

## Partnering to Address the Maternal Health Crisis: Public Health's Essential Role

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## **Three Truths From Today**



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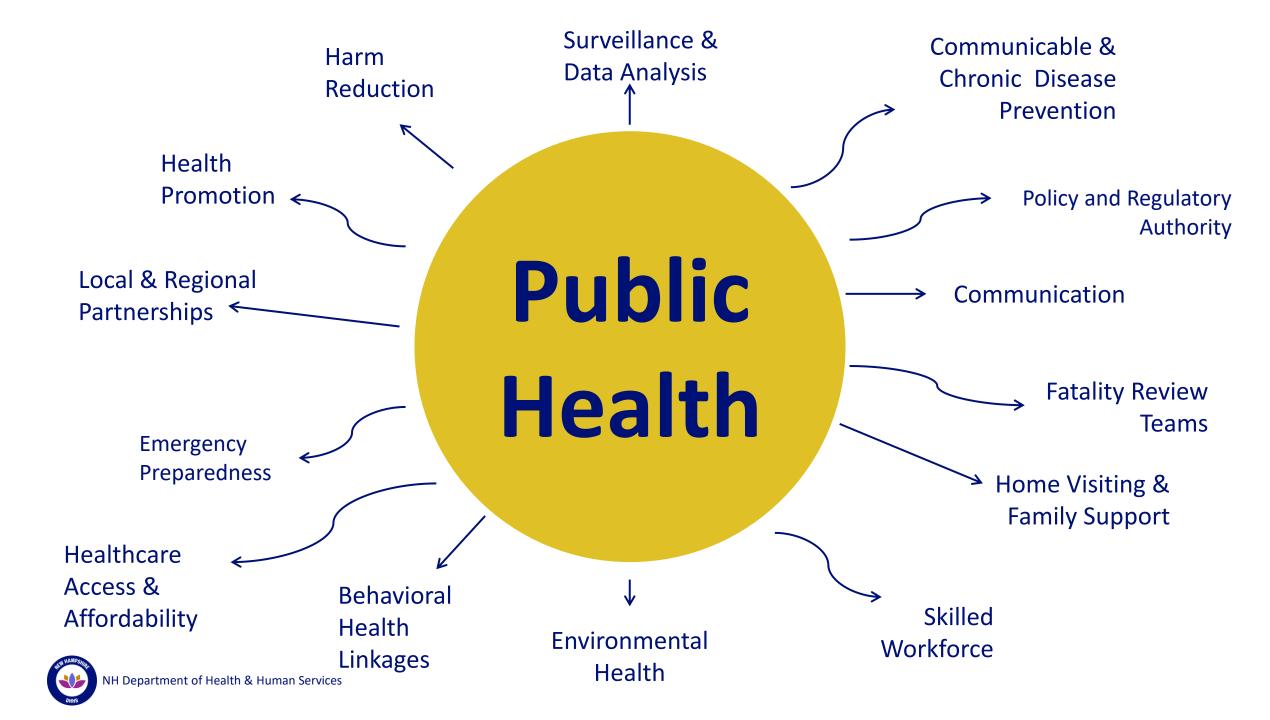
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## **Our Commitment To You (and with you)**



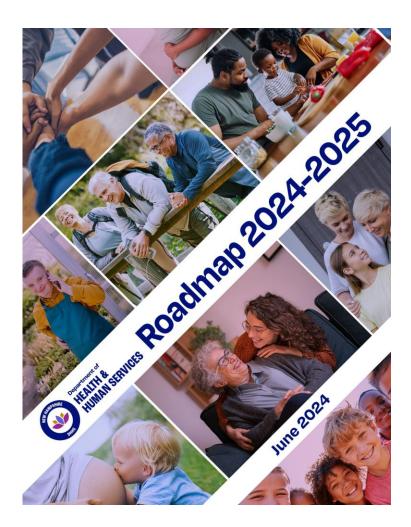
# Because pregnant individuals in New Hampshire are most vulnerable to poor outcomes due to...



Source: Surgo Health, Maternal Vulnerability Index (MVI), 2024. https://mvi.surgoventures.org



## **Together We Are Maintaining Our Focus**



Improve first trimester entry into prenatal care Increase postpartum depression screening

Reduce maternal death from overdose Increase the use of Plans of Safe Care (POSC)



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## New Hampshire Moms Need Us To Work Together

#### **Create Trust**

 Counter unpredictability with the predictability of our commitment to partnership and improved maternal health Keep Telling the Story of Where We Are Going

 Our common vision, fueled by the experience of New Hampshire moms, enables us to keep going and absorb the stress of uncertainty

#### Increase Honesty and Transparency

 Express confidence within our teams and with each other in our ability to meet the future, no matter what it holds

## Frame Uncertainty as Opportunity

 Instead of fearing uncertainty, see it as a chance to explore new work and rethink existing approaches

### **Resist The Urge To See Everything As a Technical Problem**

### **Technical Problems**

- The problem and solution are clear
- Can be solved with current expertise
- We have everything you need to solve it
- We can expect to get it right the first time

### Adaptive Challenges

- The problem and solutions are complex
- We need partners to get it right
- Requires changing priorities and/or beliefs
- We won't get it right the first time.

## **Together We Are Building Bridges Between Communities and Care**

We can do and be so much for each other—but only when we see one another in our full humanity, not as statistics or problems, but as people who deserve to be alive in the world. –John Green



# Thank you. We can't wait to get to work.



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