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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE ON
COMMUNITY HEALTH

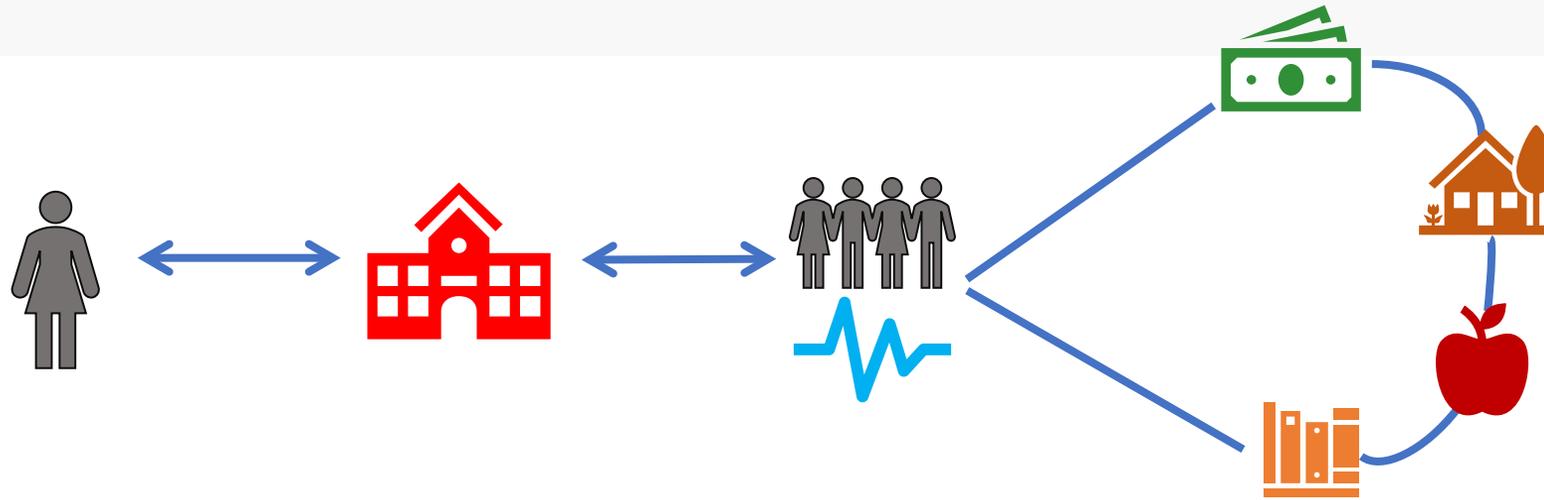
ECOCH: An Introduction

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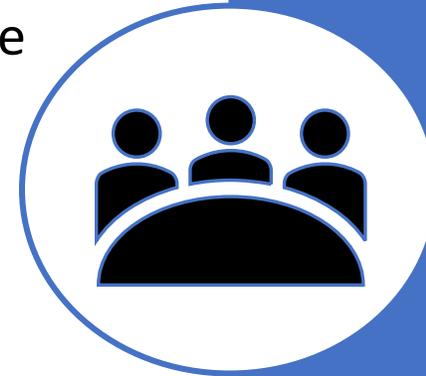
What is Community Health?



- A field that protects, preserves, and promotes the health and well-being of a community.
- Initiatives are directed at the cumulative impact of social determinants of health, economic and/or environmental determinants.
- Outreach efforts may or may not include people receiving health care services at a specific hospital.

What is ECOCH'S Role?

- Governance and oversight body
- A forum to address/discuss concerns of patients, providers and community members
 - Shape system policy, system and cultural change within the institution
- Relates to internal entities that carry out community health mission:
 - MGB Community Health
 - ECODE
 - Center for Community Health Improvement
 - Kraft Center for Community Health
 - Center for Gun Violence Prevention and
 - Your departments



Executive Committee on Community Health

Founded in 2014

Charge

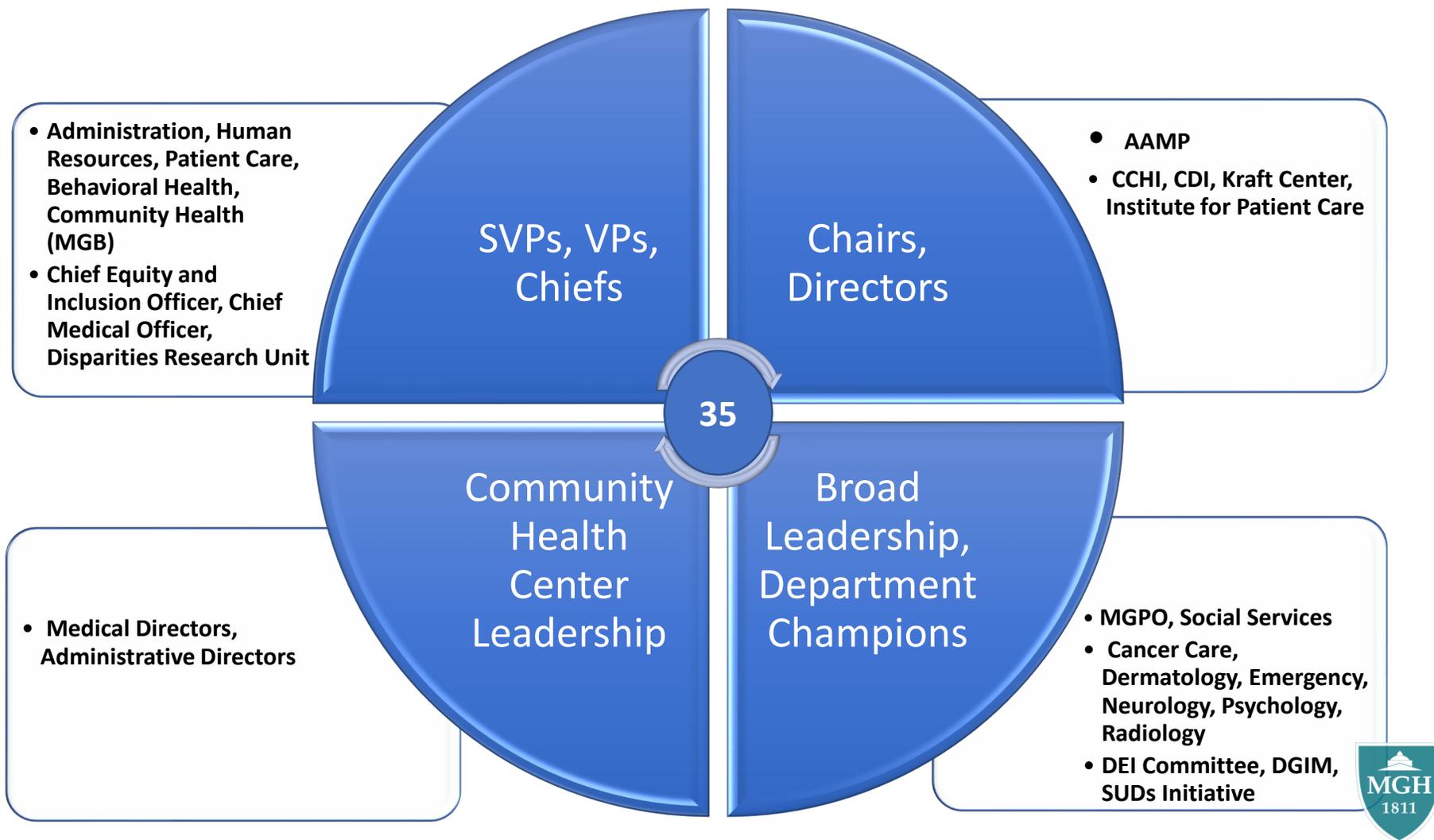
To promote community health improvement and ensure health equity, leveraging all four components of the MGH mission: patient care, teaching, research and community health.

Guiding Principles

Priorities will be informed by the findings of the triennial community health needs assessments and the community health strategic plan. To improve health across populations and the life course, ECOCH will have a focus on social and economic determinants of health.



ECOCH Members Represent



ECOCH Access Committee:

Goal: Provide care that is affordable, available, and accessible for all patients.

2018

2019

2020

3-Year Objectives:

- Ensure patients in ConnectorCare plans are able to access MGH services
- Ensure the development of an “Access to Care” dashboard with key indicators that reflect measures of affordability, availability, and accessibility
- Improve experience of care to people of diverse backgrounds

Progress:

- MGB agrees with BMCHP MassHealth ACO and MCO products at 100% of MassHealth rates (access to specialty care).
 - Previously negotiated higher rates created structural barriers.
- Ambulatory Management creates Equity, Diversity, Inclusion dashboard stratified by race, ethnicity, language, payer.



ECOCH Social Determinants of Health Committee

Goal: MGH will recognize and address social determinants that affect the health of patients and communities

2018

Objectives:

- Create and disseminate a (written) MGH Social Determinants of Health Status Report
- Promote cross-disciplinary SDOH research
- Develop proposal for a hospital-wide Social Determinants of Health Initiative

2019

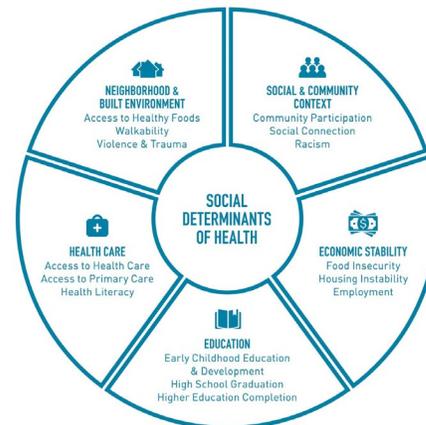
Progress:

- ACO piloted universal SDOH screening at 4 MGH practices
- Influenced SDOH screening question language

2020

COVID-modified objectives:

- Advocate for universal SDOH screening across MGH and MGB
- Support creation of a live SDOH data monitoring dashboard
- Propose a new SDOH Initiative for MGH or MGB



ECOCH Policy and Advocacy Committee:

Goal: Establish a pathway for creating or supporting policy to advance Community Health

2019

Objectives:

- Establish mechanism for evaluating requests to endorse external policies
- Create a path to internally develop policy proposals
- Identify steps to obtain ECOCH, MGH and/or MGB support for policies in alignment with MGH community health goals/need

2020

Progress:

- Pathway for evaluation and approval drafted and approved by ECOCH
- Pathway used successfully for a first “test case” (Safe Communities Act)



Welcome to MGH!

- Want to know more or be involved in community health?
 - Care? Advocacy? Research?
- You've come to the right place!
- Never hesitate to reach out if ECOCH or I can help?
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