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June 14, 2021 NASEM Workshop:
Civic Engagement and Civic Infrastructure to
Advance Health Equity

A non-partisan coalition of 10 national public health organizations working to advance health equity by assuring access to the ballot is available to everyone

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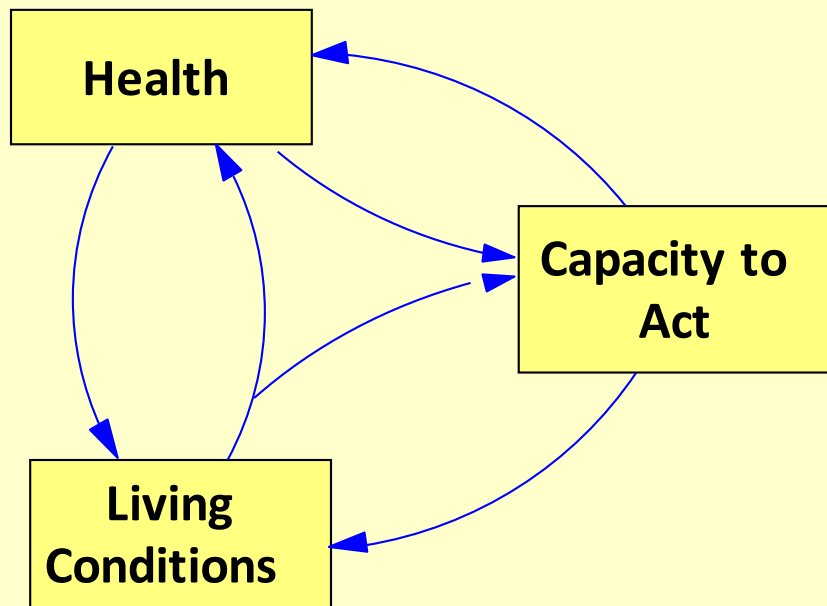
Health is.....



“...Public health is what we... **do collectively to assure the conditions** in which (all) people can be healthy.”

Institute of Medicine (1988), Future of Public Health

Strategic Action: Build capacity to influence living conditions



To assure health we must build our collective “capacity to act” (power)

Presented by: Jeanne F. Ayers, Minnesota Department of Health - Milstein B. Hygeia's constellation: navigating health futures in a dynamic and democratic world. Atlanta, GA: Syndemics Prevention Network, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention; April 15, 2008. Available at: <http://www.cdc.gov/syndemics/monograph/index.htm>

Three Practices Strengthen “Capacity to Act” - Power

Organize the:



- **Organize People: Strengthen the capacity of community:** *Align efforts and strengthen relationships across organizations to promote access to the ballot for everyone.*
- **Organize narrative, knowledge, data:** *Collectively promote the understanding of the relationship of health to civic engagement, inclusion and social cohesion.*
- **Organize Resources and how systems and places work:** *Assure systems and resources of support for civic and electoral system participation.*

Civic Infrastructure in our everyday lives

Employ Tools with Equity as Aim

- Research, data collection, analysis, Health Assessments, planning
- Reports/white papers/Bully Pulpit/testimony/op-eds
- Policy-all levels, Health in all Policies
- Programs, grant-making, resource allocation, budgeting
- Relationship building, Stakeholder/Power analysis
- Convening-Process- Community Engagement-partnerships
- Align our actions with what we know creates health
- Asking Questions

Next Steps

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- Call to action-HHS-Administration-Healthy People 2030, AVR
- Democracy and Health Scorecard—- July 2021 (NPHL) - analyze and illustrate the relationship between our health and civic participation at the state level
- Civic Health Month August 2021 civichealthmonth.org/join-us
 - HDHP-Civic Health Champions—pledge -- **hdhp.us**
 - HDHP-Webinar series- promote
- Engage in state and national actions to expand access to ballot i.e. Automatic Voter Registration (AVR)

Democracy and Health Scorecard

To be released: July 1 - hdhp.us

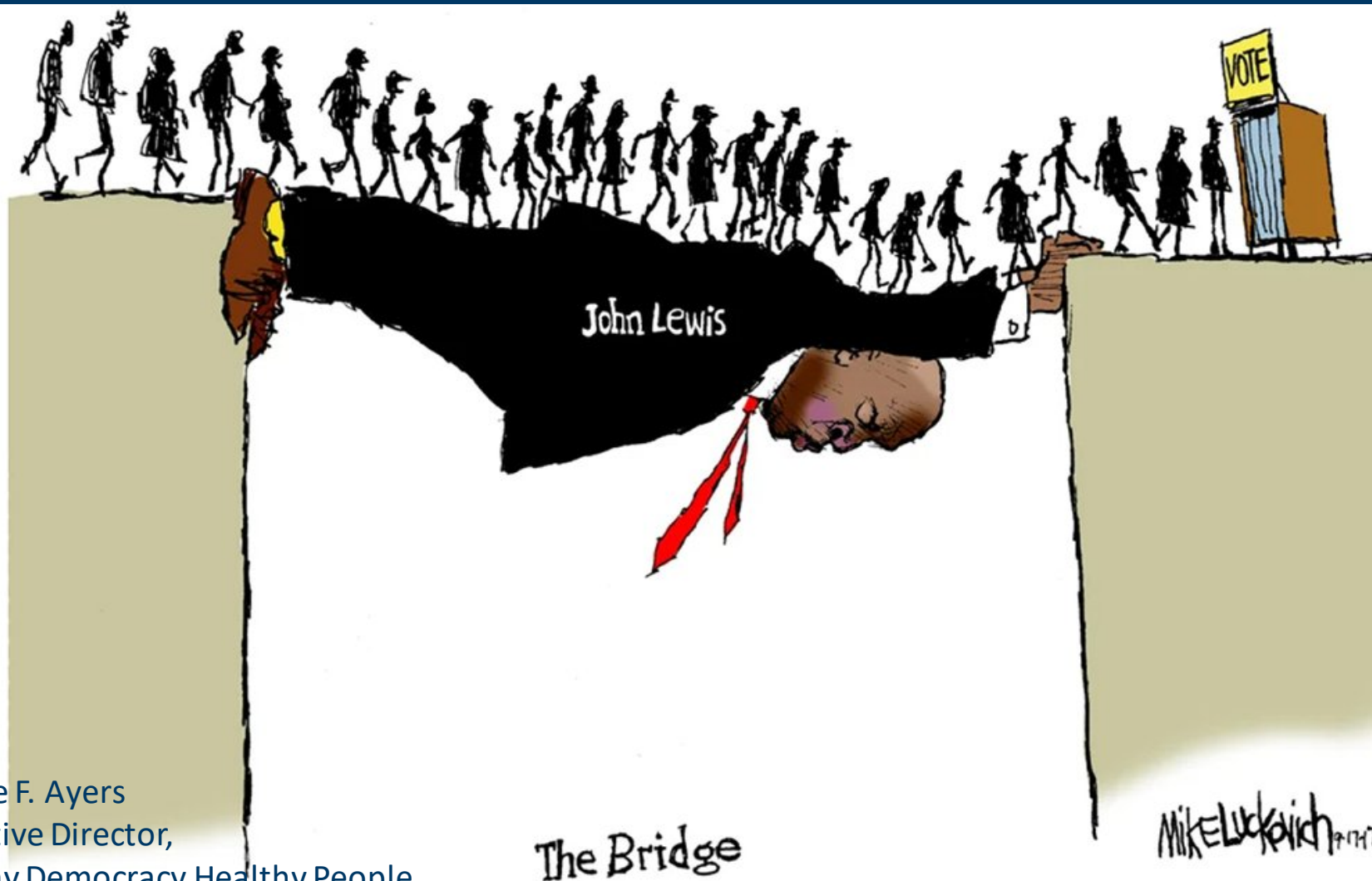
- Analyze and illustrate the relationship between health equity, population health and civic participation at the state level
- Build public commitment by expanding our understanding of the relationship between inclusive civic participation and our collective health
- Support public health and health care professionals as champions for civic and voting participation
- Strengthen relationships across policy sectors
- Identify policies and demonstrate practical ways to expand access to the ballot and improve population health

Take Action

Civic Health Champions

- **Civic Health Champion**—*Embrace the imperative to address structural racism and promote policies that assure and encourage civic and voter participation*
- **Promote the understanding** of critical connections between healthy democracy and healthy people—*writing, speaking and actions*
- **Build and leverage your influence to impact policies** through your national and local organizations and your professional and personal roles
- **Encourage voter registration in all services you provide or influence**—*clinical and social services, grants—WIC, SNAP, patient history and education, etc*
- **Conduct research and data analysis**—*include voter registration in data sets i.e. Healthy People 2030, BRFSS and strengthen analysis*

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