

THE MOVEMENT: COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTERS

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SOCIAL DETERMINANTS (DRIVERS) OF HEALTH

- **The conditions in the environments where people are born, live, learn, work, play, worship and age that affect a wide range of health, functioning and quality of life outcomes and risks.**
- **Healthy People 2030**



5 DOMAINS

- I. **Economic stability**
- II. **Education access and quality**
- III. **Health access and quality**
- IV. **Neighborhood and built environment**
- V. **Social and community context**



EXAMPLES

- I. Safe housing, transportation, neighborhoods
- II. Racism, discrimination, and violence (implicit bias)
- III. Education, job opportunities, income
- IV. Access to nutritious foods and opportunities for physical activity
- V. Polluted air and water
- VI. Language and literacy skills



*“BLESSED ARE THE
FLEXIBLE.”*



“THE MOVEMENT”



WHAT ARE COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTERS?

Community Health Centers (CHCs) are community owned and operated, non-profit businesses that provide access to quality primary and preventive health care that is affordable to everyone.



THE CHC MOVEMENT: THE BEGINNING

- ❑ The health center movement began in apartheid South Africa in a poor, desperately sick rural Zulu population (Pholela).
- ❑ In the 1950s, Dr. Sidney Kark created the first health center in South Africa.



THE CHC MOVEMENT: THE BEGINNING

- ❑ In 1964 the American version was formed by Dr. Jack Geiger and Count Gibson. The first funding was through the Office of Economic Opportunity.
- ❑ Included the *social and environmental factors* that affect health in communities.





THE MISSION OF THE MODEL

Community Health Centers (formerly neighborhood health centers) were established to provide dignified, accessible, comprehensive and community-based care.



THREE ELEMENTS OF THE HEALTH CENTER

- Community health services
- Community economic development
- Community participation



THE FIRST HEALTH CENTERS COLUMBIA POINT AND MOUND BAYOU

Jack Geiger's and Count Gibson's original health center proposal excerpts:

“to intervene...in the cycle of extreme poverty, ill health, unemployment and illiteracy by providing comprehensive health services, based in multidisciplinary community health centers, oriented toward maximum participation of each community in meeting its own health needs in social and economic changes related to health...”



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“the need is not for the distribution of services to passive recipients, but for the active involvement of local population in ways which will change their knowledge, attitudes, and motivation.”

“...to include preventive, curative and health education programs in new patterns of medical organization...”



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“the training of local personnel...to stimulate change in family and community knowledge and behavior relating to the prevention of disease, the informed use of available health resources, and the improvement of environmental, economic and educational factors related to health.”

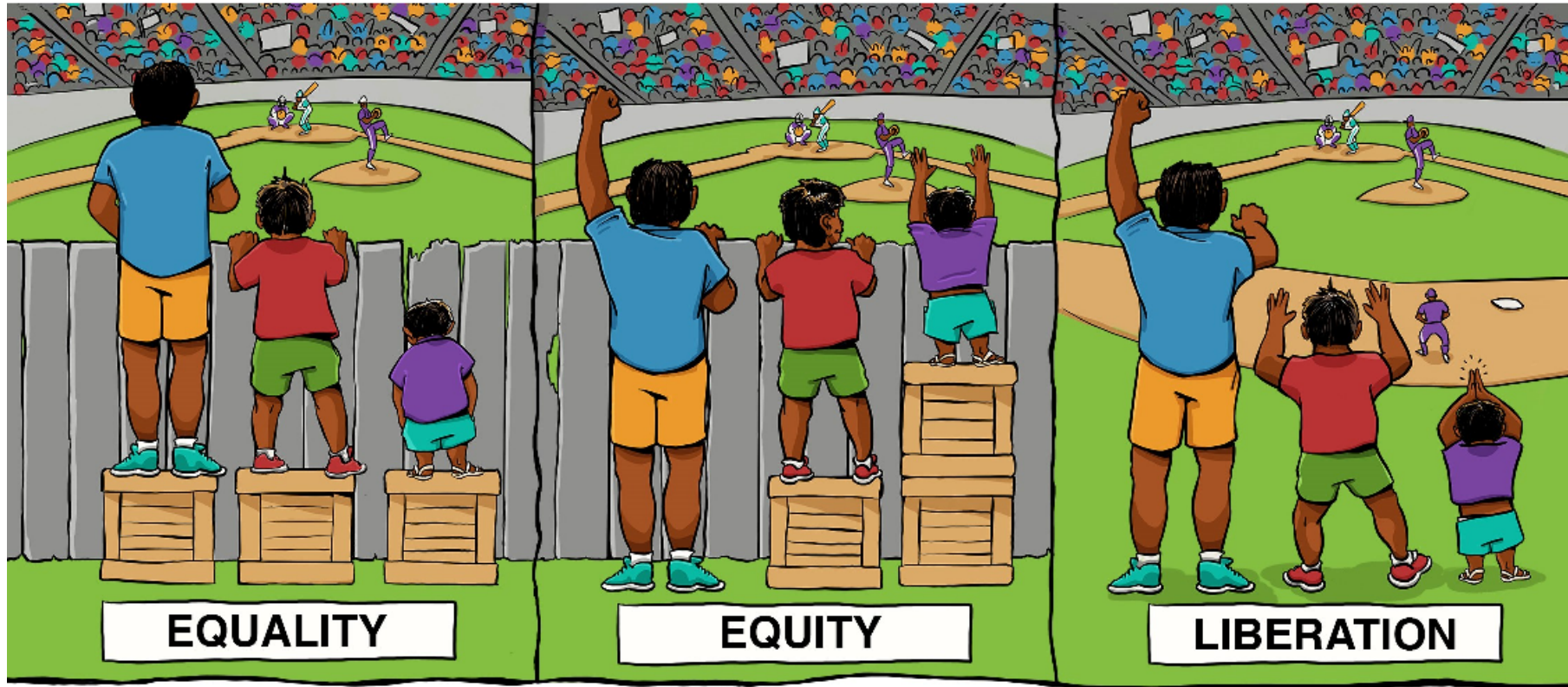


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1. MUA/MUP
2. CHC/FQHC
3. FTCA
4. Title XIX
5. PCA
6. RHC
7. HIPAA
8. NACHC
9. DHHS
10. HRSA
11. BPHC
12. CMS
14. UDS
15. MCO
16. ACA



EQUALITY VS EQUITY VS LIBERATION



“The test of our progress is not whether we add more to the abundance of those who have much; It is whether we provide enough for those who have too little.

- Franklin Delano Roosevelt

