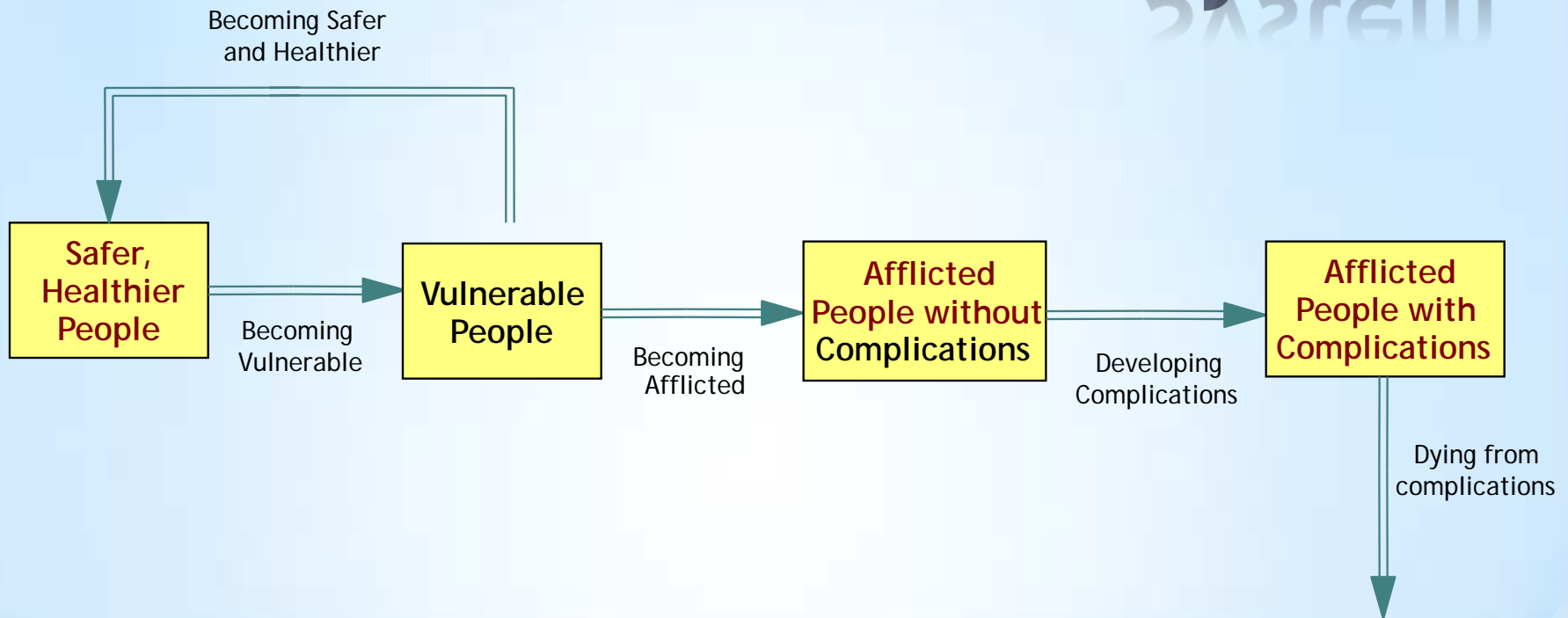


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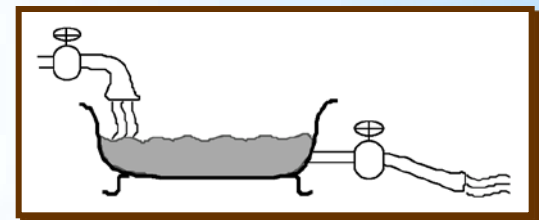
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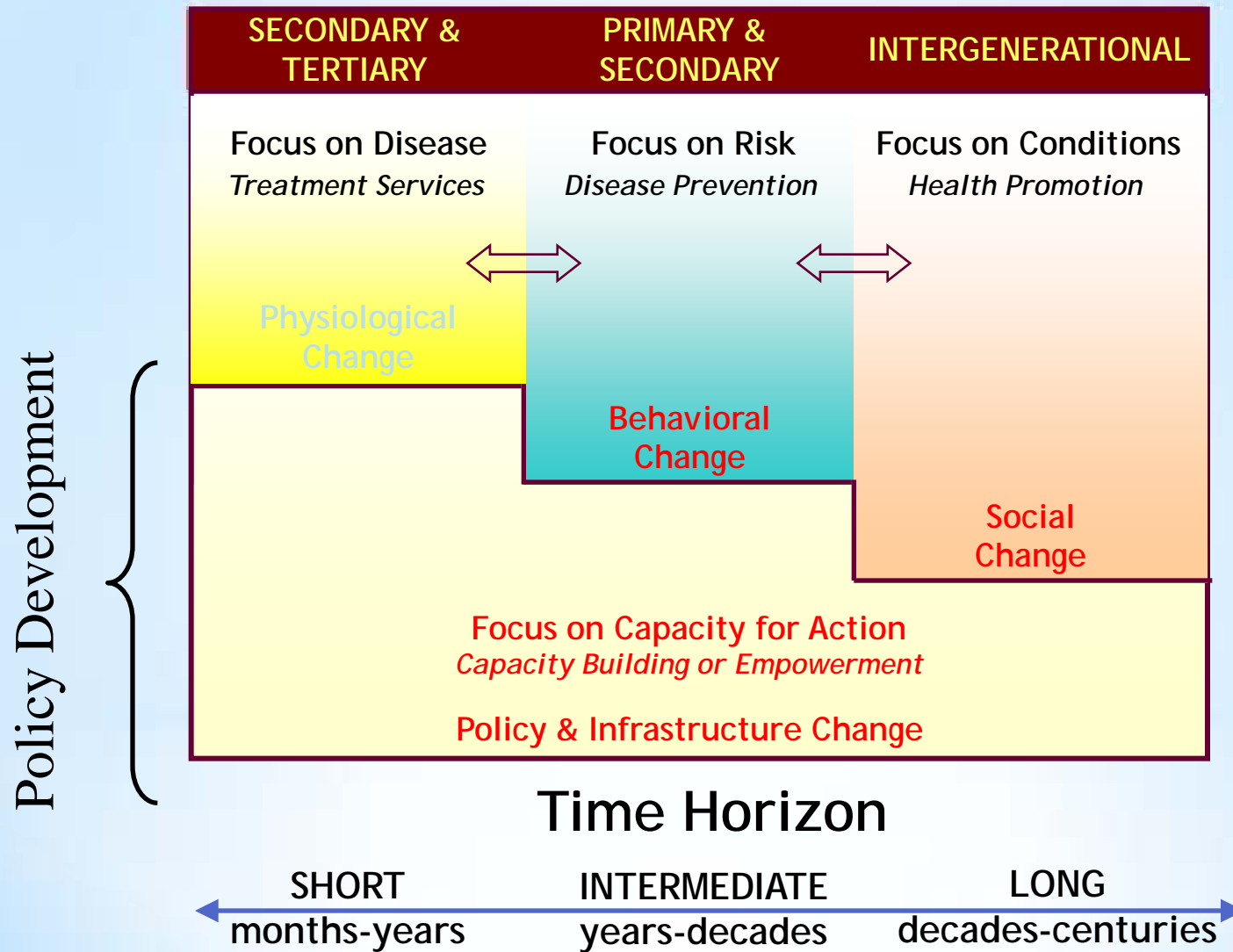
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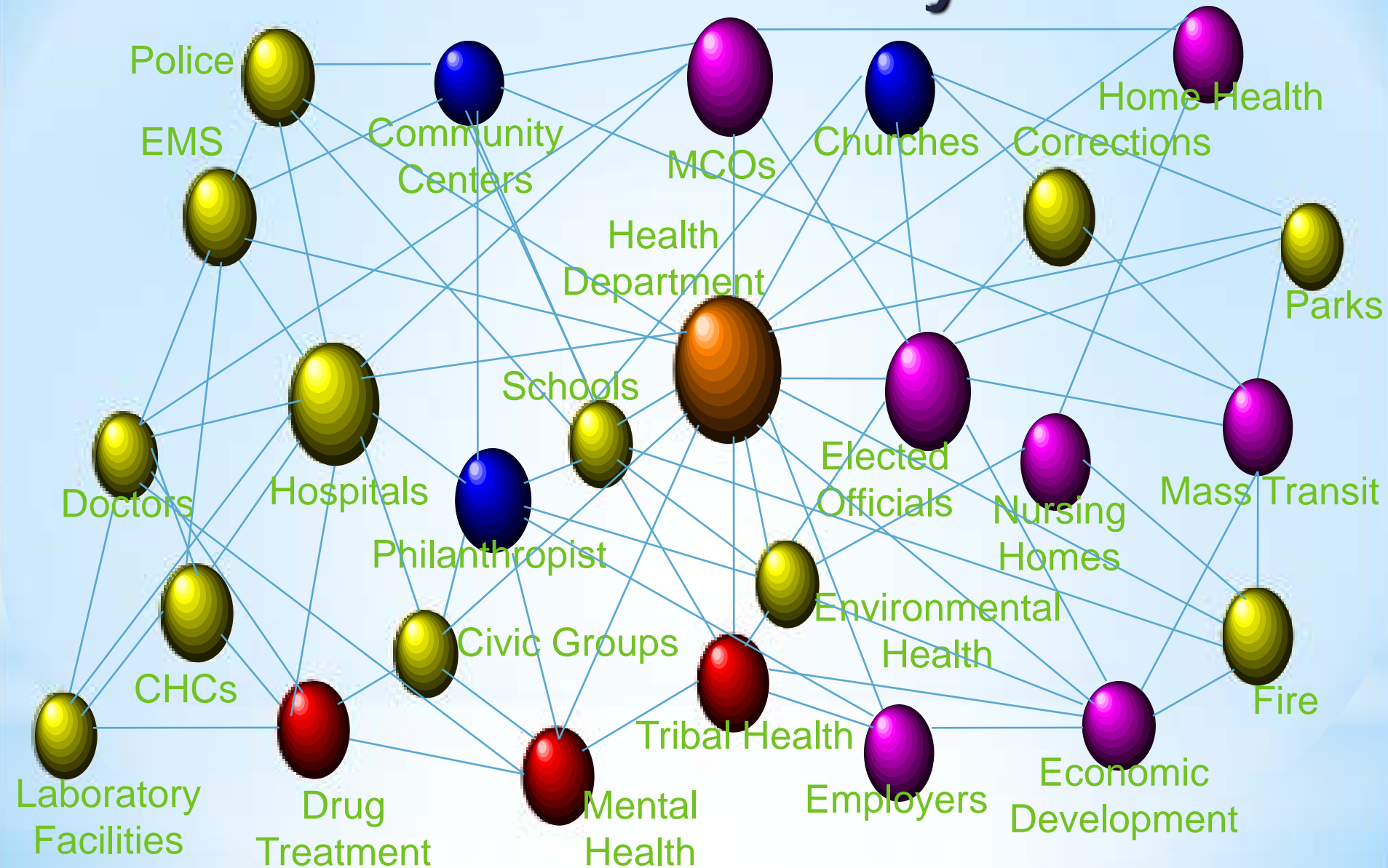
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* Spectrum of Action within the Health System



The Public Health System



*The term “community benefit” came from the IRS in its 1969 ruling to redefine the charitable obligations of non-profit hospitals. The redefinition broadened the interpretation of charitable purpose beyond the historical concept of “*relief of poverty*” to “*the promotion of health for a class of persons sufficiently large enough to constitute benefit for the community as a whole*”

*community benefit

* ..the call to identify a cohort of sufficient size to produce a tangible impact at the aggregate level suggests an emphasis on achieving measurable outcomes.

* K. Barnett, 2010

* **Measurable outcomes**

- * Our current, defensive strategy represents what we might refer to as the **institutional model** of community benefit, where the design and implementation of charitable services and activities is viewed as a competitive enterprise.
- * ...the **geographic model** of community benefit is driven by a more granular analysis of data at a sub-county level, which ensures a primary focus on communities with disproportionate unmet health needs.

* **Models of community benefit—K. Barnett**

*the historical approach taken by urban hospitals includes a scattering of small-scale, uncoordinated services and activities. This is driven in large part by a lack of internal infrastructure and population health expertise, as well as lack of attention at the senior leadership level.

* K Barnett, 2010

* Hospital community benefit activity

* Currently, most uninsured and underinsured populations enter our healthcare systems through the emergency rooms of our hospitals, as well as our community health clinics. In many cases, high-cost services are provided for conditions that could have been prevented with timely access to quality primary care and preventive services.

* Value of prevention

- * A national study estimates that hospitals spend nearly \$40 billion per year (about 10% of total expenditures) to treat preventable conditions in emergency room and inpatient settings.
- * Expenditures of limited charitable resources for high cost medical services for preventable conditions represents poor stewardship. Clearly there must be a more efficient approach.

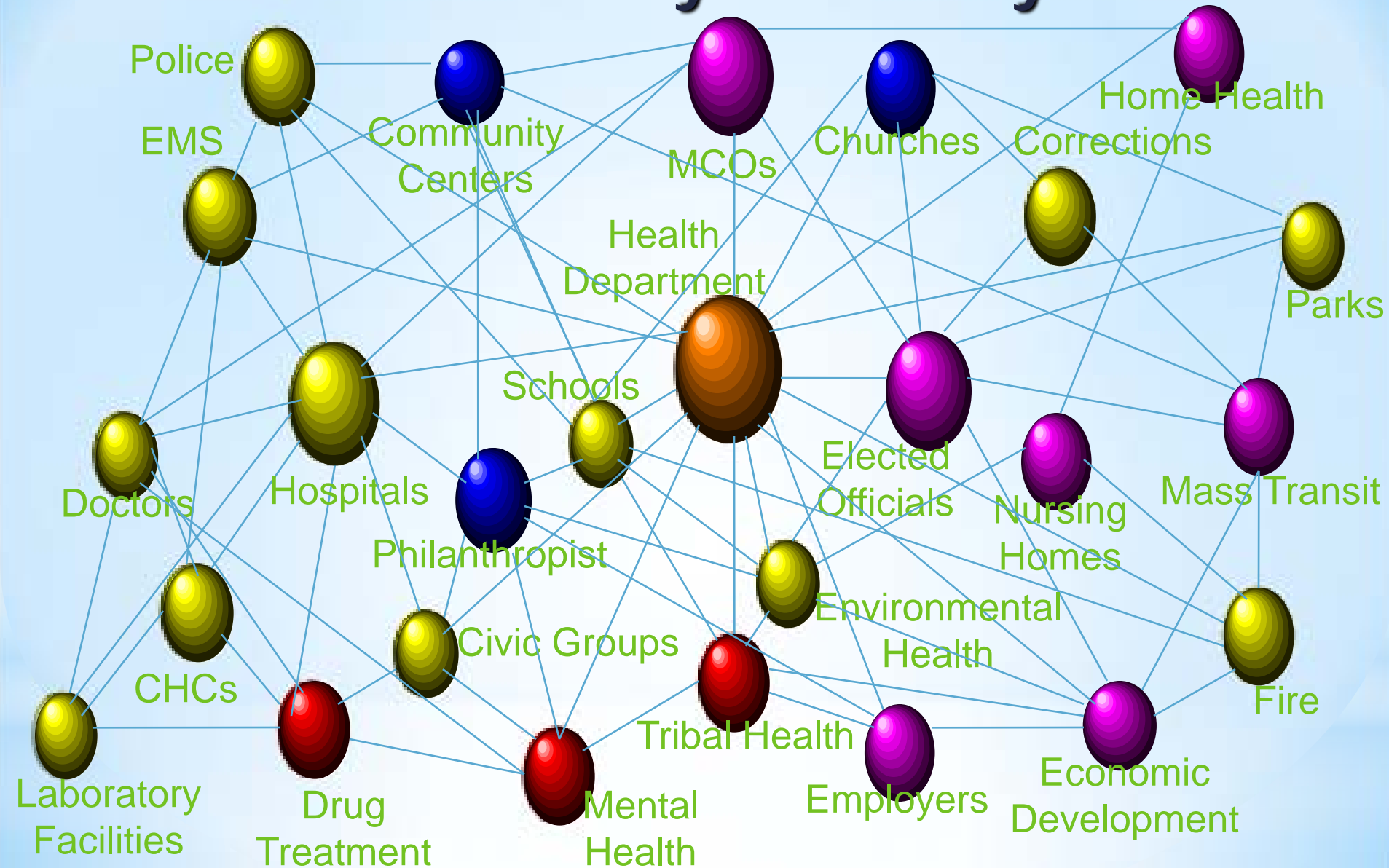
*** A more efficient
approach is needed**

* “To those who charge that expanding coverage will lead us to healthcare rationing, it must be understood that we already ration healthcare services. The current rationing method is to limit access to primary care and preventive services until they stagger into our emergency rooms. Aside from the fact that it is immoral, it is an extremely inefficient way to serve the people of the U.S.. Given the fact that community benefit calls for non-profit hospitals to make optimal use of limited public resources, the provision of charity medical care in emergency room and inpatient settings for preventable conditions is simply poor stewardship.”

* K. Barnett, 2010

* Poor stewardship

The Community Health System



* Large-scale social change requires broad cross-sector coordination, yet the social sector remains focused on the isolated intervention of individual organizations.

John Kania & Mark Kramer

* Collective Impact

John Kania and Mark Kramer, "Collective Impact",
Stanford Social Innovation Review, Winter 2011

*The scale and complexity of the U.S. public education system has thwarted attempted reforms for decades. Once the global leader- the country now ranks 18 among the top 24 industrialized nations, with more than 1 million students dropping out every year.

*US Education system

*The heroic efforts of countless teachers, administrators, and nonprofits, together with billions of dollars in charitable contributions, may have led to important improvements in individual schools and classrooms, yet system-wide progress has seemed virtually unobtainable.

***Lack of system
change**

- * Focused the entire educational community on a single set of goals, measured in the same way
- * Participating organizations are grouped into 15 different Student Success Networks (SSNs)
- * Each SSN has been meeting with coaches and facilitators for two hours every two weeks for the past three years, developing shared performance indicators, discussing their progress, and learning from each other and aligning their efforts to support each other



*The commitment of a group of important actors from different sectors to a common agenda for solving specific social problems.

***Collective impact**

- * Collective impact initiatives involve a centralized infrastructure, a dedicated staff, and a structured process that leads to a common agenda, shared measurement, continuous communication, and mutually reinforcing activities among all participants.

* Collective impact

- * ...large-scale social change comes from better cross-sector coordination rather than from the isolated intervention of individual organizations.
- * ..substantially greater progress could be made in alleviating many of our most serious and complex social problems if nonprofits, governments, businesses, and the public were brought together around a common agenda to create collective impact.

***The aim toward
social change**

*The non-profit sector most frequently operates using an approach called *isolated impact*. It is an approach oriented toward finding and funding a solution embodied within a single organization, combined with the hope that the most effective organizations will grow or replicated to extend their impact more widely.

*Isolated impact

* Shifting from isolated impact to collective impact is not merely a matter of encouraging more collaboration or public-private partnerships. It requires a systematic approach to social impact that focuses on the relationship between organizations and the progress toward shared objectives. And it requires a new set of nonprofit management organizations that have the skills and resources to assemble and coordinate the specific elements necessary for collective action to succeed.

*** Shifting toward
collective impact**

- * Common agenda
- * Shared measurement systems
- * Mutually reinforcing activities
- * Continuous communication
- * Backbone support organizations

* Five conditions of collective success

- * Take responsibility for assembling the elements of a solution
- * Create a movement for change
- * Include solutions from outside the nonprofit sector
- * Use actionable knowledge to influence behavior and improve performance

* Funding large-scale change

* Prevention, education, social support, which relates to social disparities, and chronic disease management, is really the sweet spot for bending the cost curve. Our hospitals need to think “outside of the bed.”

* John Bluford, AHA Chairman, 2011

***Thinking outside of
the bed**