

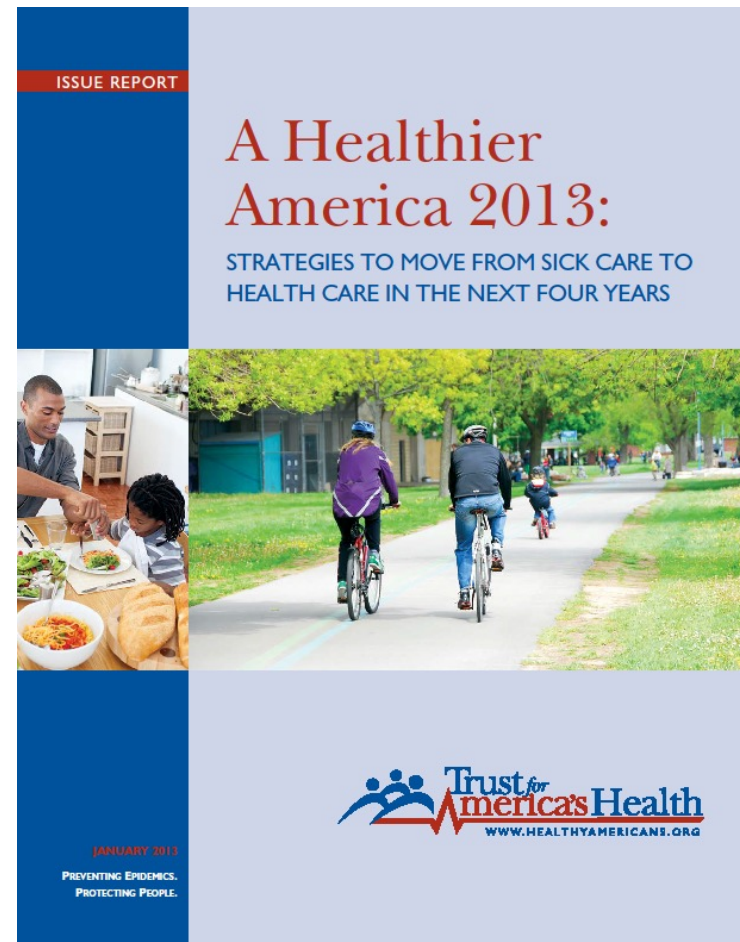
Blueprint for a Healthier America

- Audience: POLICYMAKERS
- Summarizes and “translates” policy recommendations – using tested or developed messaging strategies to position and advocate concepts
- Focuses on high-level recommendations and pushing the envelope for new ideas and leveraging new opportunities (like mechanisms/potential from ESSA and others)

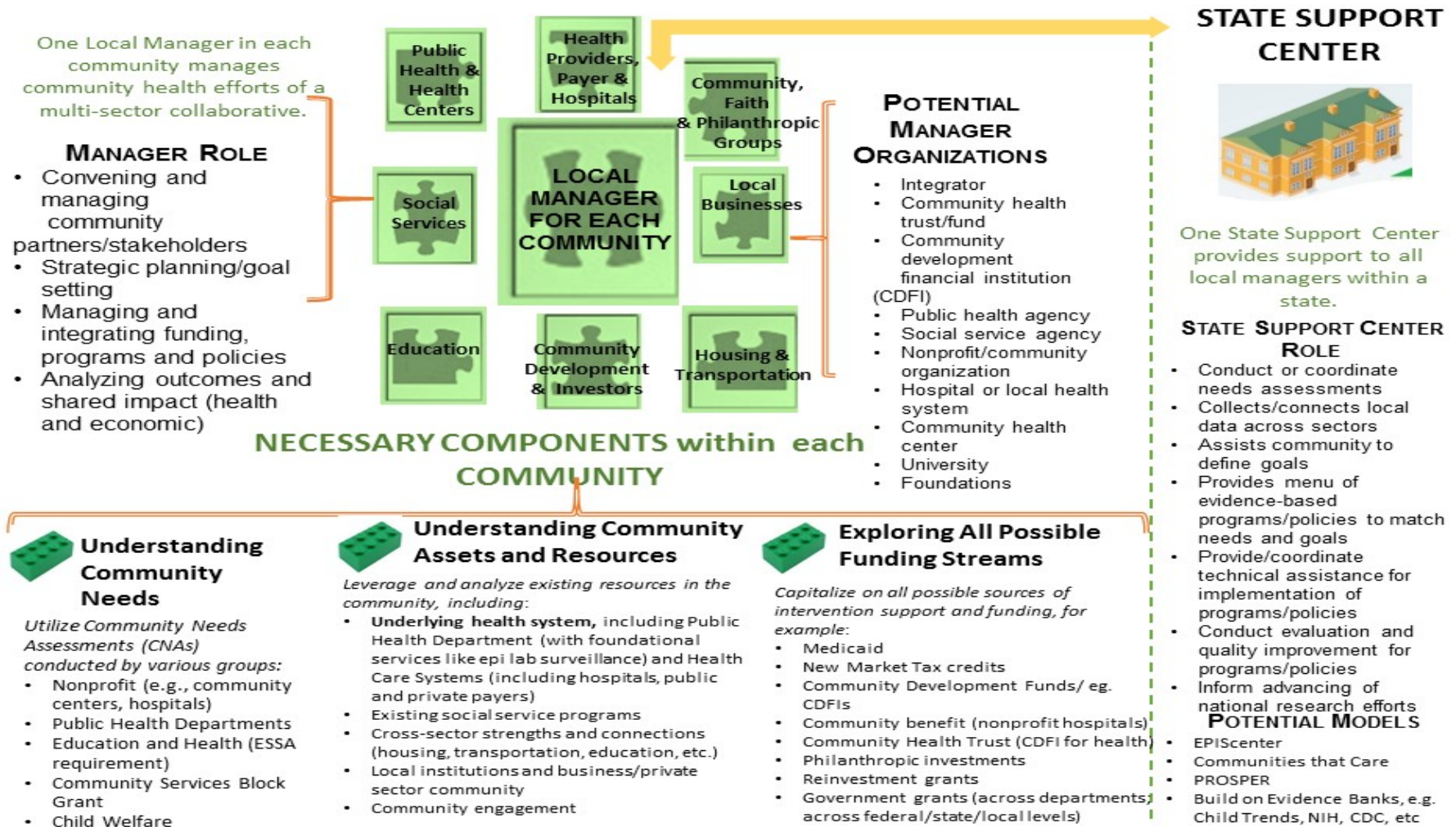


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- Release timing: October 2016
- Will incorporate ideas from ongoing Collaborative meetings and work – and a range of other experts
- Two big picture visions: Rethinking “community prevention” and modernizing basic governmental public health.



Community Prevention



Building Support for the Vision of Healthy Schools, Healthy Students – (to be ‘refined’)

- ❑ A clean, safe, healthy environment in which to learn – where parents can feel confident their children will be safe and supported every day;
- ❑ A positive culture and climate where students and educators are encouraged to do well and given the tools they need to succeed;
- ❑ Promoting social and emotional learning as well as academic instruction;
- ❑ Supporting a “trauma-informed” approach to supporting students who may be experiencing toxic stress and toward more effective discipline approaches that provide support to students and their families;
- ❑ CONTINUED...

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- Early identification of needs of children – and connecting and providing students with the programs and services to help them thrive (physical, mental and behavioral health, special education, social services, and others);
- Opportunities to be physically active throughout the day and attractive, sufficient space and facilities to engage in activity and physical education;
- Good nutrition is promoted – and safe drinking water and healthy school meals and snacks are readily available to all students regardless of family income; and
- Increasing school-based health services where they needed, including mental health services – and fostering increased integration of health, education and social services.

Recommendations Summarizing the Work of the Collaborative + Current Opportunities for Change

- ❑ Prioritizing a Healthy, Positive School Climate;
- ❑ Early Identification and Support for Concerns, Including Early Warning “Chronic Absenteeism” Initiatives;
- ❑ Understanding Needs – School Health Assessments (for Schools Receiving Sufficient Safe and Healthy Grants);
- ❑ Preventing and Reducing Health Risks – Supporting Evidence-Based Prevention Programs and Social-Emotional Learning;
 - Case Study Examples: Preventing Substance Misuse and Bullying
- ❑ Expanding Obesity Prevention – Promoting Better Nutrition and Increasing Physical Activity Before, During and After School; and
- ❑ Increasing School Health Services – Including Mental and Behavioral Health -- and Improving Coordination Between Education and Health Services and Other Social Service.