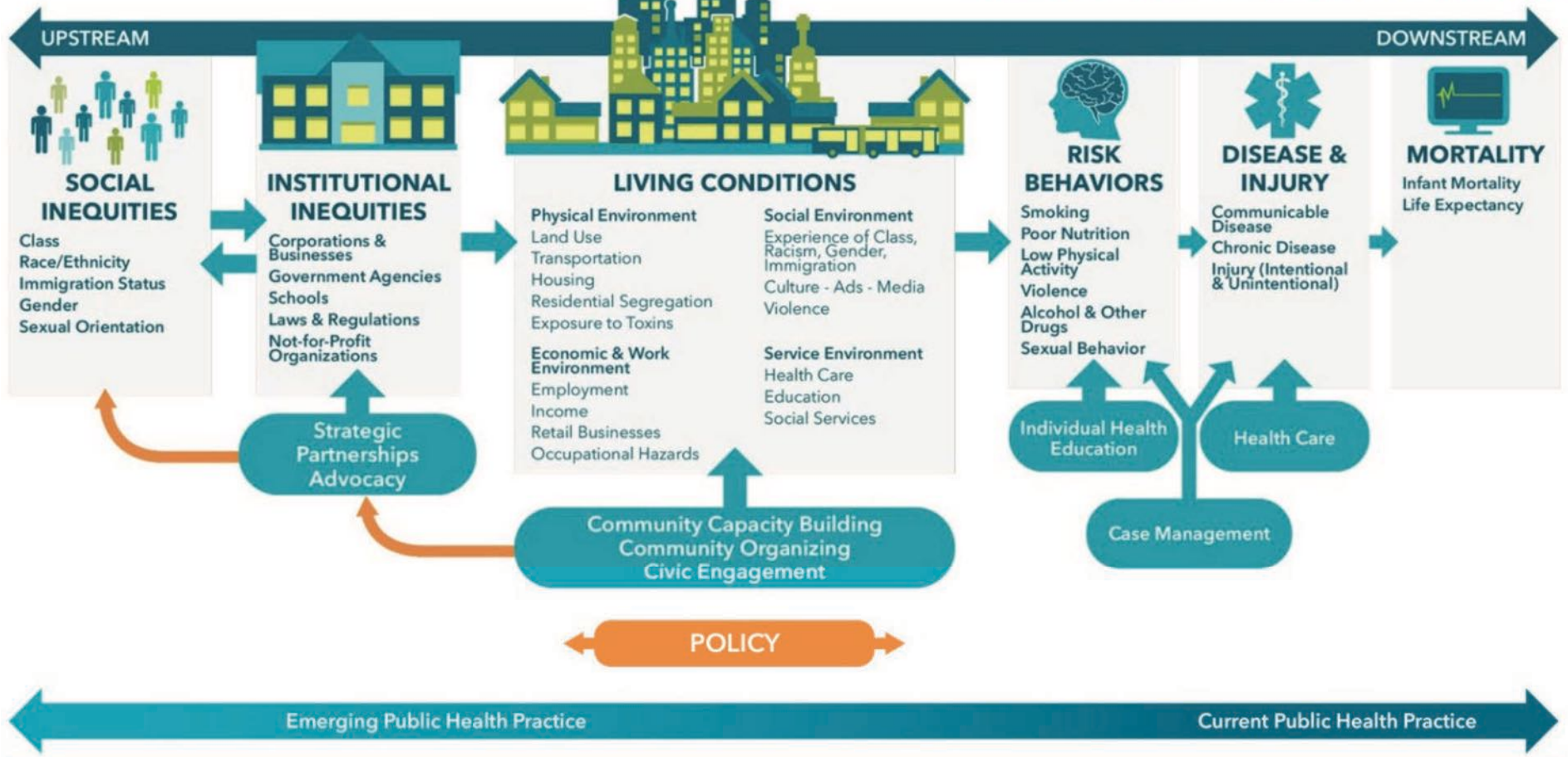
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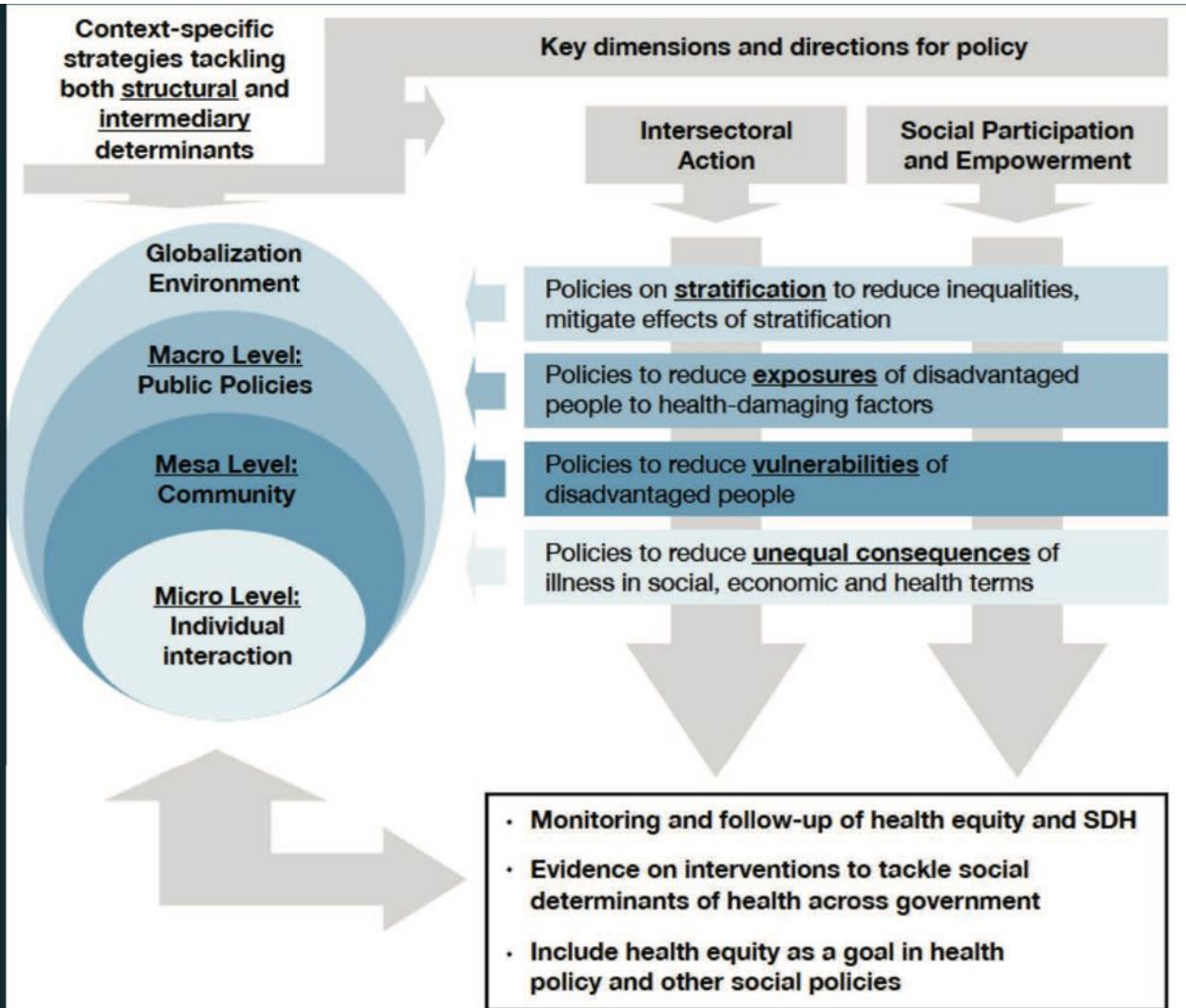
**It's always further than it looks.  
It's always taller than it looks.  
And it's always harder than it looks.**

THREE RULES OF  
MOUNTAINEERING

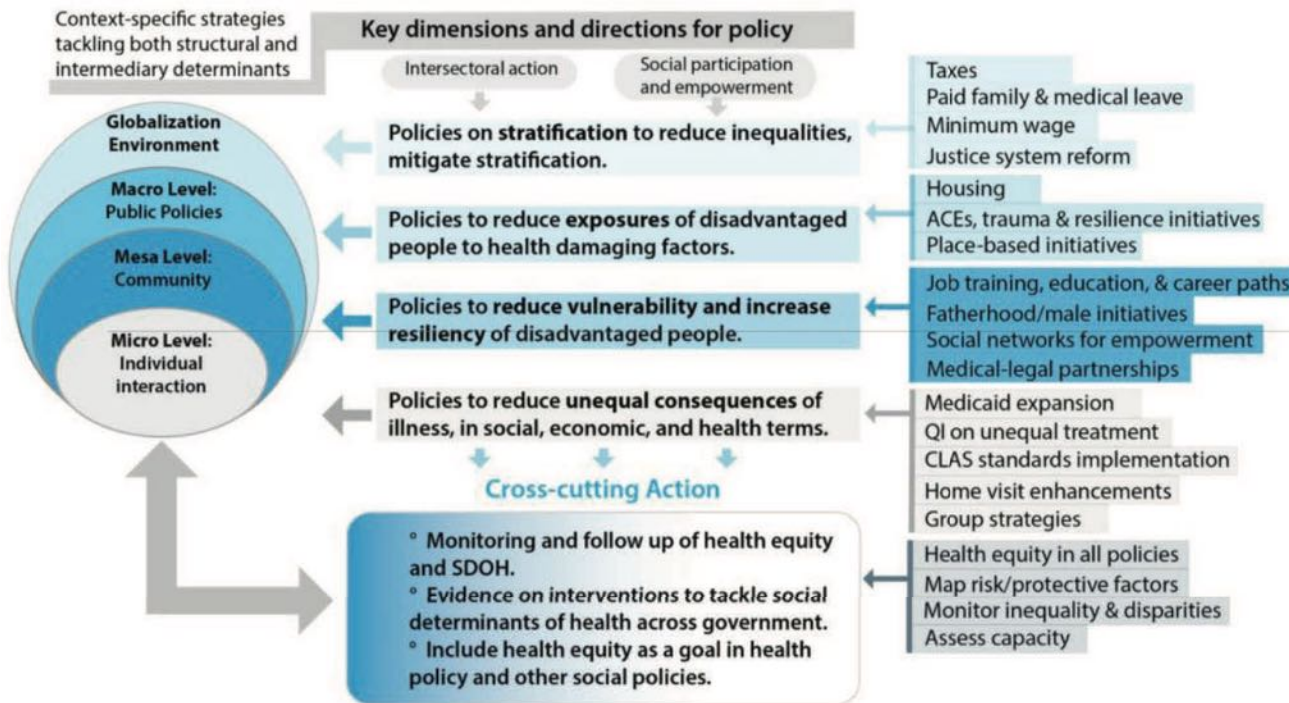
**A PUBLIC HEALTH FRAMEWORK FOR REDUCING HEALTH INEQUITIES**  
**BAY AREA REGIONAL HEALTH INEQUITIES INITIATIVE**



# WHO Framework for tackling SDH inequities

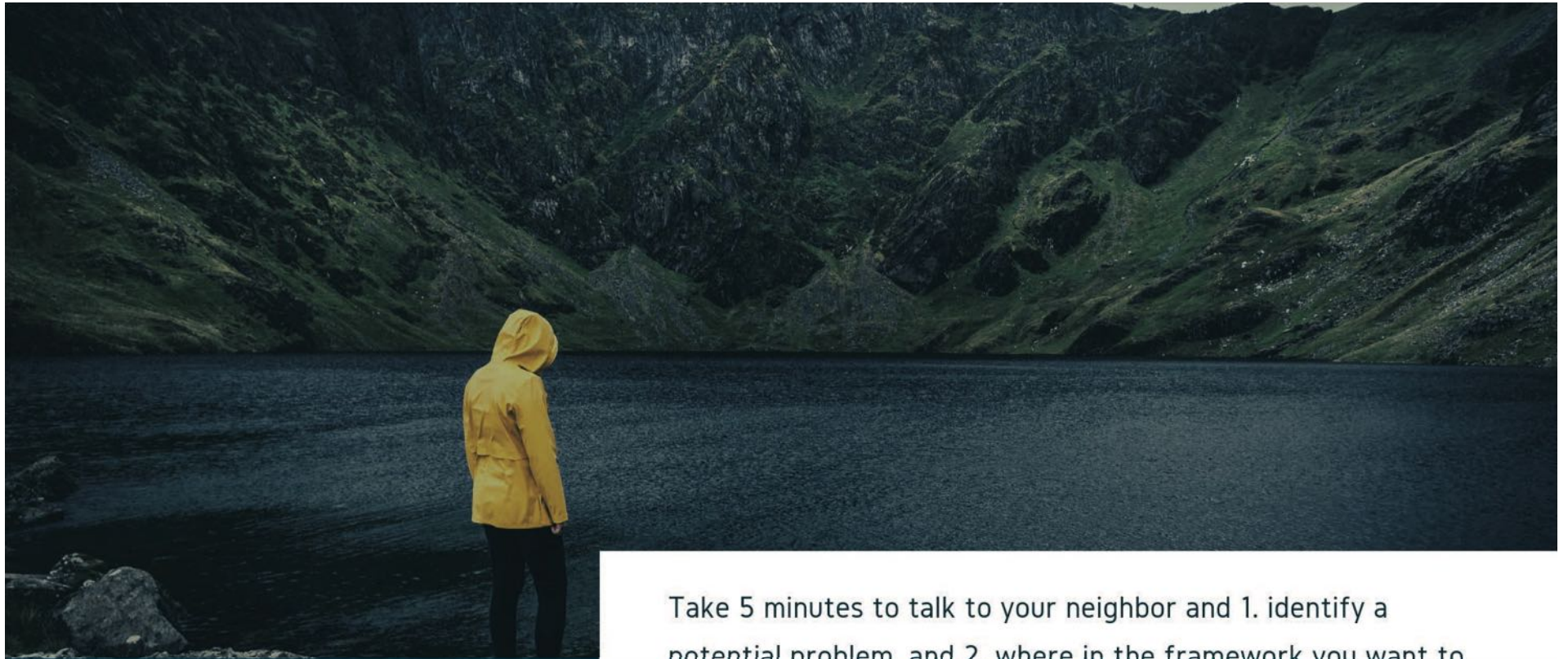


## WHO Framework for Tackling Social Determinants of Health and Infant Mortality CoIIN SDOH Recommended Strategies



Infant Mortality CoIIN/SDOH Learning Network Recommended Strategies 4/30/15

# Health equity in all policy



Take 5 minutes to talk to your neighbor and 1. identify a potential problem, and 2. where in the framework you want to create change ie: macro, mesa, micro





## ONE STEP AT A TIME

IDENTIFY THE  
PROBLEM

DEFINE WHAT  
LEVEL OF  
INTERVENTION

BUILD A  
COALITION

INITIATE PDSA  
CYCLE





# THE PROBLEM

## SHORTENED LIFE SPAN

- The mean age of death for individuals experiencing homelessness—51 years old—an astounding 28 years less than the 79 years expected for the general population.

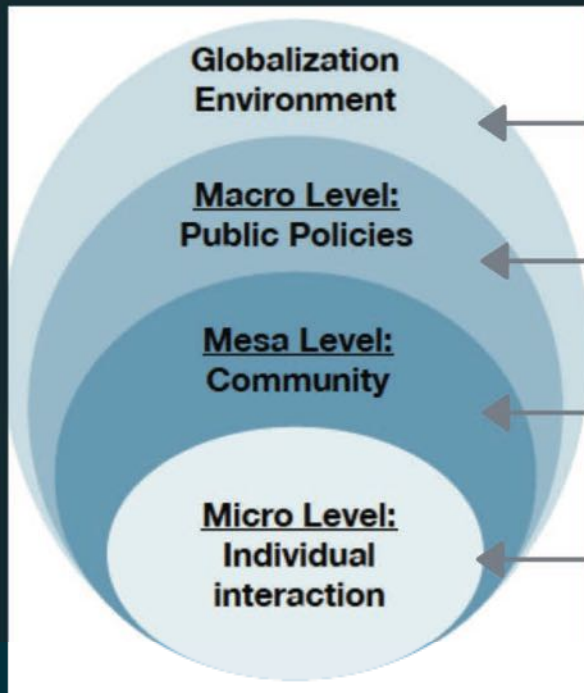
## PROLONGED HOSPITAL ADMISSIONS

- People who are experiencing homelessness have inpatient length of stays twice as long as the general population.

## HIGH RECIDIVISM RATE

- 30 day readmission rate of 50.8%
- 70.3% total return when including both ED and Inpatient admissions
- 74.8% of readmissions occurred within 2 weeks of discharge

# LEVEL OF INTERVENTION



Education

Economic opportunity

Social connection

Affordable housing

Environmental safety

Criminal justice reform

Access to culturally competent, trauma informed healthcare

Care in the right place at the right time

Substance use treatment and mental health care

Medicaid expansion



# MEDICAL RESPITE

## DEFINITION

Medical respite care is acute and post-acute medical care for homeless persons who are too ill or frail to recover from a physical illness or injury on the streets but are not ill enough to require hospital level care<sup>15</sup>

## SUBJECT EXPERTS

The National Healthcare for the Homeless Council is the leading expert. They have toolkits, standards, a clinician network, and trainings.

## DEVOTING RESOURCES

Maximizing the resources from each partner including: time, administrative support, legal consultation, and expertise.

## STRATEGY

Developed a steering committee comprised of leadership from each organization and developed working groups: facilities, programs, and finance.

# TRIPLE AIM



Population Health



Reducing per capita cost



Experience of care

# COALITION BUILDING

HOSPITAL



FEDERALLY  
QUALIFIED  
HEALTH  
CENTER



SOCIAL  
SERVICE  
ORGANIZATION



# PROGRESS

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## FUNDING

Secured two year seed funding. Will generate revenue from billable visits. Will work towards diversifying payer mix.



## STAFFING

Biggest overall cost. Had to first delineate program. Difficult to get three organizations to philosophically align.



## LOCATION

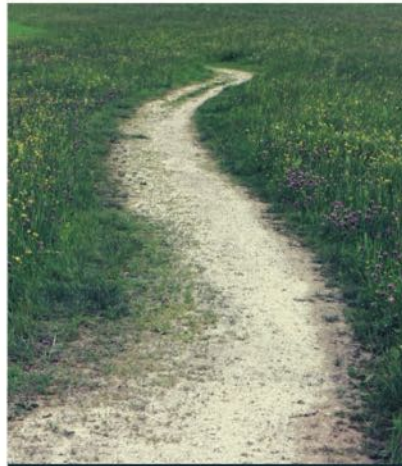
Largest barrier for the project. Politically difficult in current climate.



## REGULATION

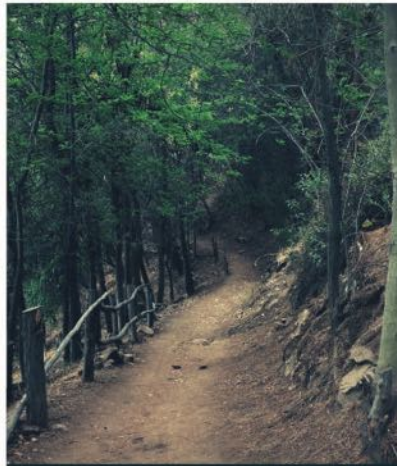
Worked with state and city DHHS. Under scope of practice for FQHCs, but state regulation limitations

# POLICY & REGULATION



## CITY

City ordinances and code



## STATE

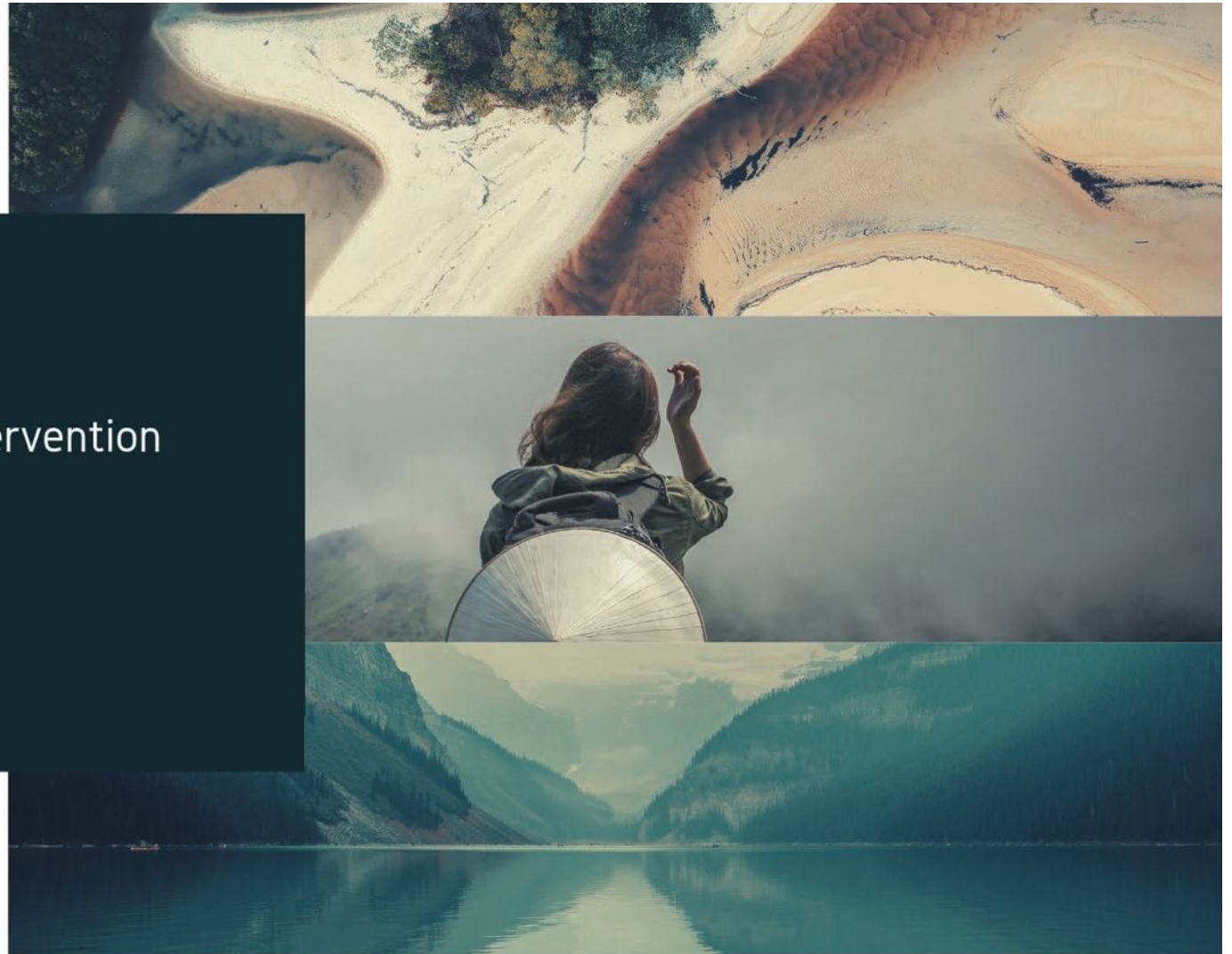
DHHS Licensing



## FEDERAL

HRSA FQHC scope of practice

- Problem
- Level of Intervention
- Coalition
- Next Steps







# DISCUSSION

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