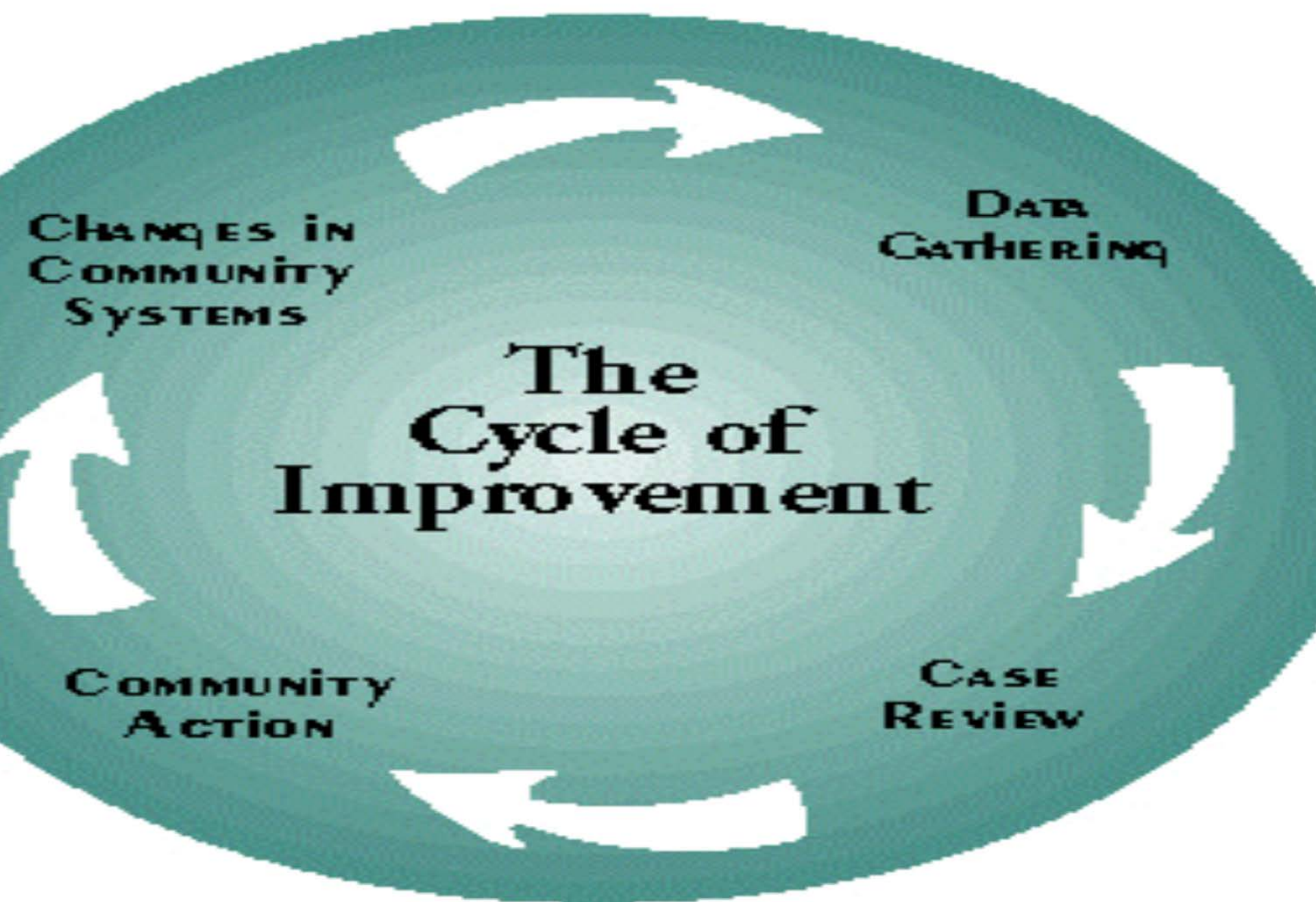


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NACCHO, Local Health Departments, and FIMR

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My comments today

- National Association of County and City Health Officials (NACCHO)
- Local health departments
- FIMR and health equity
- NACCHO Resources
- Innovation in LHDs



NACCHO

- **Numbers:** 501(c)3; ~2800
- **Vision:** health, equity, and security for all people
- **Mission:** leader, partner, catalyst, and voice

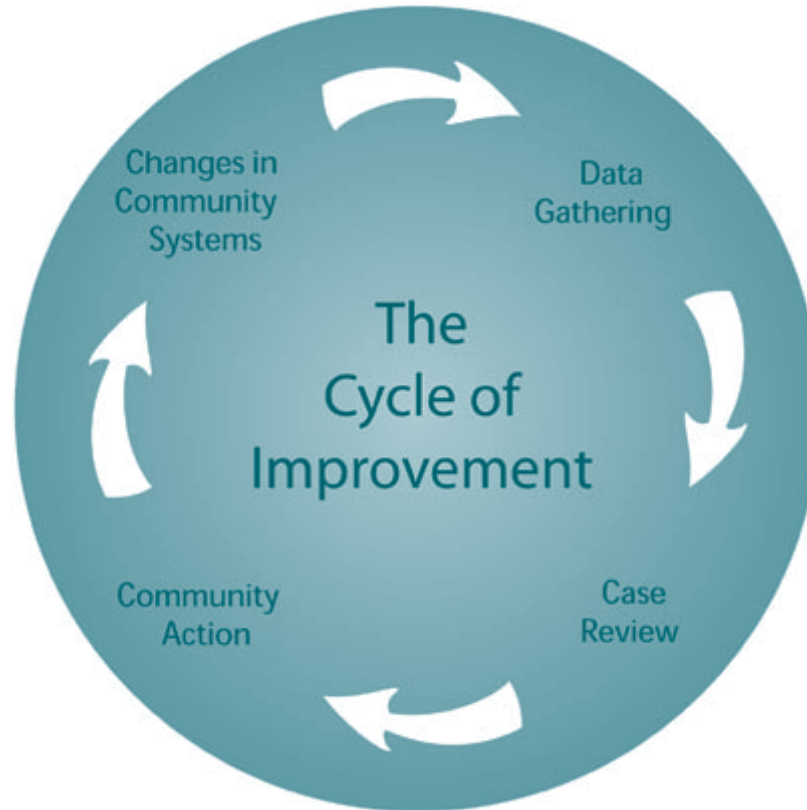


Local Health Departments

- **Vision:** healthy people in a healthy place (population health)
- **Mission:** assessment, policy development, and assurance (public health CQI)
- **Values:** prevention, health promotion, protection, partnership



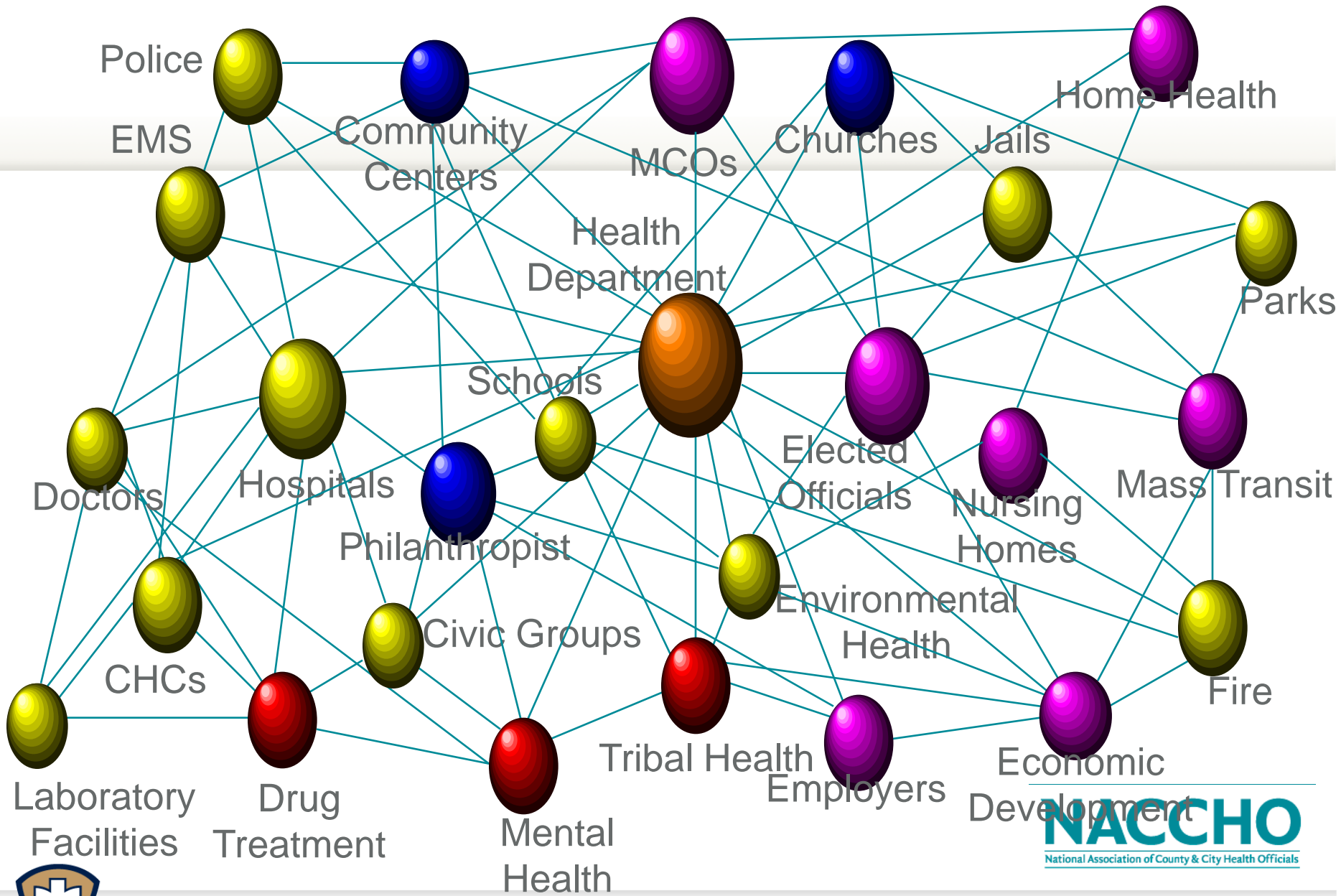
FIMR: eliminating preventable death through CQI



Source: National Fetal and Infant Mortality Review Program of The American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists. (2009) *Fetal and Infant Mortality Review: Making a Difference in the Community*.

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Analysis: the personal case



Why didn't baby Justin survive?

But why was he born prematurely?

But why did his mother develop an
intrauterine infection?

But why was her immune system
compromised?

But why was she experiencing
stress?

But what did she do to experience
stress?





"Self-help! Self-help!"

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Public Health
Prevent. Promote. Protect.

Root cause analysis: the population case



Have other babies not survived?

Are the conditions experienced by Jason's family experienced by others?

Is there a pattern of conditions?

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Inequity: moving to a population lens

- Organizational and rule-making **power** creates inequity
- Power creates and sustains **root causes**: class structure, racism, gender inequity
- Root causes generate **preventable death**
 - In FIMR's case, infant death
- Power is subject to change



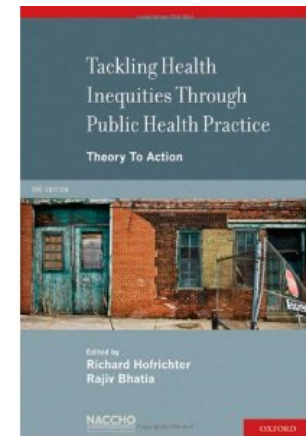
What questions could FIMR answer?

- What makes infants and their families vulnerable?
- What organizational, societal, and personal decision-making power results in preventable infant death
- How could power be exercised differently to prevent infant death?
- How can we change land use, education, business, food, housing, and transportation policies to ensure healthy people, spaces and places?
- What collective action is necessary to create that change?



NACCHO resources

- Preconception Health and Health Care Resource Center
- Multi-media web-based curriculum, Roots of Health Inequity: www.rootsofhealthinequity.org
- Anthology, *Tackling Health Inequity Through Health Practice*
- LHD National Coalition for Health Equity
- Handbook (in development)



Local Health Departments, FIMR, & Health Equity

- Metro Public Health Department (TN)
- San Francisco Department of Public Health (CA)
- Boston Public Health Commission (MA)



To learn more about NACCHO's work to address inequities
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