



Impact of the Federal Administration on Healthcare and Public Health: Policies, Practices & Pushback

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Vision

A Massachusetts of healthy, equitable, just, and thriving communities where racism, poverty, and zip code do not determine our health or lifespan.

Mission

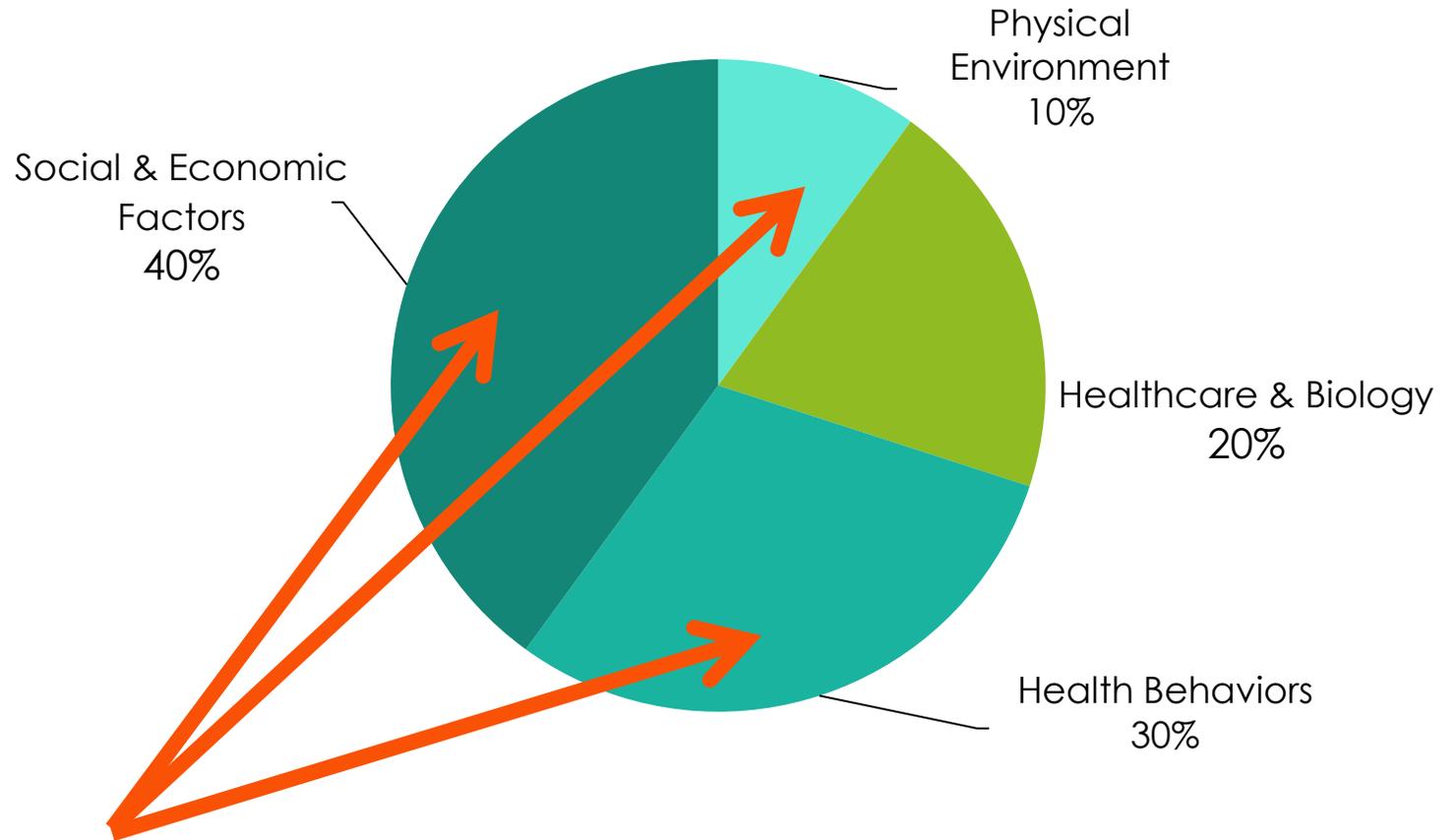
MPHA is a catalyst for community-driven policy change that fosters conditions for people to achieve their full health potential where they live, work, and play. We advocate and organize **in partnership** to **dismantle structural racism** and address the other root causes of health inequities.



The space between MPHA's vision and the current context can only be filled through ***action***

- ✓ That action needs to focus on what matters
- ✓ That action will only be effective if it is done in **partnership** - if it builds community power

WHAT MAKES US HEALTHY?

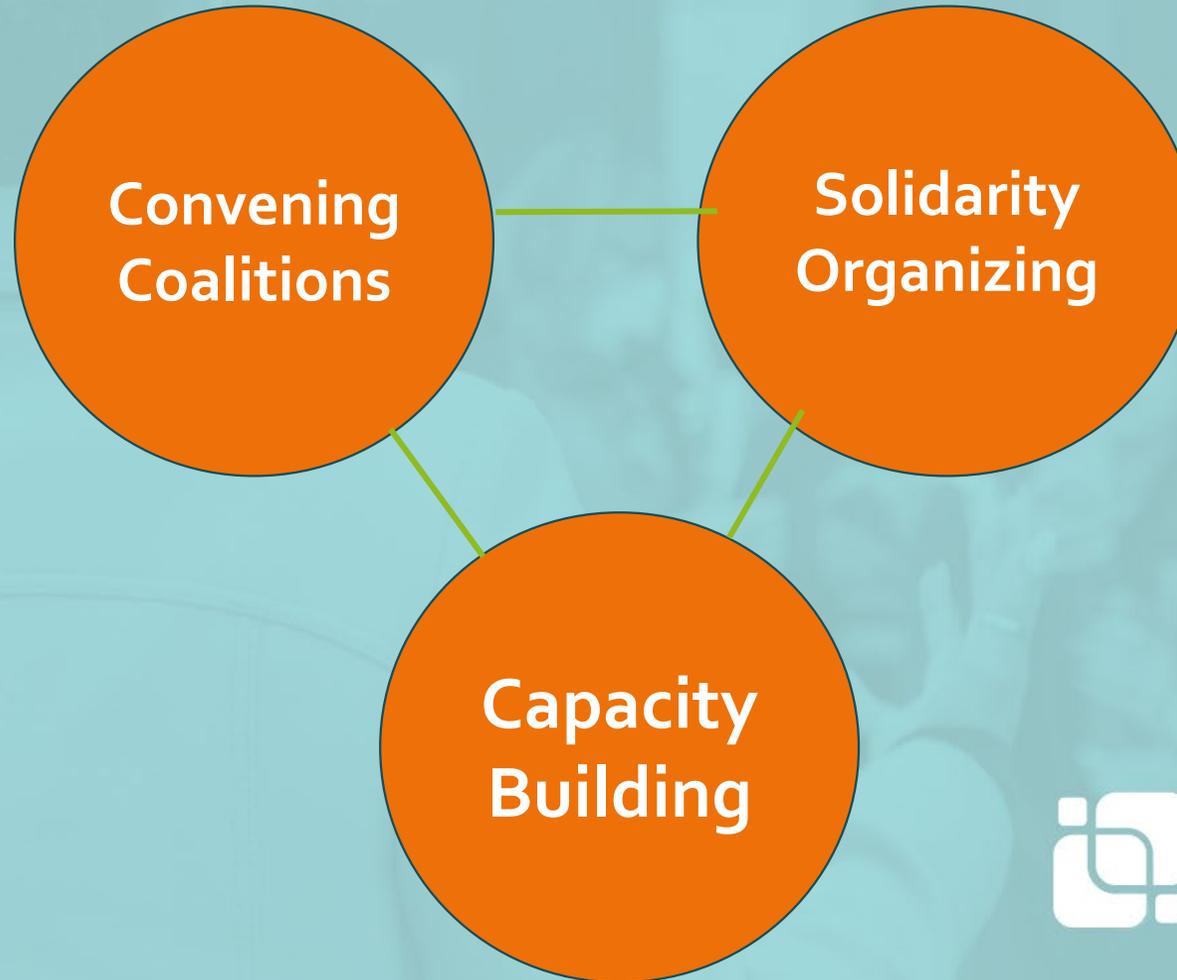


the majority of what contributes to our health is the social, economic, behavioral, and physical factors that we experience where we work, live and play

Source: "What Works, Social & Economic Opportunities to Improve Health for All," County Health Rankings & Roadmaps, 2018.

Three Partnership Patterns for Building Community Power

**Power is a
Social
Determinant of
Health**



Pushing Back to Keep Moving Forward

Opportunities for ACTION at the federal and state levels

- Addressing structural barriers
- Following the lead of those most impacted

MEETING THE POLITICAL MOMENT: *MASSACHUSETTS*

- **Revenue** – must focus on state revenue to offset federal cuts
 - ✓ ***Protect our Care: Corporate Fair Share & Reserves***
 - Raise Up Massachusetts
- **Responding to the Housing Crisis in MA**
 - ✓ ***Keep MA Home***: Rent Control Ballot Question
 - Homes for All Massachusetts
- ***Responding to federal abductions of our neighbors***
 - ✓ ***Protecting Massachusetts Communities*** Campaign
 - MA Immigrant & Refugee Advocacy Coalition

MEETING THE POLITICAL MOMENT: *FEDERAL*

➤ ***Protecting Basic Public Health Advances:***

- Peer-Reviewed Science
 - Vaccines
 - Harm Reduction
 - Protecting Medicaid/the Exchanges
- ✓ **Lawsuit against RFK Jr & HHS on vaccine policy**
- Plaintiffs with APHA, AAP, IDSA, SMFM, and others

The arc of history is long, but it bends towards justice.

- Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

But let's get real: we face enormous challenges

**The Future
we hope for is
*Possible, but
not Inevitable***

- Climate Collapse
- Housing Crisis
- Food Access
- Spiraling health care costs
- Loss of trust in public health
- A federal administration bent on
 - Intentionally deepening inequities
 - Sowing fear and chaos (attacks on immigrants, anti-science, and on and on...)
 - Reducing funding for basic public goods (health care, education, transportation, food, public health, and the list goes on...)
 - Accumulating power

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