

To Improve the Oral Health of All: Pathways and Partnerships to Overall Health

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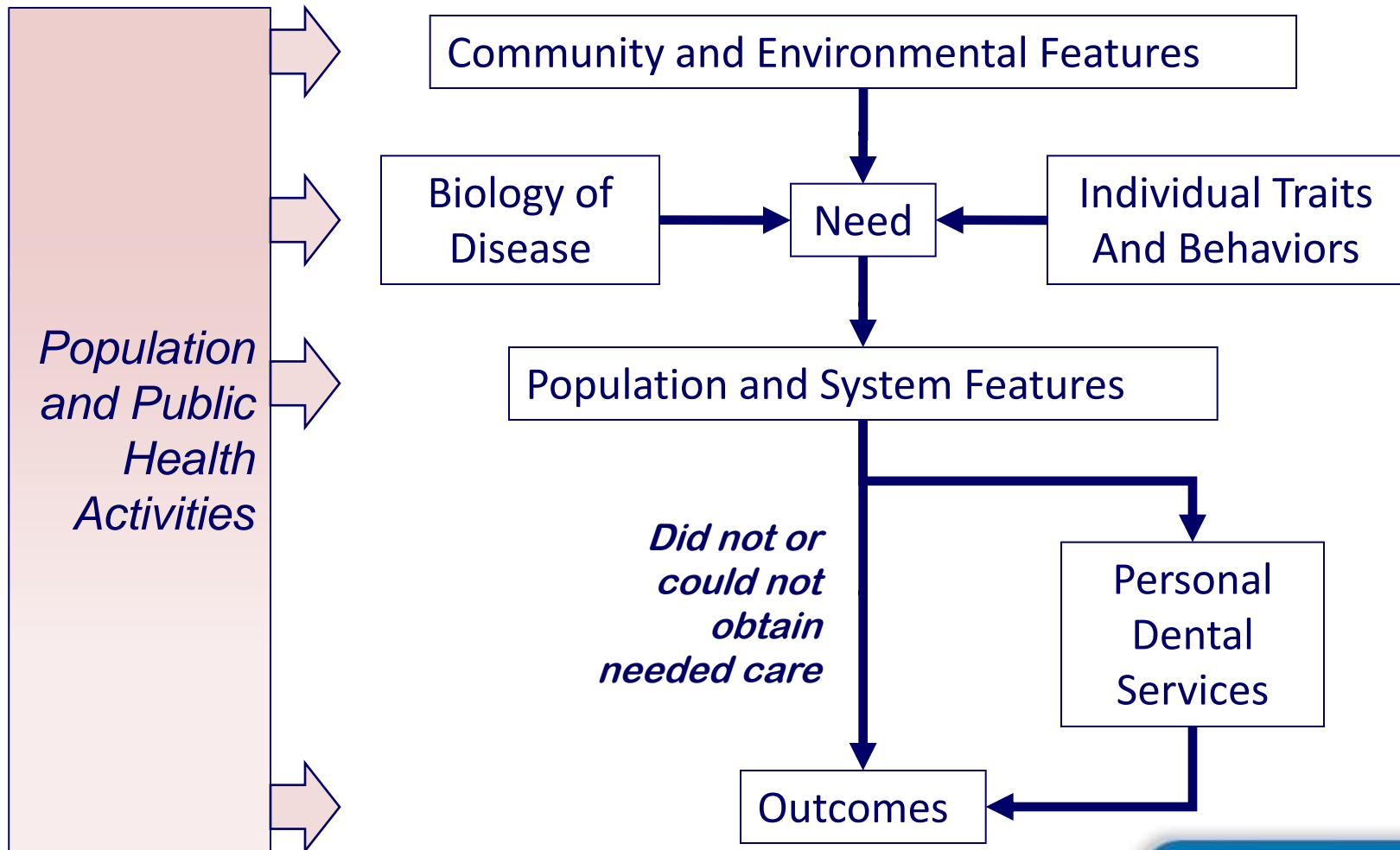
A set of processes that is initiated when an individual or organization recognizes the inadequacy of their current understanding of events.

Sensemaking is an active process of fitting data into a frame (mental model) and fitting a frame around the data.

Neither data nor frame comes first; data evoke frames and frames select and connect data.

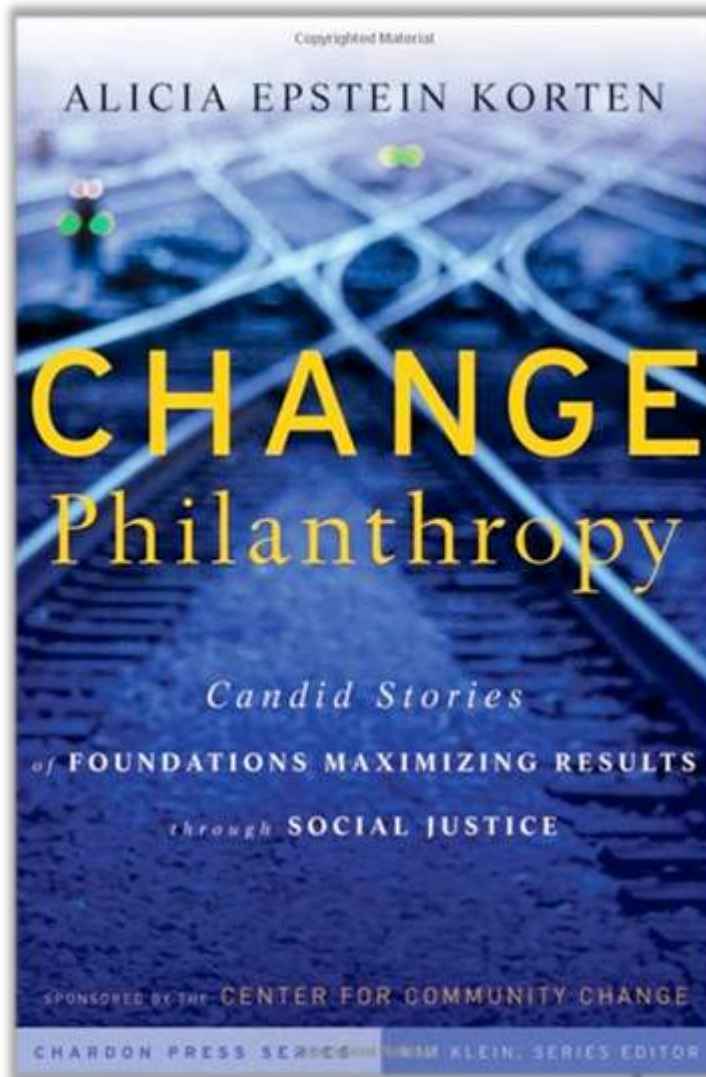
When there is no adequate fit, the data may be reconsidered or an existing frame may be revised. (Cohen 2006)

Addressing a Chronic Condition: Oral Diseases



Philanthropic Role: Active Engagement in Community Solutions

- Seek to understand community needs and environments
- Serve through multiples roles
- Identify change drivers
- Invest through trust building & shared ownership
- Monitor process and outcomes
- Focus on mission



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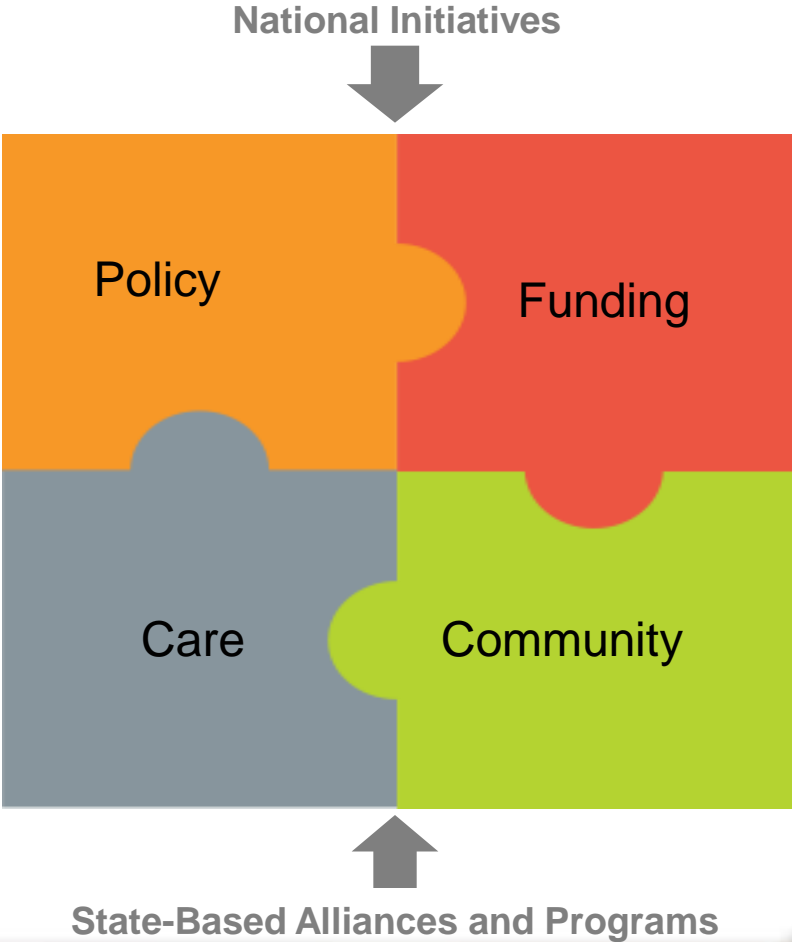
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DentaQuest Foundation Systems Change Approach



Making Sense: Ideal Systems Impact for Optimal Oral Health

<p>POLICY Oral Health as a key component of Health Policy Oral Health Measurement Systems in Place Oral Health Policy consistent at Federal, State, and Local levels</p>	<p>FINANCING Sufficient funding to support Care and Prevention Alignment of payment with evidence, prevention, and disease management</p>
<p>CARE Sufficient and Equitable access to appropriate care Care based on evidence, prevention, and disease management Oral Health integrated into all aspects of health care</p>	<p>COMMUNITY Oral integrated into education and social systems Optimal Oral Health Literacy Strong community prevention and care infrastructure</p>



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National *Interprofessional Initiative*
on Oral Health *engaging clinicians,
eradicating dental disease*

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Advancing local leaders
for national impact

Strengthening the Oral Health Safety Net

Collective Impact



Oral Health Partnerships

- **Establish a Process for Organizing with the community**
- **Foster participation**
- **Embrace Planning as a key to success**
- **Identify Tools for Mobilizing & for Taking Action**
- **Foster Accountability**
- **Celebrate gains – Learn from losses**

- **Does it Make Sense?**

- **Let's Help One Another
Make Some Sense**

It will be our Pathways and our Partnerships
that will create Optimal Oral Health
for our children, our neighbors, and our Nation



NATIONAL PARTNERSHIP FOR ACTION

to End Health Disparities





Disparities in America



Young people from racial and ethnic minority groups in the United States suffer disproportionately from a number of preventable diseases and health problems.

America's estimated 2.5 million gay seniors are twice as likely to live alone, four times less likely to have adult children to help them, and far more fearful of discrimination from health care workers.



Older adults may not be aware of the services recommended for their age group or may not know that the services are covered by Medicare.



American Indians and Alaska Natives have a lower life expectancy than other Americans perhaps due to economic adversity and poor social conditions.





Health Equity

“**Health equity** is attainment of the highest level of health for all people. Achieving health equity requires valuing everyone equally with focused and ongoing societal efforts to address avoidable inequalities, historical and contemporary injustices, and the elimination of health and healthcare disparities.”

-National Stakeholder Strategy, Healthy People 2020 and Health and Human Services (HHS) Plan



Social Determinants of Health

External factors that influence health outcomes are known as the **Social Determinants of Health**. Examples include:





The Federal Commitment

- The NPA involves government agencies through the [Federal Interagency Health Equity Team \(FIHET\)](#)
- Collaborating agencies include:
 - ✓ Agriculture
 - ✓ Commerce
 - ✓ Consumer Product Safety Commission
 - ✓ Defense
 - ✓ Education
 - ✓ Environmental Protection Agency
 - ✓ Health and Human Services
 - ✓ Housing and Urban Development
 - ✓ Justice
 - ✓ Labor
 - ✓ Transportation
 - ✓ Veterans Affairs



The HHS Commitment

<http://tinyurl.com/HHSActionPlan>

- HHS Action Plan - developed in response to the NSS
- Outlines HHS goals and actions to reduce health disparities
- Aligned with Healthy People 2020, the National Prevention Strategy and the President's National HIV/AIDS Strategy





Regional Movements

Ten **Regional Health Equity Councils (RHECs)** have been established to:

- Mobilize regional action around common issues
- Leverage federal, regional, state, and local resources
- Infuse NPA goals and strategies into policies and practices
- Support and enhance state and community efforts
- Share stories and successes across the country







Take Action in Your Community

- Plan or take part in community service activities to end health disparities
- Spread the word. Conduct community dialogues and awareness events - involve the media
- Connect and volunteer with an organization that is doing work in this area
- Post about the NPA and local health equity movements on blogs, Facebook, and Twitter
- Submit a press release or an Op-Ed to your local newspaper or magazine
- Visit the NPA Toolkit for Action at <http://tinyurl.com/NPAtoolkit-pdf>



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