

# MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH EQUITY SUMMIT: A FRAMEWORK FOR ACTION

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**I HAVE NOTHING TO DISCLOSE**

**CONTEXT OF OUR SUMMIT**  
**THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC AND NATIONAL CALL FOR RACIAL JUSTICE**

# HEALTH EQUITY DEFINITION

- **Health inequalities**
  - Implies health disparities and gaps in health status experienced by disadvantaged populations
- **Health inequities**
  - Employs a social justice lens, requiring a more:
    - In depth engagement with communities
    - A life course perspective
    - Tackling structural determinants that produce social and health inequalities



## HEALTH EQUITY

WHAT IS IT?

WHO IS IT FOR?

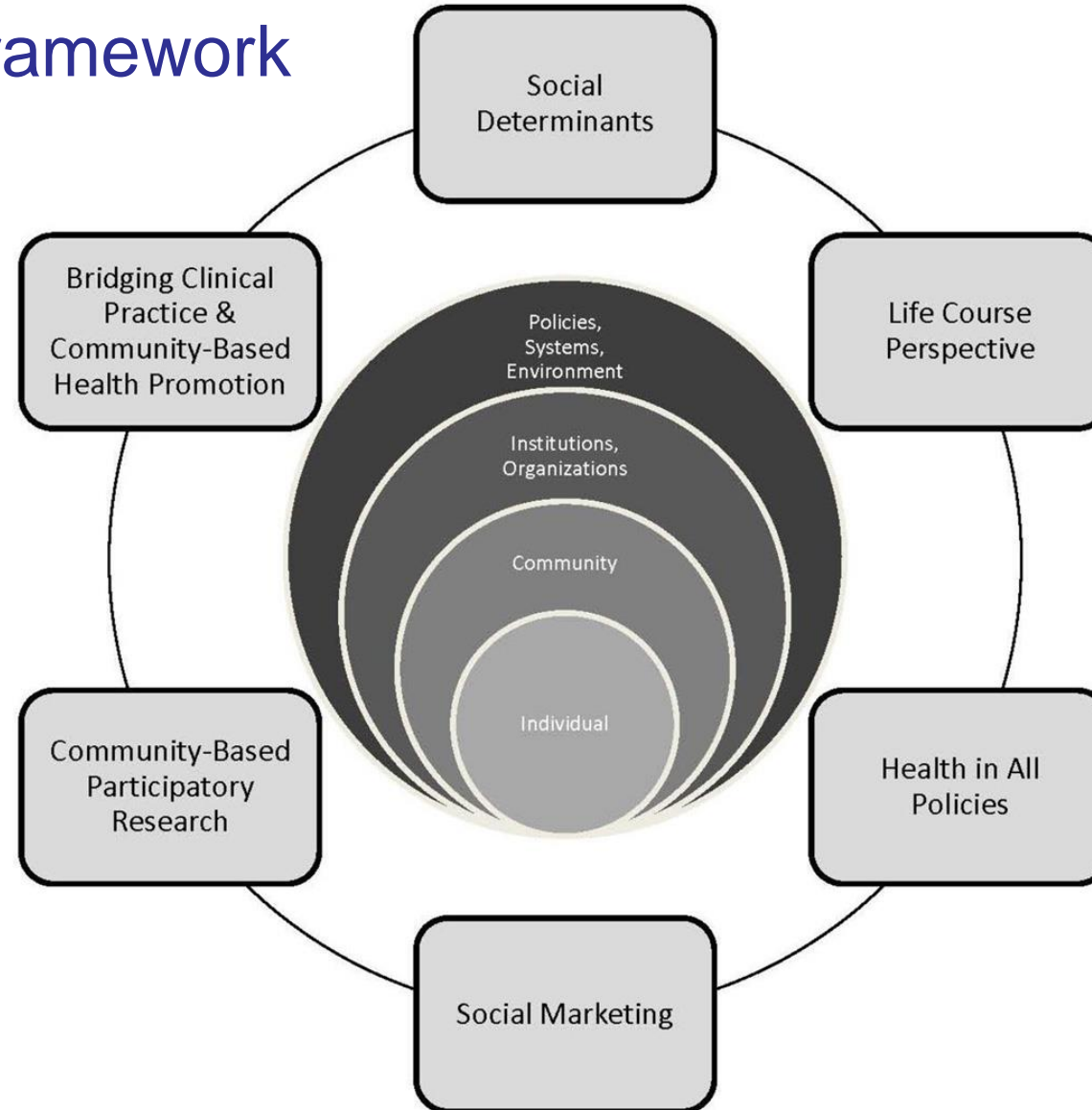
WHO DEFINES IT?

WHY IS IT IMPORTANT?

HOW DO WE GET THERE?

HOW WILL WE KNOW IF IT MAKES A  
DIFFERENCE?

# Health Equity Framework



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# GOVERNOR'S TASK FORCE ON DISPARATE RACIAL OUTCOMES LEADERSHIP & RECOMMENDATIONS: 2018-2019

- **Co-Chairs:**

- Howard Zucker, MD, JD, Commissioner, NYS DOH
- Sascha James Conterelli, DNP, CNM, LM, President, NYS Association of Licensed Midwives
- Danielle Laraque-Arena, MD, FAAP, former President, State University of NY (SUNY) Upstate
- Wendy Wilcox, MD, MBA, MPH, FACOG, Chair, Department Ob/Gyn, NYC HH, Kings County
- Task Force Members -27
  - 6 of whom are members of the new NYAM Women's Health Research & Wellbeing Workgroup and/or participants in this MCH Equity Summit

## RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Establish a Statewide MM Review Board in Statute
2. Design & Implement a Comprehensive Training and Education Program for Hospitals on Implicit Bias
3. Establish a Comprehensive Data Warehouse on Perinatal Outcomes to Improve Quality
4. Provide Equitable Reimbursement to Midwives
5. Expand and Enhance Community Health Worker Services in NYS
6. Create a SUNY Scholarship Program for Midwives to Address Needed Diversity
7. Create Competency-Based Curricula for Providers (professionals) as well as Medical and Nursing Schools
8. Establish and Educational Loan Forgiveness Program for Providers who are Underrepresented in Medicine and who intend to Practice Women's Health Care Services
9. Convene Statewide Expert Work Group to Optimize Postpartum Care in NYS
10. Promote Universal Birth Preparedness and Postpartum Continuity of Care



# **MATERNAL CHILD HEALTH SUMMIT PLANNING COMMITTEE**

# NYAM WOMEN'S HEALTH RESEARCH & WELLBEING WORKGROUP

## FOUNDING MEMBERS

### Mission

To advance health and healthcare equity and eliminate structural inequities by engaging key interdisciplinary stakeholders to address health across the life-course, including issues such as maternal and child health disparities, workforce equity, and equal representation in research and education.

### Founding Chairs & Members

- ❖ Danielle Laraque-Arena, MD, FAAP – Co-Chair
- ❖ Elizabeth Howell, MD, MPP – Co-Chair

Elizabeth Corwin, PhD, RN, APRN, Angela Diaz, MD, PhD, MPH, Adaobi Ikpeze, Elaine Larson, PhD, RN, FAAN, Connie Newman, MD, Mimi Niles, PhD, MPH, CNM, Oghale Obaro-Best, Allison Squires, PhD, FAAN, RN, Toni Stern, MD, Rose Maria van Zuilen, PhD, Mark Zezza, PhD

# MOVING BEYOND INDIVIDUAL RESPONSIBILITY TO SYSTEMIC CHANGE

## ***OUR DAUGHTERS, OUR SISTERS***



# ELIZABETH HOWELL, MD, MPP