WHAT A TIME! HISTORIC CHALLENGES…AND OPPORTUNITIES

TWO WATERY IMAGES

MORE EMERGENCIES…AND DIFFERENT KINDS

- Climate change
- Mental health & suicide
- Substance use
- Maternal mortality
- Dementia
- Vaping

Federal public health emergencies, by year:

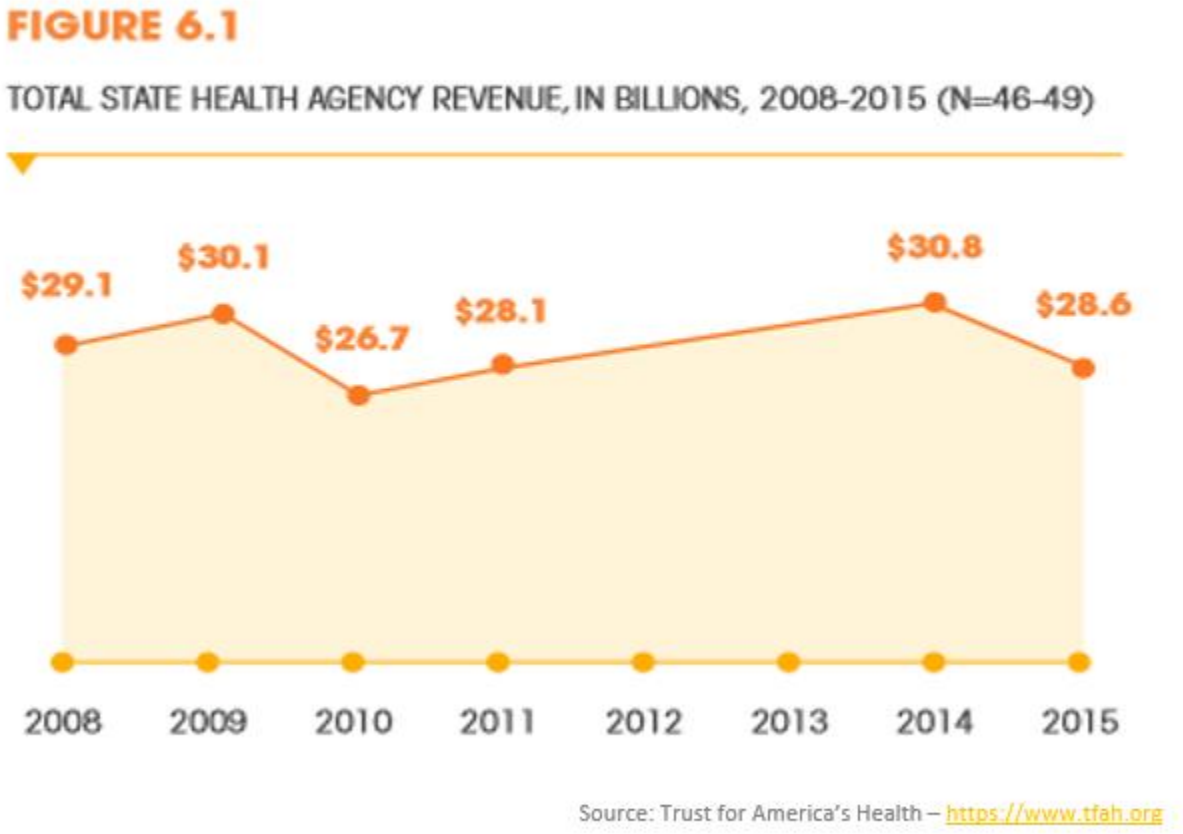
- 2010 – 2
- 2011 – 6
- 2012 – 3
- 2013 – 1
- 2016 – 2
- 2017 – 18
- 2018 – 15
- 2019 – 12

Question #1 - Excluding COVID, how many significant public health emergency situations have you dealt with in the past 5 years?

1. 1 - 2
2. 3 -5
3. 6 - 10
4. More than 10

CHRONIC UNDERFUNDING OF PUBLIC HEALTH

- State funding has been historically unstable, and is lower today than in 2008



Source: Trust for America's Health – https://www.tfah.org

STATE PUBLIC HEALTH WORKFORCE

- Staffing capacity at state departments has decreased steadily over the past decade

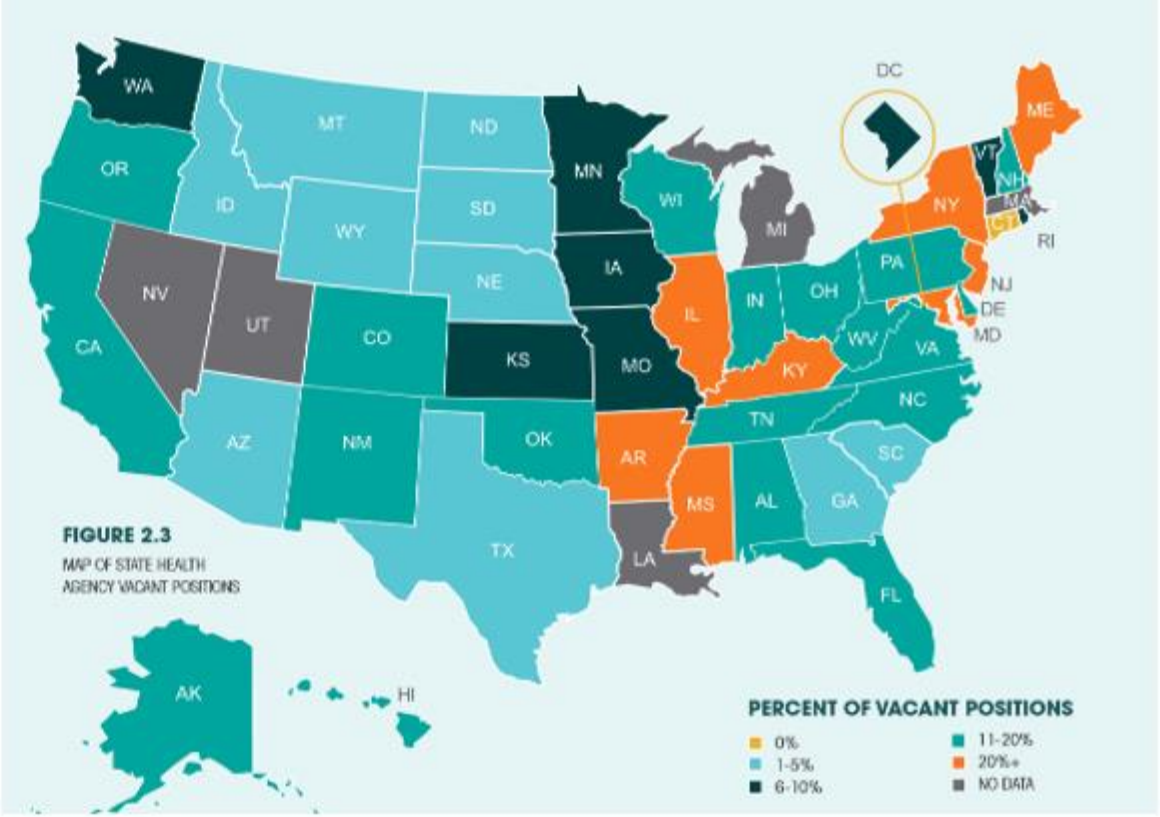
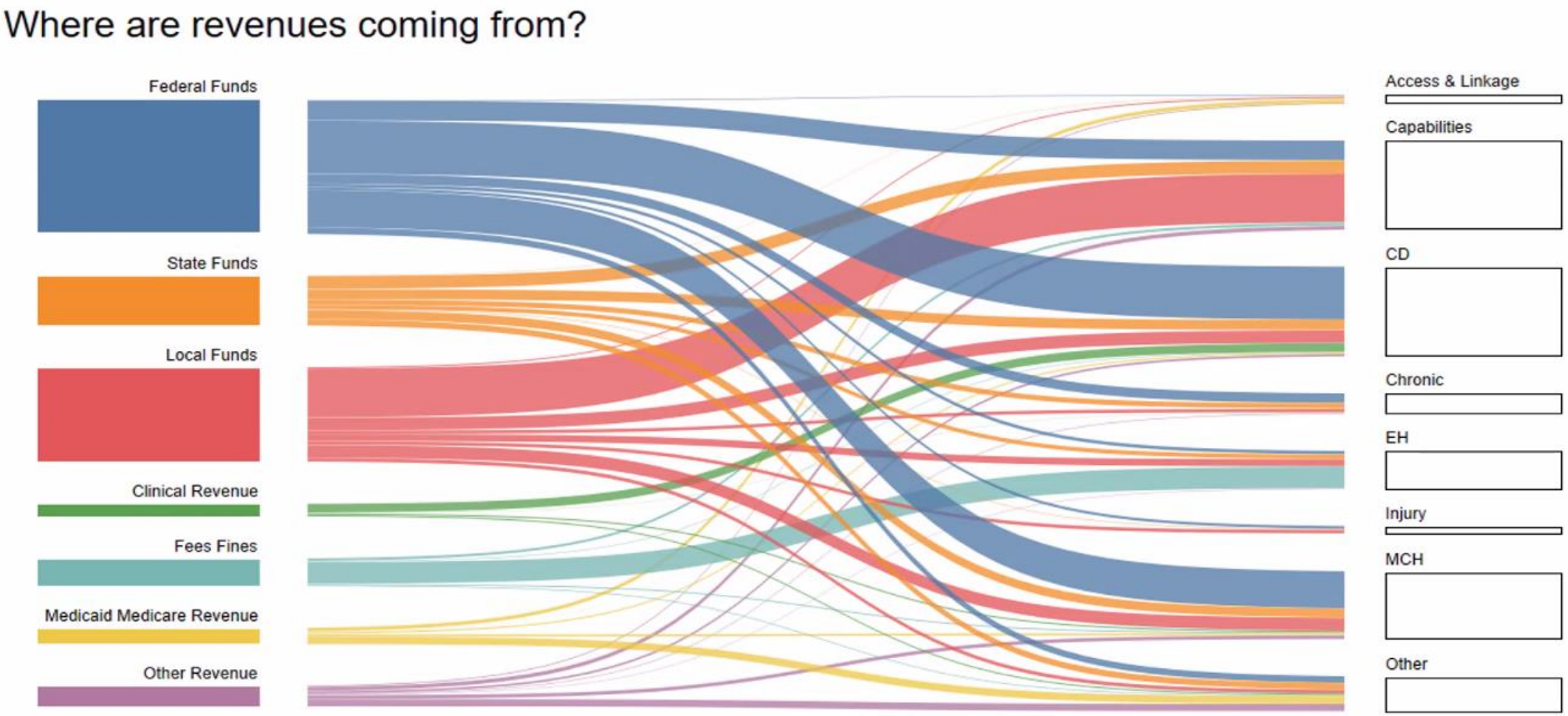


FIGURE 2.3
MAP OF STATE HEALTH AGENCY VACANT POSITIONS

TABLE 2.1 ESTIMATED NUMBER OF STATE HEALTH AGENCY FULL-TIME EMPLOYEES, 2010-2016[4]

	2010			2012			2016		
	MEAN	MEDIAN	TOTAL	MEAN	MEDIAN	TOTAL	MEAN	MEDIAN	TOTAL
Number of FTEs (N=50)	2,129	1,210	106,459	2,010	1,152	100,468	1,945	1,090	97,230

LIMITS TO PH SYSTEM FOCUS & FUNCTIONING



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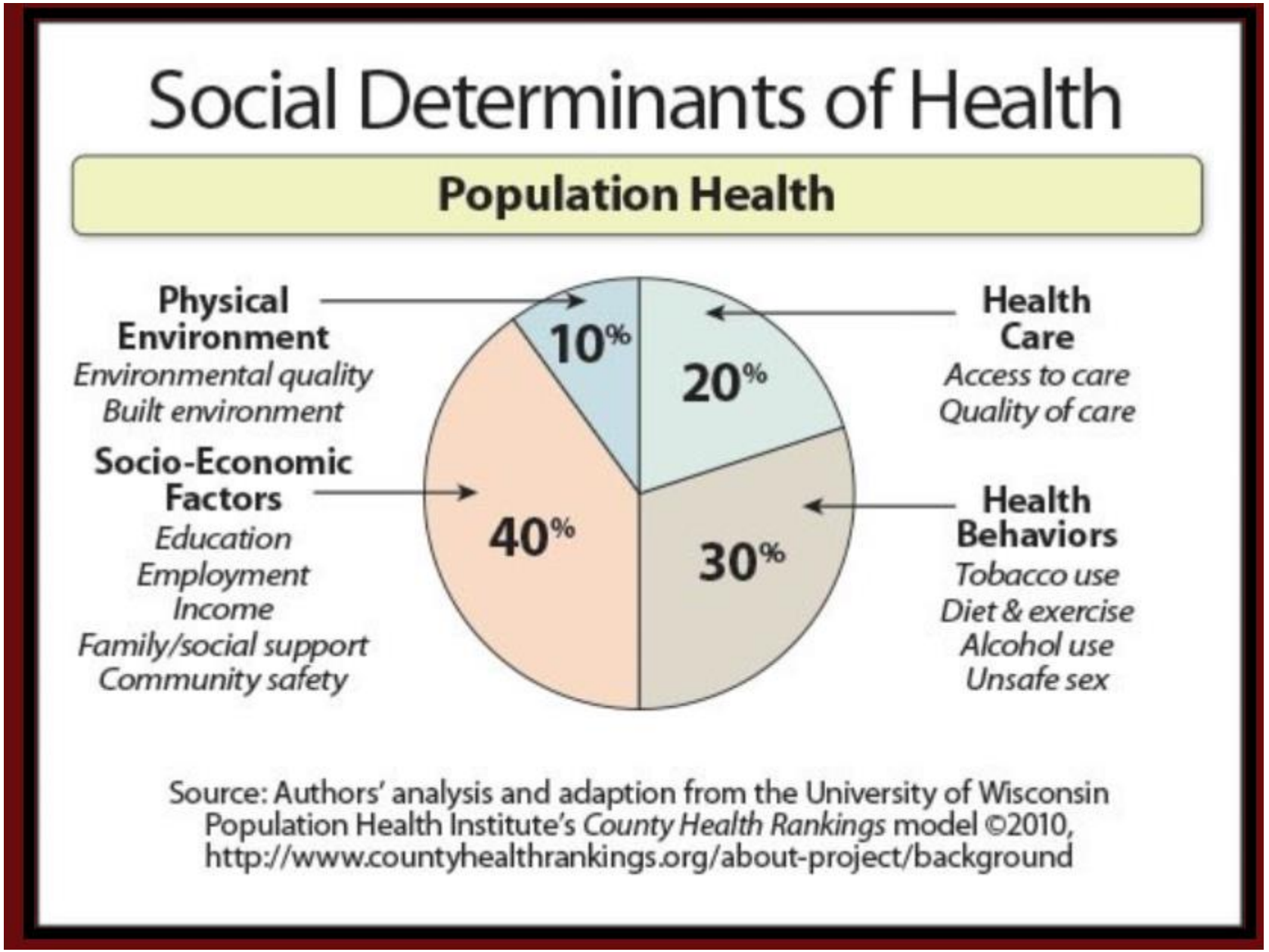
Public Health Activities & Services Tracking

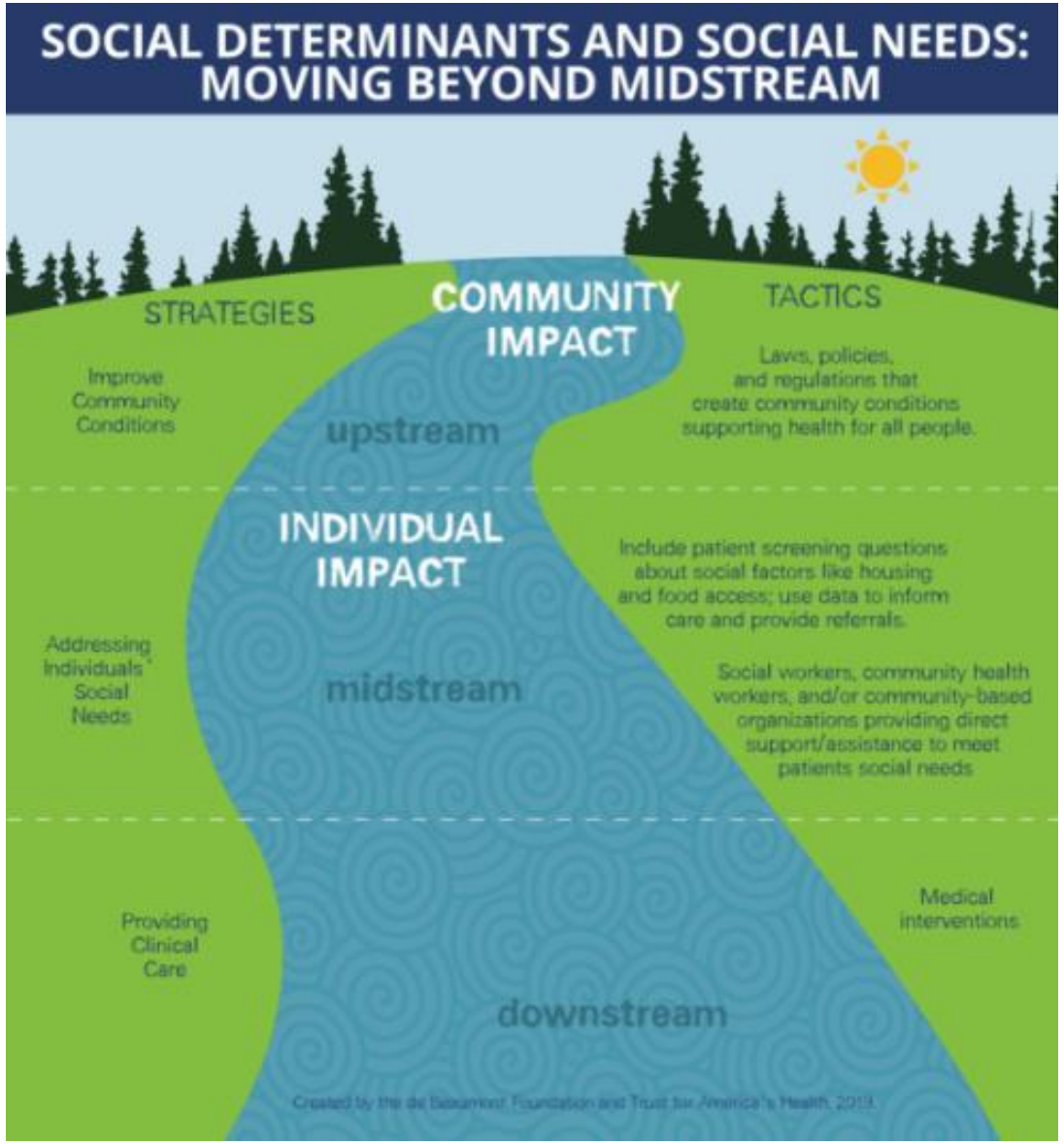
LIMITED RESOURCES IN KEY AREAS



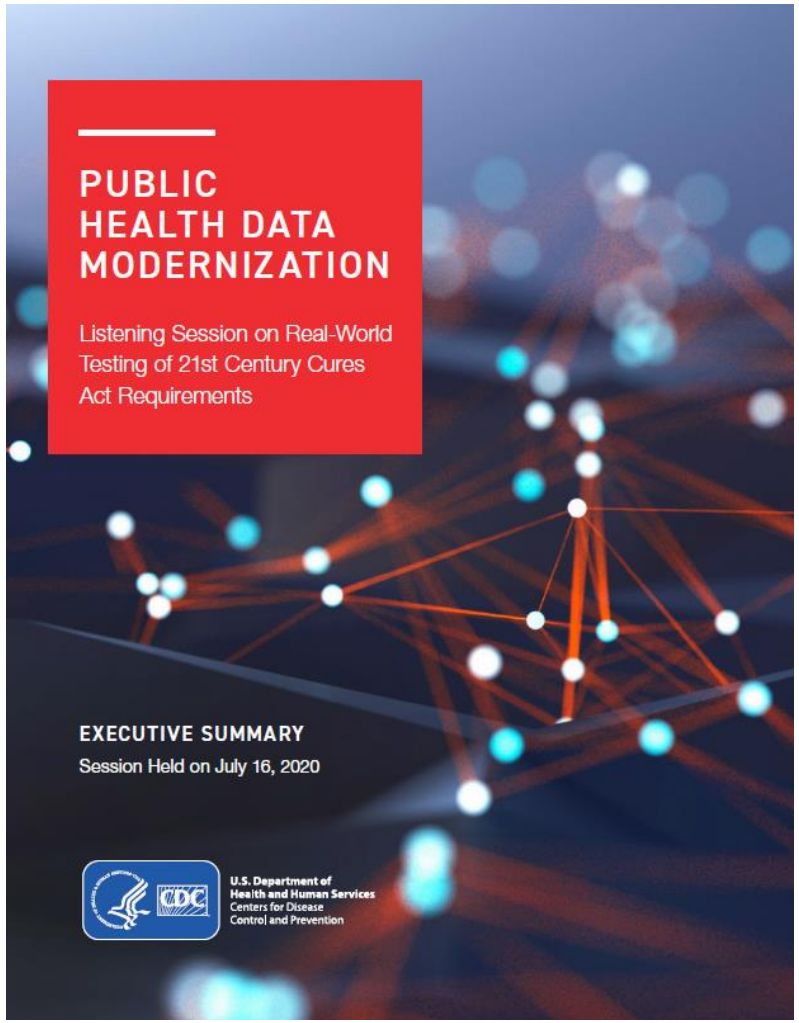
Question #2 - How many of your staff work on addressing the social determinants as a major part (at least 50%) of their jobs?

1. No staff spend at least 50% of their time on SDOH
2. No specialized staff but one or more spend at least 50% of their time on SDOH
3. One or two specialized staff work full-time on SDOH
4. More than two staff work full-time on SDOH

PUBLIC HEALTH MEETING THE CURRENT CONDITIONS



DESIGN AND IMPLEMENT A MODERN DATA SYSTEM



ENSURE EXPERT PUBLIC HEALTH WORKFORCE

Strengthening the Workforce That Protects Public Health

Five Shared Priorities

Action Plan: Shared Priorities and Strategies Among Partners

1. Data for Decisions
2. Crosscutting Competencies
3. Quality Standards for Training
4. Training Decision Tools and Access
5. Funding Integration

For more information, visit https://www.cdc.gov/ophss/csels/dsepd/strategic-workforce-activities/ph-workforce/action-plan.html.

PROMOTE EQUITY & ADDRESS SOCIAL DETERMINANTS

Question #3 - How many of you have staff for whom work on addressing "racism as a PH issue" is a major part (at least 50%) of their jobs?

1. No staff spend at least 50% of their time on this
2. No specialized staff but one or more spend at least 50% of their time on this
3. One or two specialized staff who work full-time on this
4. More than two staff work full-time on this

Question #4 - In terms of the use infrastructure funding, what would be your highest priority/ies?

1. All hazard emergency preparedness
2. Epidemiology & laboratory capacity
3. Communications expertise
4. State-of-the art data systems
5. Equity and SDOH expertise
6. Well-trained and supported workforce
7. Evidence-based policy expertise
8. Community-level voice/empowerment