



# Practical approaches to improve health, wellbeing and equity



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#### 100 Million Healthier Lives



Who: An unprecedented collaboration of change agents pursuing an unprecedented result:

100 million people living healthier lives by 2020

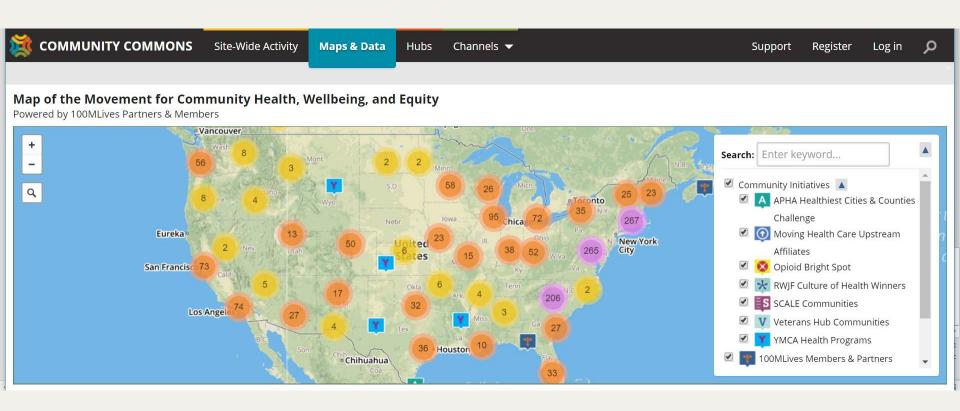
Vision: to fundamentally transform the way we think and act to improve health, wellbeing and equity.

**Equity** is the price of admission.

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### Movement: >1850 members in 30+ countries worldwide who reach >500 million people





Supporting hundreds of organizations across sectors in multiple states.

### Listening today from three perspectives



- An organization accompanying hundreds of communities, including 17 states, on the journey.
- The organization that is facilitating the federalnonfederal process for identification of an ecosystem of measures to support the NCVHS framework for population health.
  - What can be implemented and useful at scale?
- Someone who has been personally supporting states and communities to develop equitable measurement systems for improvement.

### Challenges and opportunities



- 1. Need for reliable, easily accessible (who can get to it? do they know it's there? is it understandable?), useful data at the community level.
- 2. NCVHS framework process: there are differences in what people value at the national and community level (though there are commonalities).
- 3. Issues with variable data quality and loss of data that was used on the one hand; on the other hand, an ocean of data housed in different places, not designed for the average end user → "dying of thirst in an ocean of data" → how might we prioritize and create insight?
- 4. Need much more help for people to use data to drive improvement from "understand the world" to "change the world"?
- 5. How might we make it easy for people to be able to easily collect and analyze indicators to drive improvement at the local level in a standard and useful way which then contributes to a data "commons"?
- 6. Partnerships!

### Reflections/takeaways



- Unified data governance framework and "system" is needed for health data at the national level.
- Communities need support for analyzing the data and making it useful and customizable to local "non-data-expert" users so we can go from data to insight to action. Should this be seen as a common good?
- Reduce complexity, do a few things really well and seamlessly, get them to the hands of users in a way that is accessible, reliable, and useful.
- How can we integrate clinical and social determinant data together for people?
- How can we build equity as a standard rather than a "nice to have"?
- How can we spread knowledge of what is already possible?

## Opportunity for testing what's possible: NCVHS Framework emerging recommendations



- Small set of topline measures that have emerged that are important for people at the national and community level and across contexts:
  - Wellbeing of people
    - Subjective wellbeing, life expectancy
  - Wellbeing of communities
    - Community health and wellbeing index based on the NCVHS domains (or CHRR calculation)
  - Equity (proposed: difference in wellbeing and life expectancy; racial segregation, high school graduation, income inequality)
- Branching set of recommended measures in each NCVHS framework domain/subdomain for those who want to improve a particular area – expand out and customizable for communities.
- What would need to come together to create this as a useful resource to communities? How can it be supported as a common resource?