

NACCHO, Local Health Departments, and FIMR

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My Comments Today

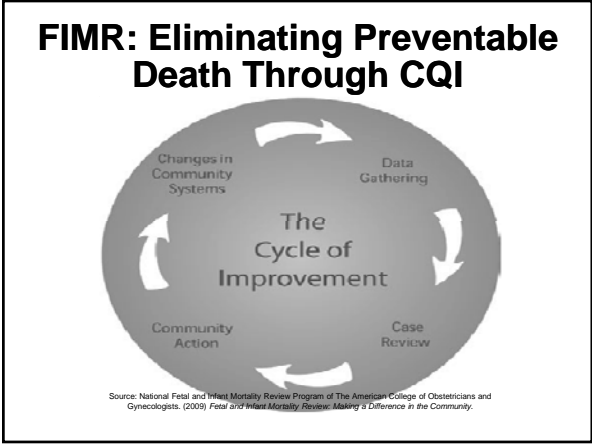
- National Association of County and City Health Officials (NACCHO)
- Local health departments
- FIMR and health equity
- NACCHO resources
- Innovation in LHDs

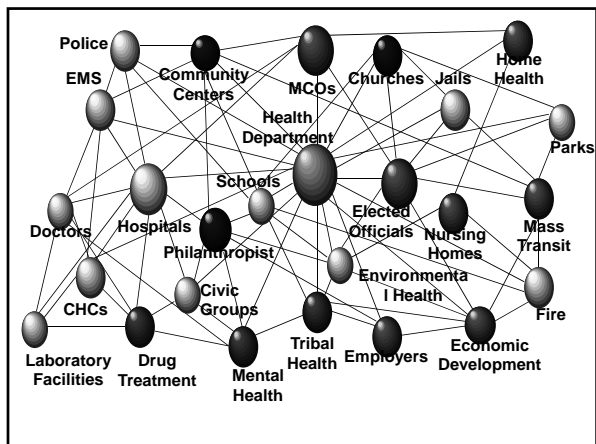
NACCHO

- Numbers: 501(c)3; ~2800
- Vision: health, equity, and security for all people
- Mission: leader, partner, catalyst, and voice

Local Health Departments

- Vision: healthy people in a healthy place (population health)
- Mission: assessment, policy development, and assurance (public health CQI)
- Values: prevention, health promotion, protection, partnership





Analysis: The Personal Case

- Why didn't baby Justin survive?
- But why was he born prematurely?
- But why did his mother develop an intrauterine infection?

Analysis: The Personal Case

- But why was her immune system compromised?
- But why was she experiencing stress?
- But what did she do to experience stress?

Root Cause Analysis: The Population Case

- Have other babies not survived?
- Are the conditions experienced by Jason's family experienced by others?
- Is there a pattern of conditions?

Inequity: Moving to a Population Lens

- Organizational and rule-making power creates inequity
- Power creates and sustains root causes
 - Class structure, racism, gender inequity

Inequity: Moving to a Population Lens

- Root causes generate preventable death
 - In FIMR's case, infant death
- Power is subject to change

What Questions Could FIMR Answer?

- **What makes infants and their families vulnerable?**
- **What organizational, societal, and personal decision-making power results in preventable infant death?**
- **How could power be exercised differently to prevent infant death?**

What Questions Could FIMR Answer?

- **How can we change land use, education, business, food, housing, and transportation policies to ensure healthy people, spaces, and places?**
- **What collective action is necessary to create that change?**

NACCHO Resources

- **Preconception Health and Health Care Resource Center**

NACCHO Resources

- **Multi-media web-based curriculum, Roots of Health Inequity:**
www.rootsofhealthinequity.org
 - **Anthology, Tackling Health Inequity Through Public Health Practice**
 - **LHD National Coalition for Health Equity**
 - **Handbook (in development)**

Local Health Departments, FIMR, and Health Equity

- **Metro Public Health Department (TN)**
- **San Francisco Department of Public Health (CA)**
- **Boston Public Health Commission (MA)**

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