

PREPAREDNESS IN RURAL AMERICA

ASTHO-NEMA-NGA JOINT POLICY WORK GROUP DISCUSSION

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THEME 1:

**PEOPLE AND COMMUNITIES GROW FROM
ACKNOWLEDGING AND BUILDING ON THEIR
STRENGTHS, SETTING A VISION, AND
COLLABORATING TO ACHIEVE IT.**

WHAT ARE THE STRENGTHS OF RURAL AREAS IN YOUR STATE? WHAT'S WORKED WELL TO BUILD ON?

WHEN MOST SUCCESSFUL, WHO LEADS IT?



THEME 2:

THERE ARE SIGNIFICANT PREPAREDNESS CHALLENGES IN RURAL COMMUNITIES.

THEY ARE OFTEN LARGER SYSTEM ISSUES, IMPACTING BOTH EVERYDAY FUNCTIONING AND DISASTER RESILIENCY.

**(E.G., BROADBAND, TRANSPORTATION, HEALTH CARE ACCESS, WORKFORCE.....
PRE-EVENT COMMUNITY FUNCTIONING MATTERS)**



***WHAT ARE CURRENTLY THE BIGGEST ISSUES IN RURAL
AREAS OF YOUR STATE?***

WHERE ARE YOU MAKING PROGRESS?

***WHAT POLICIES, PRACTICES, PARTNERSHIPS, OR
FUNDING APPROACHES ARE OR COULD MAKE A
DIFFERENCE?***



THEME 3:

STRENGTHENING AND USING RAPID DECISION SUPPORT PROCESSES FOR ELECTED OFFICIALS AND MORE EFFECTIVELY COORDINATING COMMUNICATIONS ACROSS SECTORS WOULD SUPPORT MORE COHESIVE RESPONSES FOR RURAL COMMUNITIES (AND ELSEWHERE).

***HOW CAN WE BETTER ALIGN PUBLIC HEALTH,
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT, AND EXECUTIVES
DURING DISASTERS?***

***WHAT CAN WE DO NOW TO FOSTER MORE EFFECTIVE
COMMUNICATIONS?***

***WHAT BUILDS OR EVOKES TRUST IN GOVERNMENT
AMONG RURAL COMMUNITIES?***



THEME 4:

SEVERAL AREAS WHERE FEDERAL AND STATE POLICY CHANGES CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE:

- Consistent, stable, disease agnostic, predictable, and sufficient funding
- Workforce Development: Loan repayment, training and hiring initiatives
- Policies, programs, best practices, funding that build on the resources of and foster strong linkages with community-based / community led organizations and trusted local entities.
- Building the economic stability of families, assuring nurturing environments for children, addressing equity.

***WHAT IF ANYTHING IS UNDERWAY IN YOUR STATE TO BUILD
THE FINANCIAL STABILITY OF FAMILIES?
IS IT SEEN AS DISASTER RESILIENCY BUILDING?
IS THERE ROOM FOR YOU TO LEAD, INTEGRATE IN, OR SUPPORT
THIS WORK? SHOULD YOU?***

***WHAT WOULD “GAME CHANGER” POLICY CHANGES BE AT
EITHER THE FEDERAL OR STATE LEVEL?***



THEME 5:

THE POLARIZATION OF AMERICAN SOCIETY AND POLITICIZATION OF HEALTH / DISASTER RESPONSE IS EXCEEDINGLY DANGEROUS IN A WORLD WITH INCREASING WEATHER RELATED, INFECTIOUS DISEASE, VIOLENCE, & OTHER DISASTERS.

BUILDING ON OR RESTORING SOCIAL CAPITAL AND COHESION – REBUILDING TRUST IN EACH OTHER, IN GOVERNMENT, AND IN SOCIETY MORE BROADLY – IS BOTH DIFFICULT AND CRITICAL.

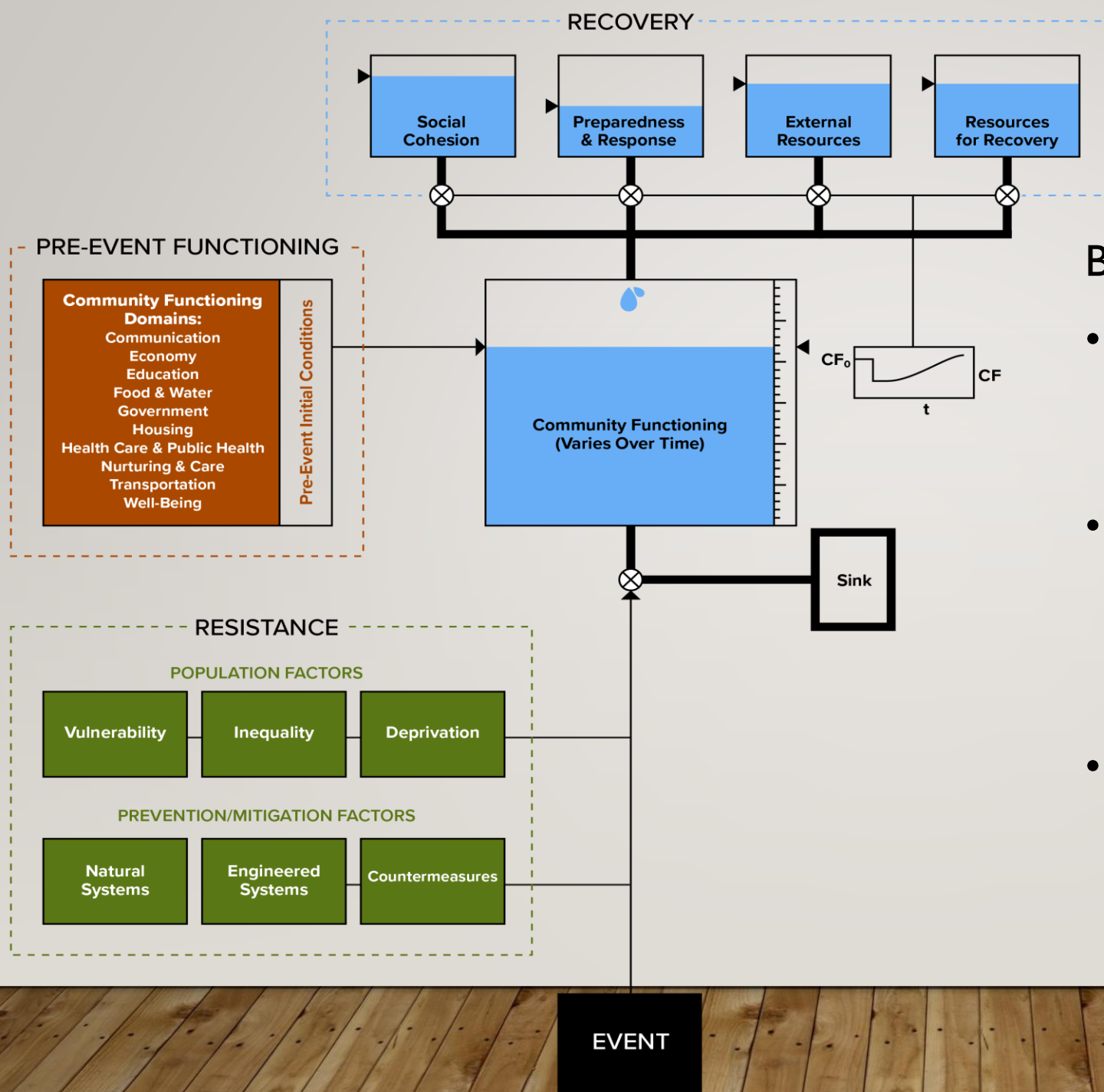


***WHAT CAN WE EACH DO TO ADDRESS SOCIETAL
POLARIZATION – INDIVIDUALLY, ORGANIZATIONALLY,
CULTURALLY?***

***WHAT EFFORTS ARE UNDERWAY THAT YOU SEE AS
EFFECTIVE?***



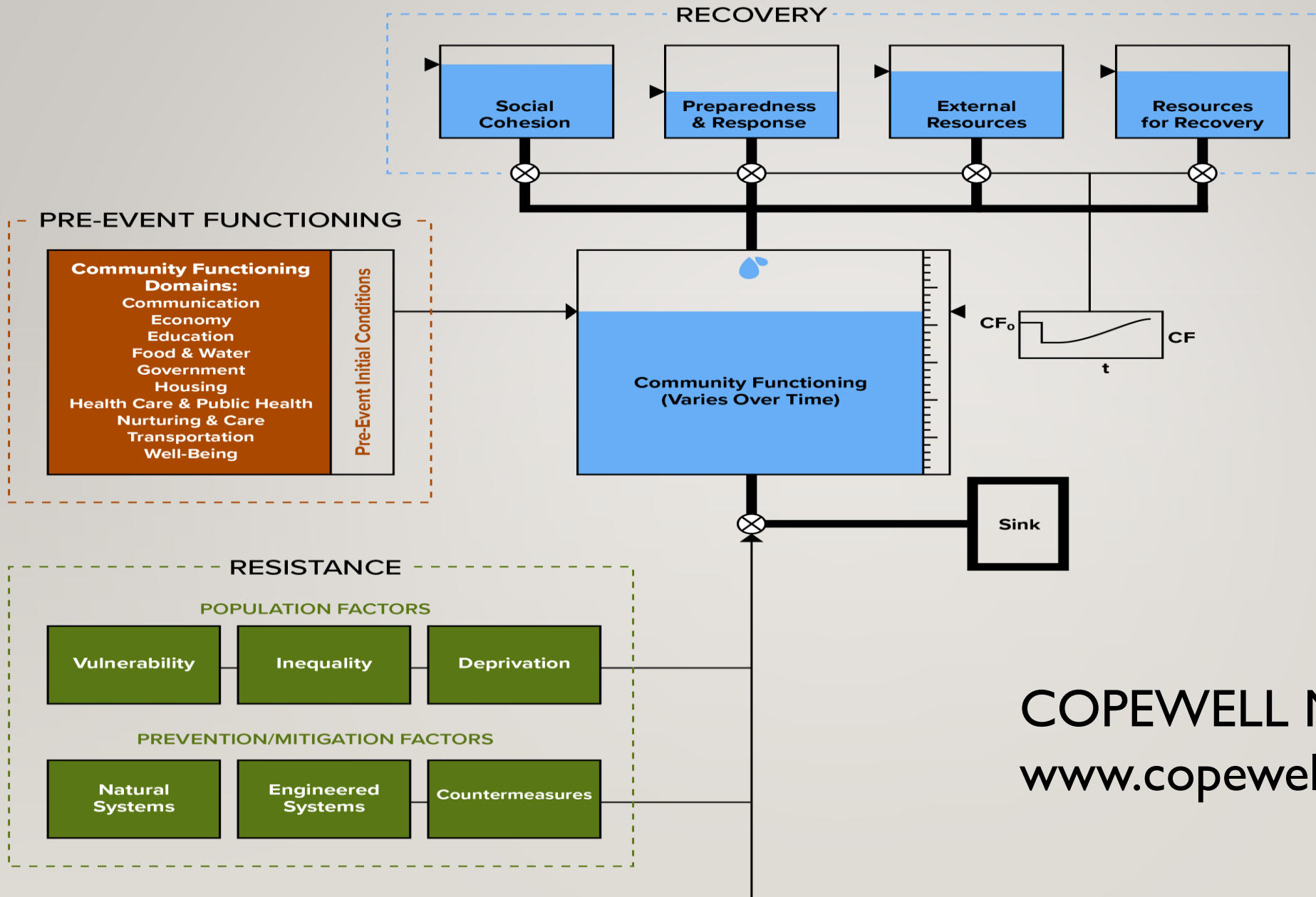
COPEWELL SYSTEMS DYNAMIC MODEL



Breaks “community resilience” down into:

- **Community Functioning:** Ability of the community to deliver basic goods and services to its residents
- **Resistance:** Factors that lessen or increase the impacts of an event on the community, i.e., the “drain” on community functioning
- **Recovery:** Factors that facilitate a speedy return to or “replenishment” of community functioning

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