



HEALing Communities **STUDY**

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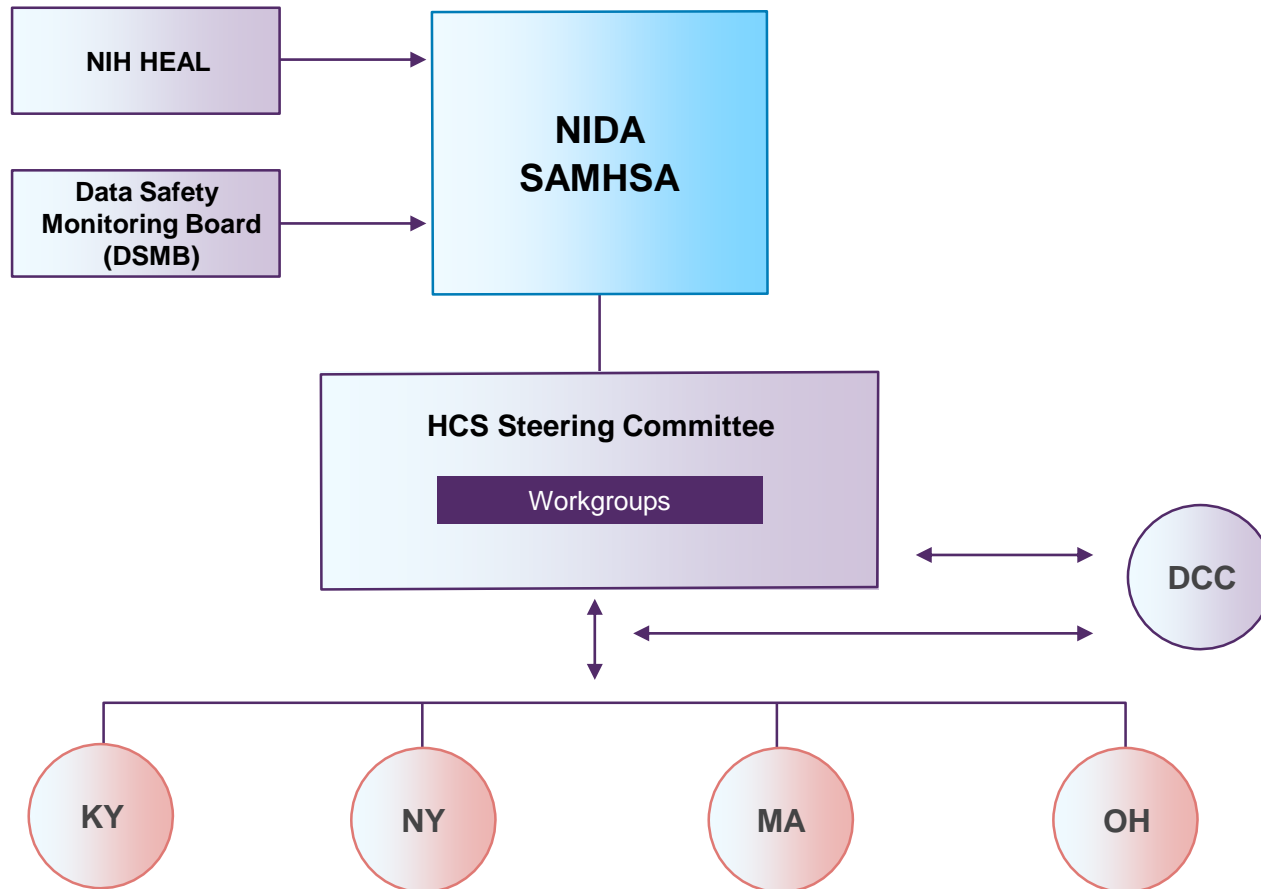
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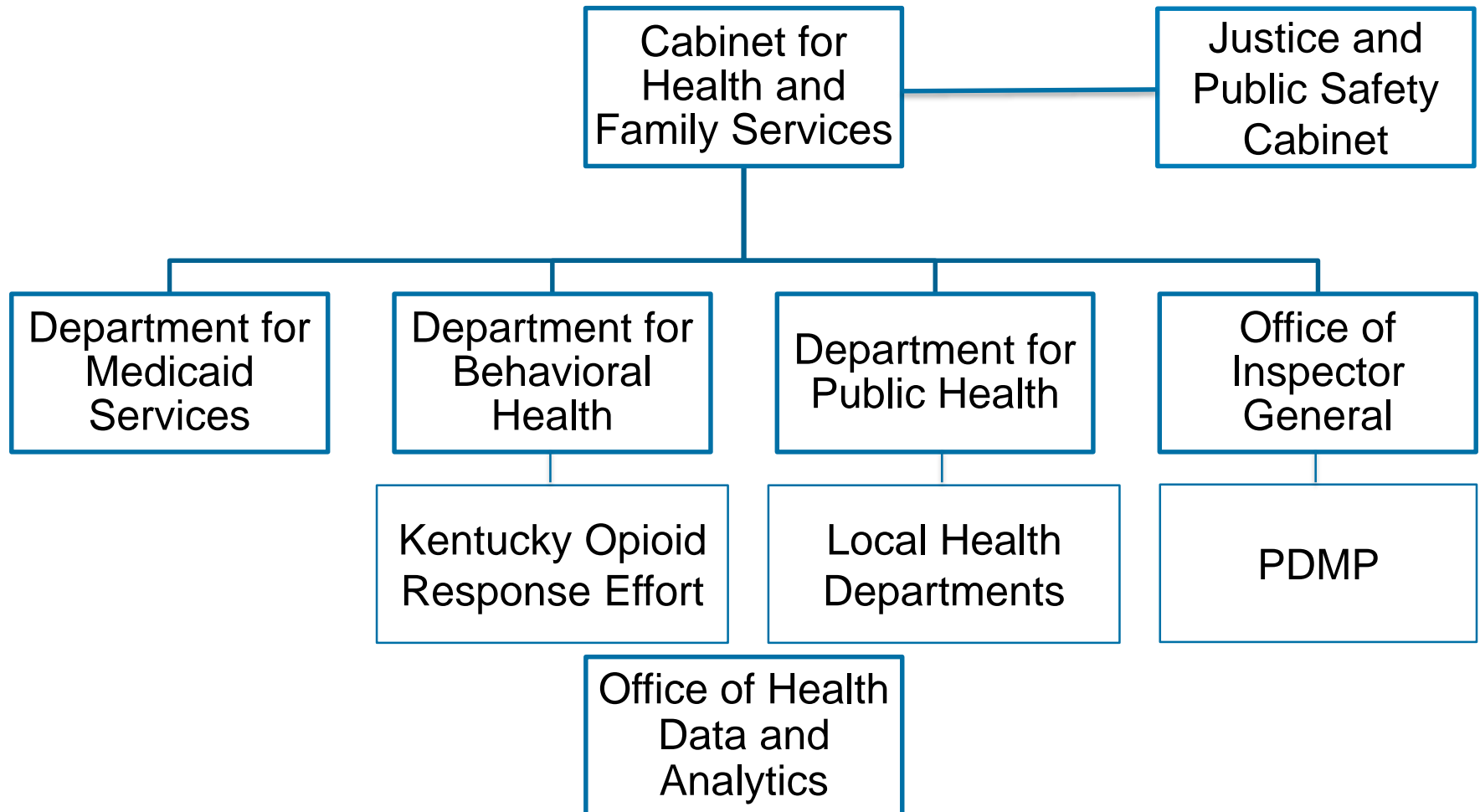
Overview of the HEALing Communities Study (HCS)

- A partnership with the National Institutes of Health (NIH), the National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA), and the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA).
- \$87 million was awarded to the University of Kentucky. Other institutions funded:
 - Columbia University, NY
 - Boston Medical Center, MA
 - The Ohio State University, OH
- Our project is being conducted in partnership with numerous federal, state, community, public health, criminal justice, behavioral health, and health care partners.
 - Adam Meier, Secretary of the Cabinet for Health & Family Services, is a Co-I.

HCS Organizational Structure



KY HCS & State Government Partnerships



Primary Outcome of the HEALing Communities Study (HCS)

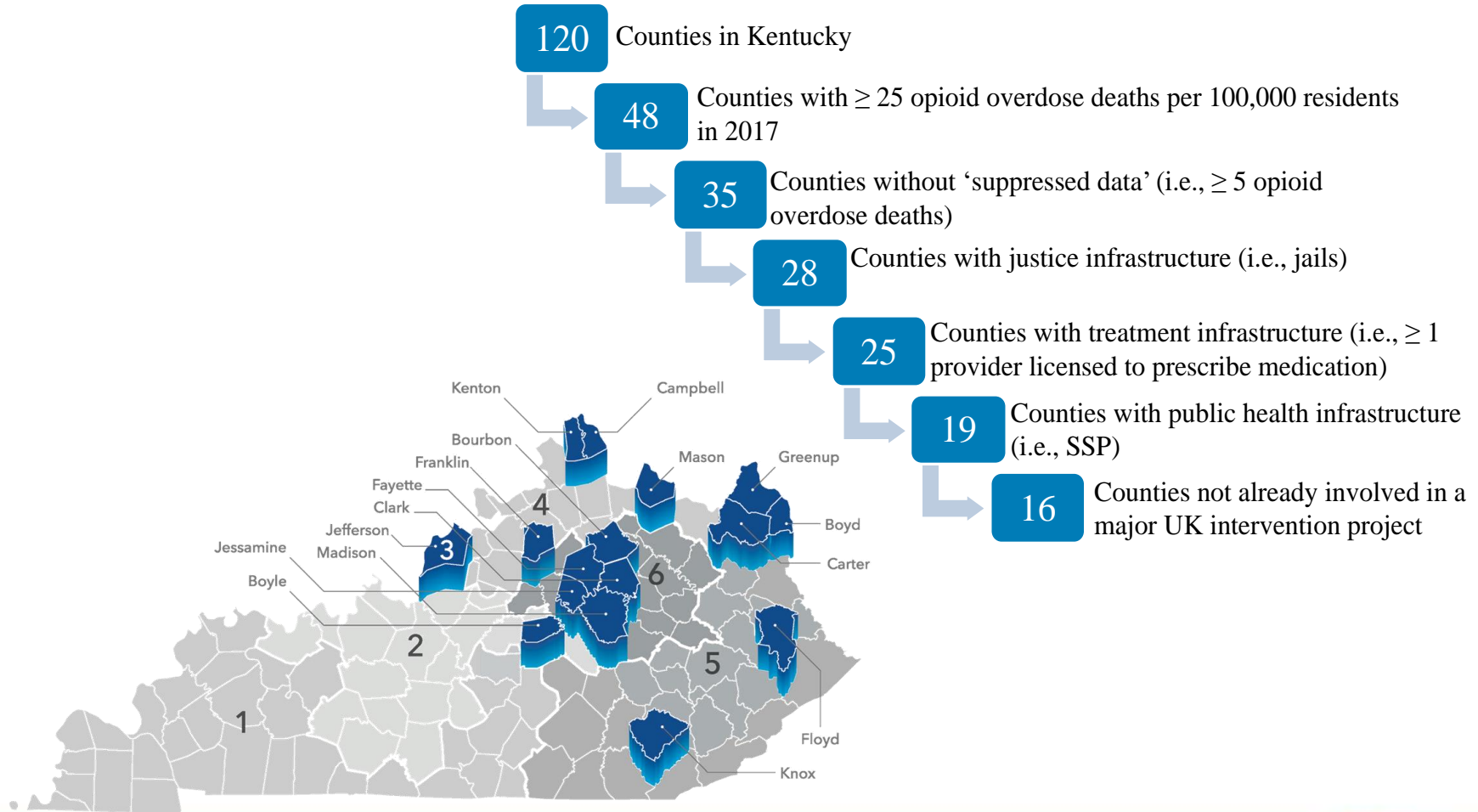
- To reduce opioid-related overdose deaths by **40%** over 3 years within 67 highly affected communities in KY, MA, NY, and OH.

HEALing Communities Study (HCS) Design

- The HCS will test the impact of the Communities that Heal (CTH) intervention on opioid-related overdose deaths.
 - CTH is a community-engaged intervention that produces a comprehensive, data-driven community response plan to deploy evidence-based practices (EBPs) across multiple sectors to reduce opioid-related overdose deaths.
- The study design is a multisite parallel-arm cluster randomized waitlist-controlled trial evaluating the impact of the CTH intervention compared to usual care.

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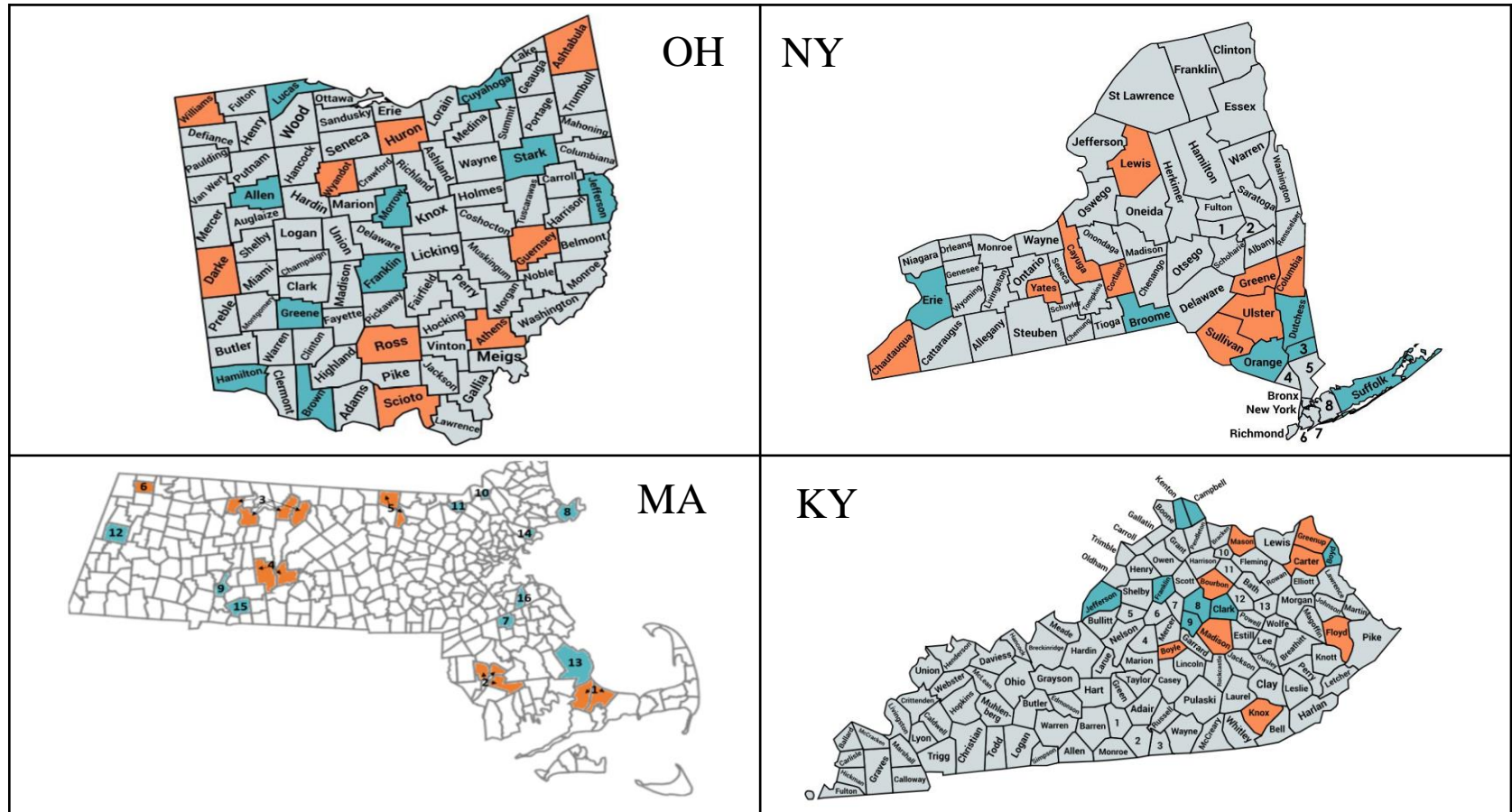
County Selection and How Data was used to Inform Design



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 Urban Communities

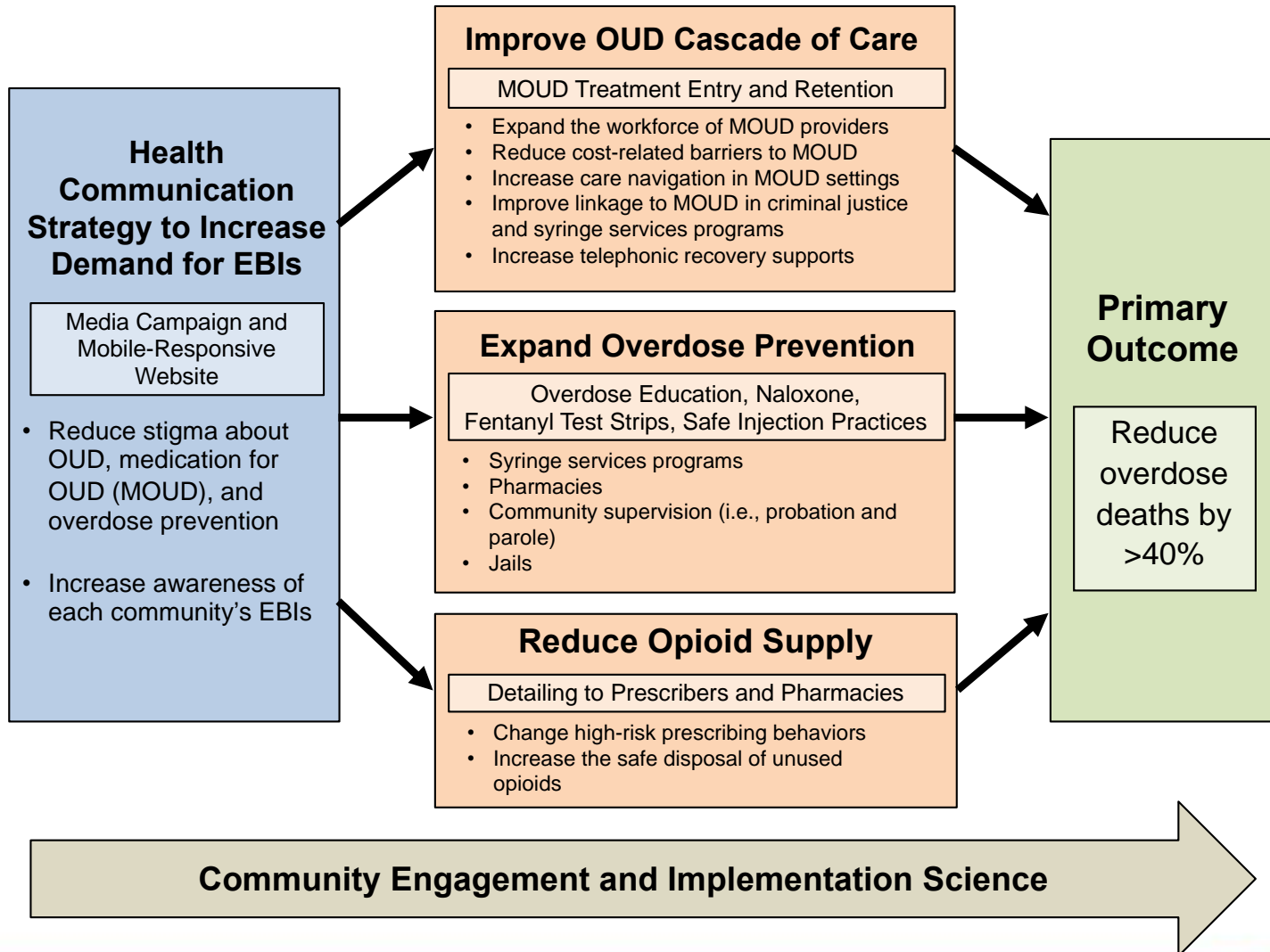




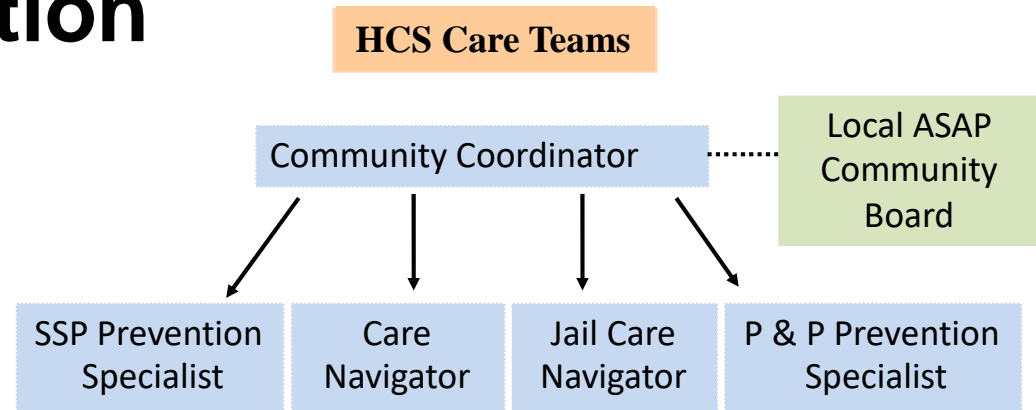
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HEALing Communities Conceptual Framework to Reduce Overdose Deaths



KY Care Navigation



- Develop an integrated care network within the local community, reach those at highest risk and increase access to evidence-based care
- Can help overcome historical silos in substance use disorder care
- Opportunity to collect data on effectiveness of community navigation models

Thank You!

- For more information:
<https://www.nih.gov/research-training/medical-research-initiatives/heal-initiative/healing-communities-study>