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Health Equity Vs Health Disparities

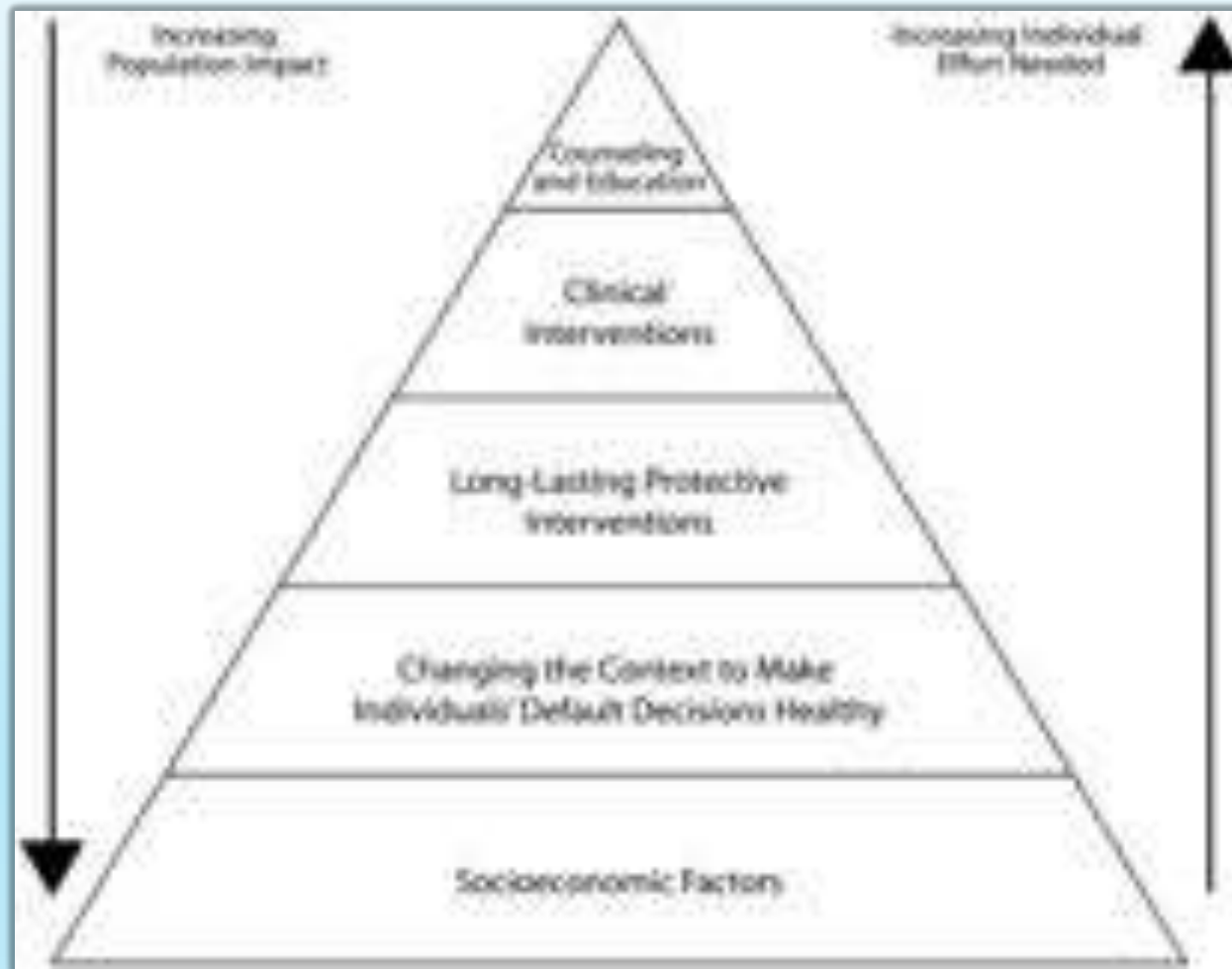
Health Equity

- ▶ Health Equality is the principle underlying a commitment to reduce - and ultimately eliminate- disparities in health and in its determinates.
- ▶ Social Justice

Health Disparities

- ▶ The metric used to measure progress towards greater health equity

The Health Impact Pyramid

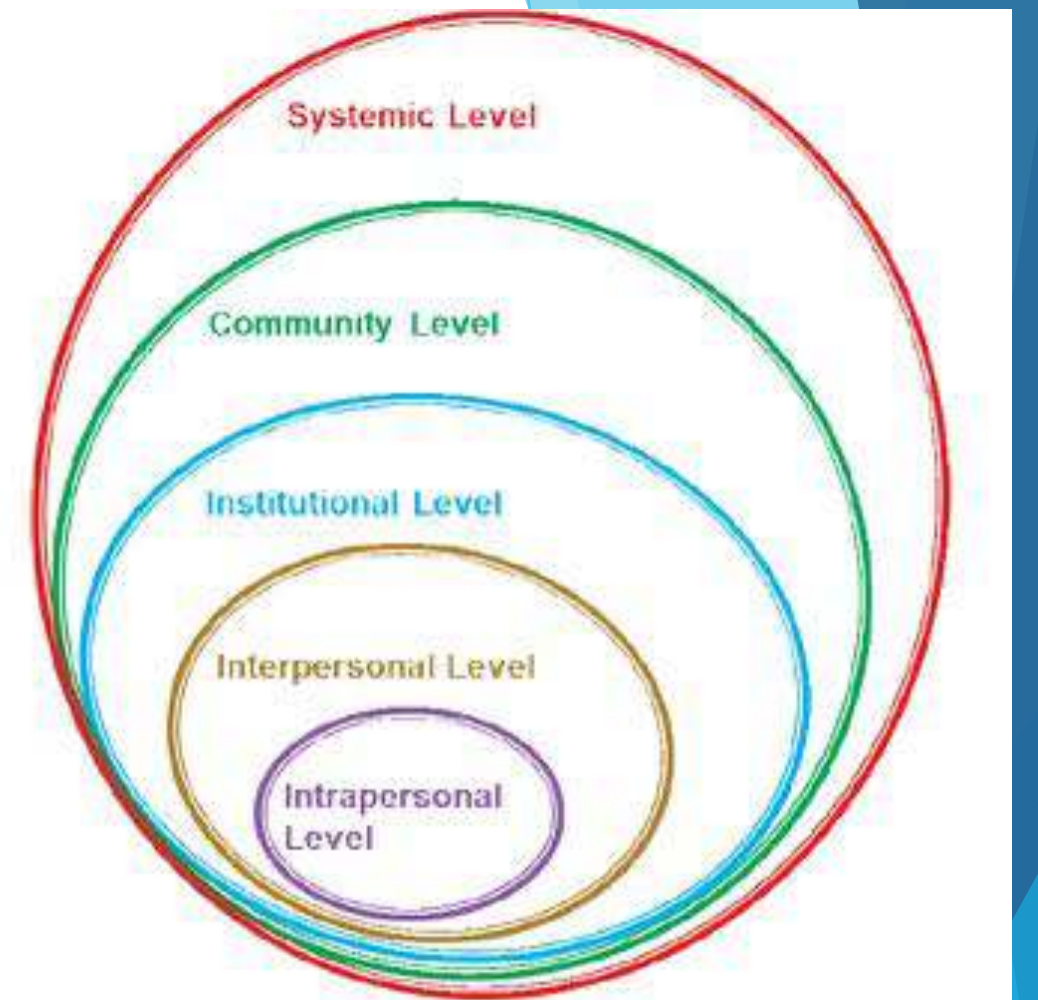


Root causes are diverse, complex and evolving

- ▶ Social Determinates of Health
 - ▶ Education
 - ▶ Employment
 - ▶ Income Level
 - ▶ Social Support & Community Inclusivity
 - ▶ Food Insecurity
 - ▶ Early Childhood Experiences

Structural Inequalities Create Disparities

- ▶ Produces systematic disadvantages which lead to inequitable experiences
- ▶ Encompasses policy, law, governance, and culture
- ▶ Refers to race, class, ethnicity, gender, class, sexual orientation



Systemic Level

- Immigration policies
- Incarceration policies
- Predatory banking

Community Level

- Differential resource allocation
- Racially or class segregated schools

Institutional Level

- Hiring and promotion practices
- Under- or over-valuation of contributions

Interpersonal Level

- Overt discrimination
- Implicit bias

Intrapersonal Level

- Internalized racism
- Stereotype threat
- Embodying inequities

“Religion at its best provides a wealth of resources to amplify the healing that comes from the hand of the physician and pharmacist”

Craig Rennebohn, Author of *Souls in the Hands of a Tender God*

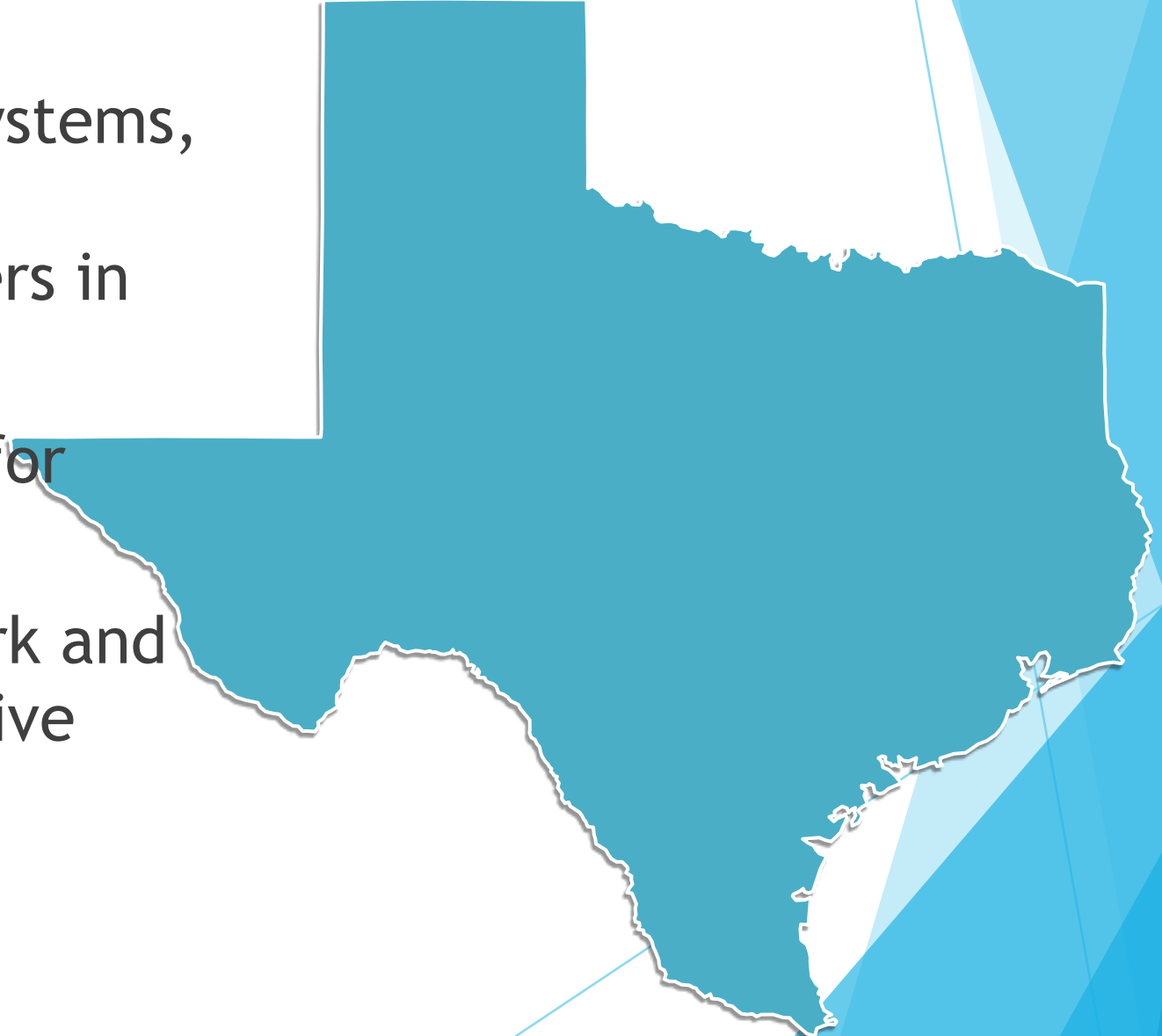
So why faith and health?

Models - Texas Faith and Health

- ▶ The challenge is not just repeating what others have done.
- ▶ Each community has its own heritage, culture, trauma - and therefore projects have to respond to those unique human needs.
- ▶ Non-traditional and innovative partnerships have been formed

Texas Faith and Health Network: Collective Impact Collaboration

- ▶ Comprised of Health Systems, Churches, Non-profits, Universities, Researchers in Texas
- ▶ Competition set aside for shared learning
- ▶ United under framework and strategizing for collective impact



Hospitals as Anchors: Preventing Hospital Readmissions

- ▶ **Houston Methodist Hospital, *Houston, TX***
 - ▶ Church volunteers are trained to support persons who were recently discharged from the hospital.
 - ▶ Patients are given assistance with follow up appointments, filling medications and coordination of **wrap around services**.
- ▶ **Baylor Scott and White Health, *Dallas, TX***
 - ▶ Church volunteers are trained to visit persons who were recently discharged from the hospital.
 - ▶ The volunteers visit the patients **in their homes** and offer **social companionship**.
 - ▶ Measured reduction in hospital readmissions.

Faith Communities: Behavioral Health

- ▶ **God's Way Christian Baptist Church, *Taylor, TX***
 - ▶ Coordinated an open dialogue between the police and African American males at an African American **barber shop**. This dialogue **openly talked about concerns around policing for African Americans and persons with mental health**.
 - ▶ Free physical and mental health **screenings**. Provides **MHFA trainings** to other churches.
- ▶ **T3 Mental Health and Wellness, Windsor Village Church Family, *Houston***
 - ▶ Created program in response to community trauma experienced by violence against African Americans in the media.
 - ▶ **In-house counseling program** with certified coaches, pastors, licensed counselors and interns. Created network with 5 other African American churches.
 - ▶ Hosts multiple activities for **youth** including “lock-ins” with **educational lectures** integrated

Faith Communities: Chronic Care Disease Management

- ▶ **Community Coalition for Health, *Austin, TX***
 - ▶ Innovative **Diabetes Intervention Program** for African American Community
 - ▶ Community Outreach for Public Health Departments and Healthcare Providers

