

INVESTING OPIOID SETTLEMENT FUNDS

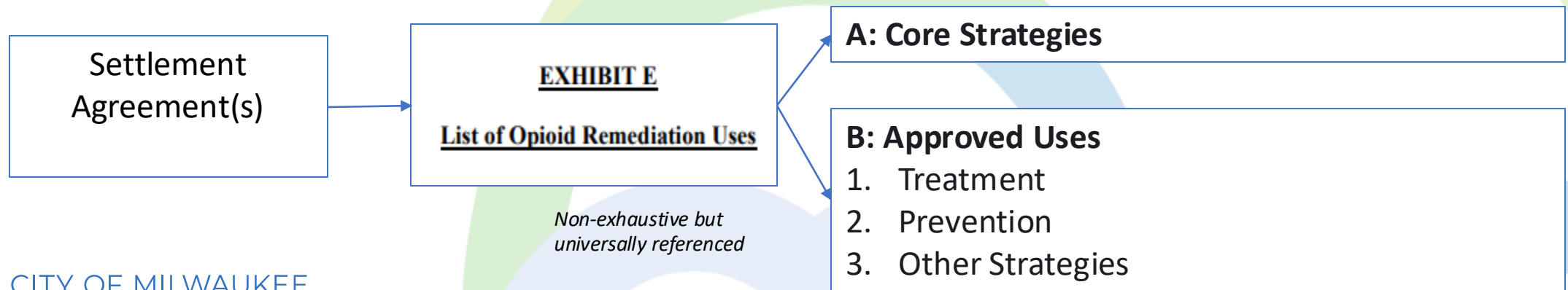
PUBLIC HEALTH STRATEGY

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BACKGROUND

- The City of Milwaukee was party to **opiate litigation**
- The litigation resulted in various settlements, for example from **manufacturers, distributors, and retail pharmacies**
- Funds transfer amount and timeline
- WI settlement shares are split 70/30
 - **70% local share**
 - went directly to the state's litigating cities (including City of Milwaukee) and counties (n=87)



VISION

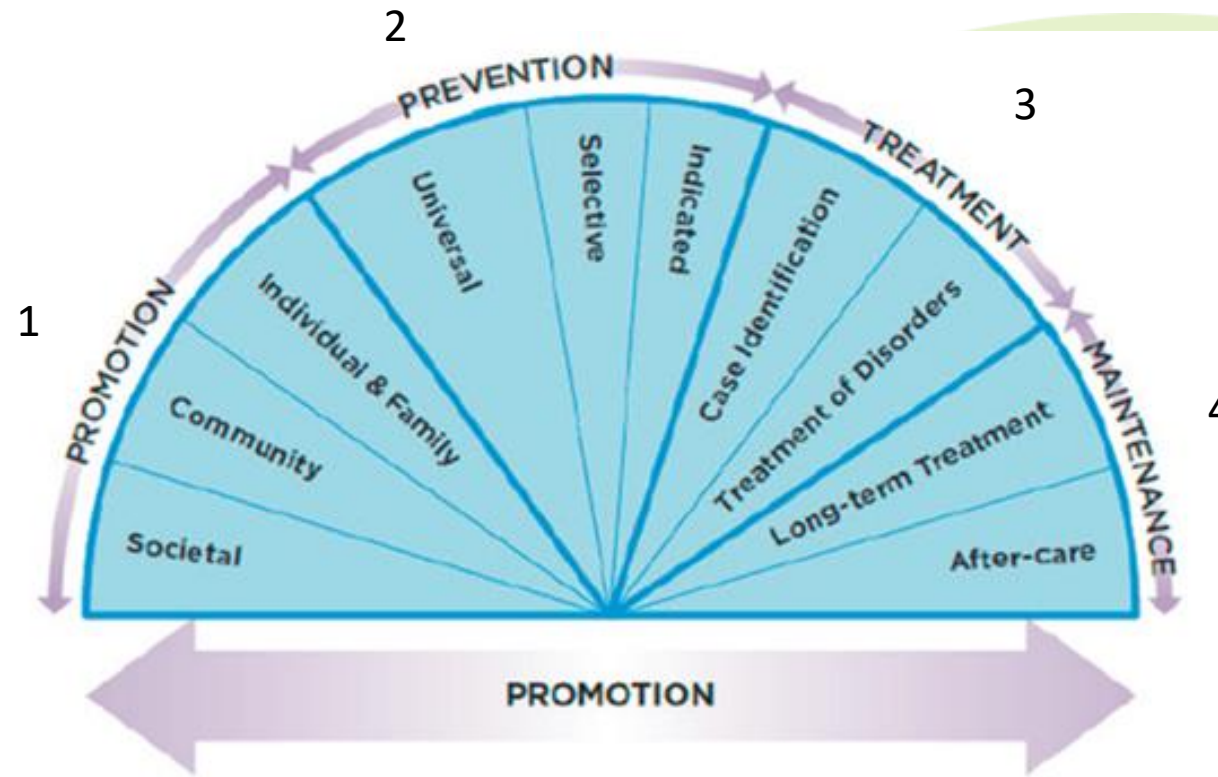
A Milwaukee free from harms of substance use, where astute investment of opioid settlement funds (OSF) promotes wellbeing for all

THE CONTINUUM OF CARE

- The continuum of care is an **established and vetted framework**
- Fitting backbone for citywide opioid settlement fund strategy
- All **allowed uses** for the OSF align to one or more of the four categories
- These **4 strategy categories** will act as **guideposts** to ensure Milwaukee's investments to remediate the opioid epidemic are impactful and wide-reaching
- Positions the City to take action on a **broad array** of activities across the **full spectrum of potential solutions**
 - Support collective impact
 - Hold space for the many non-City programs
 - Operate *within* the broader context of disciplines, practitioners, agencies working on this matter

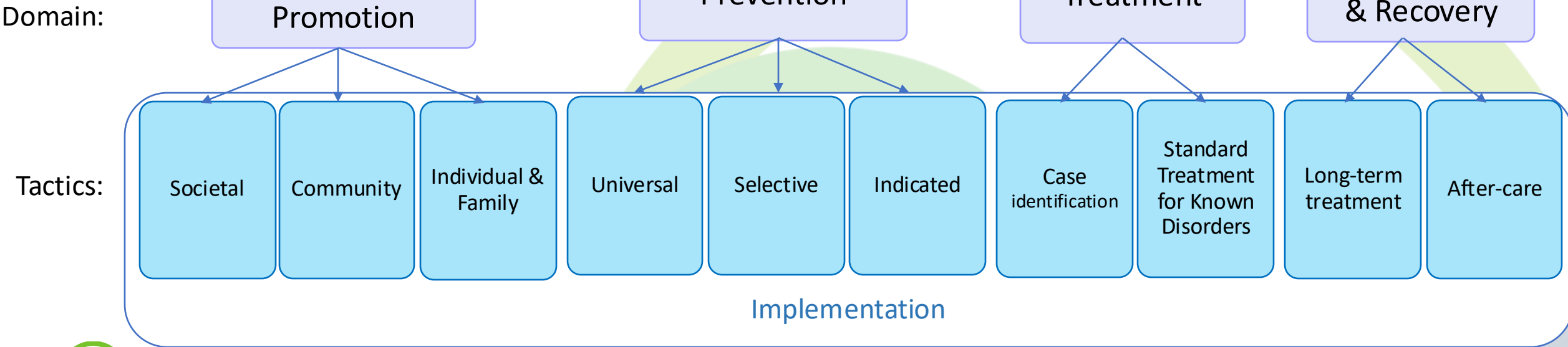
THE CONTINUUM OF CARE AS A BACKBONE

4 STRATEGIES: THE FOUNDATION FOR A **COMPREHENSIVE, ROBUST, ADAPTABLE** RESPONSE

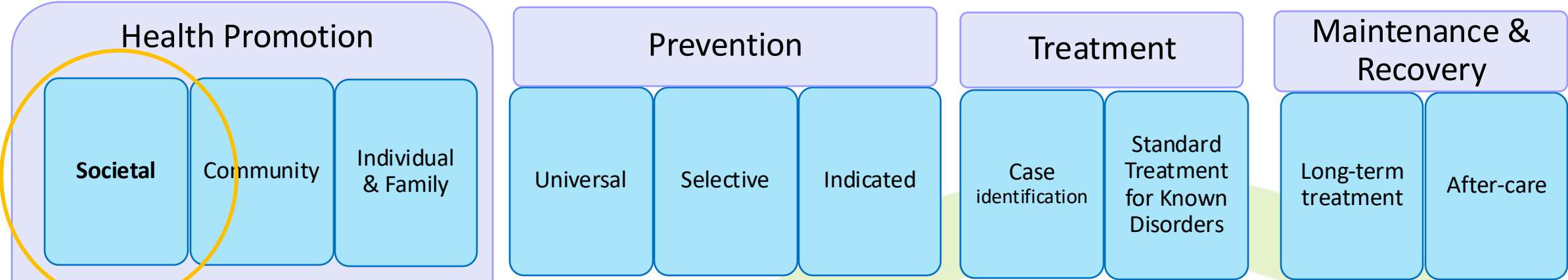


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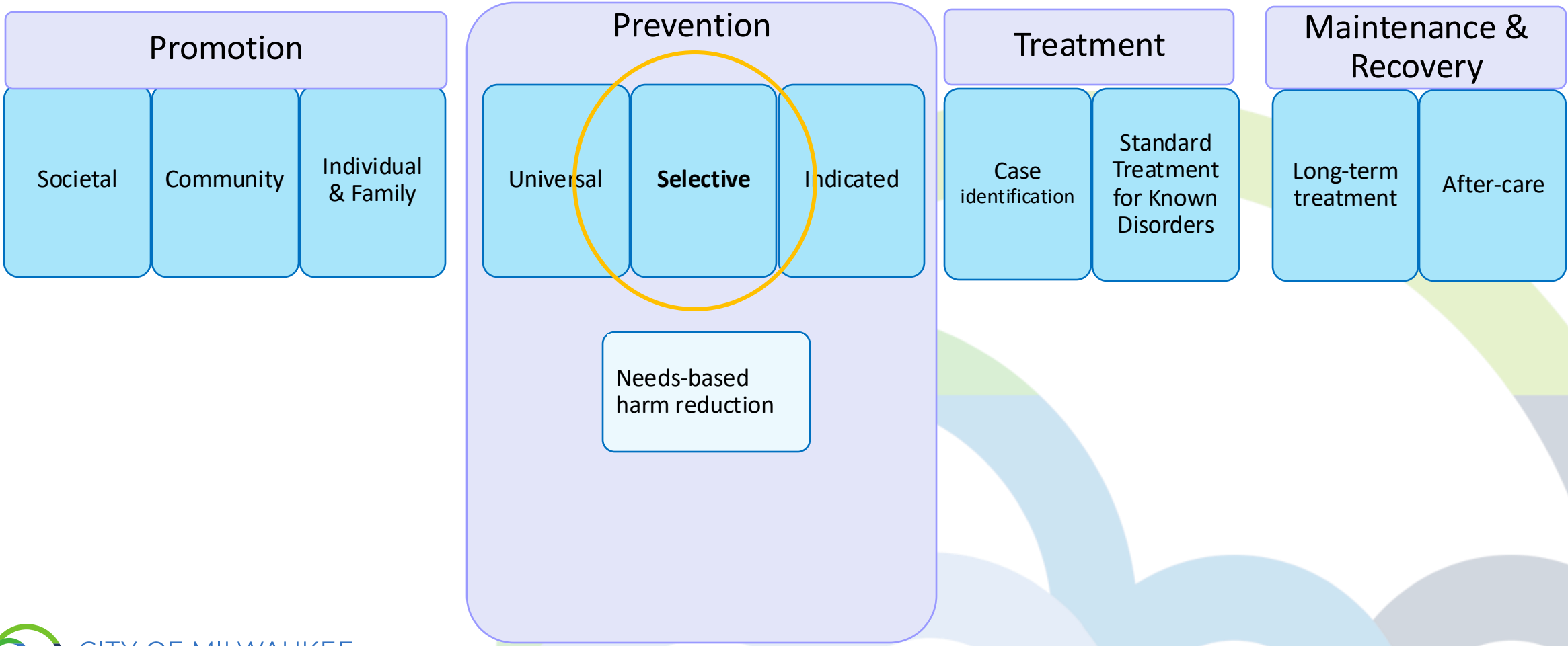
Strategy: Continuum of Care Framework
for Responding to the Opioid Epidemic



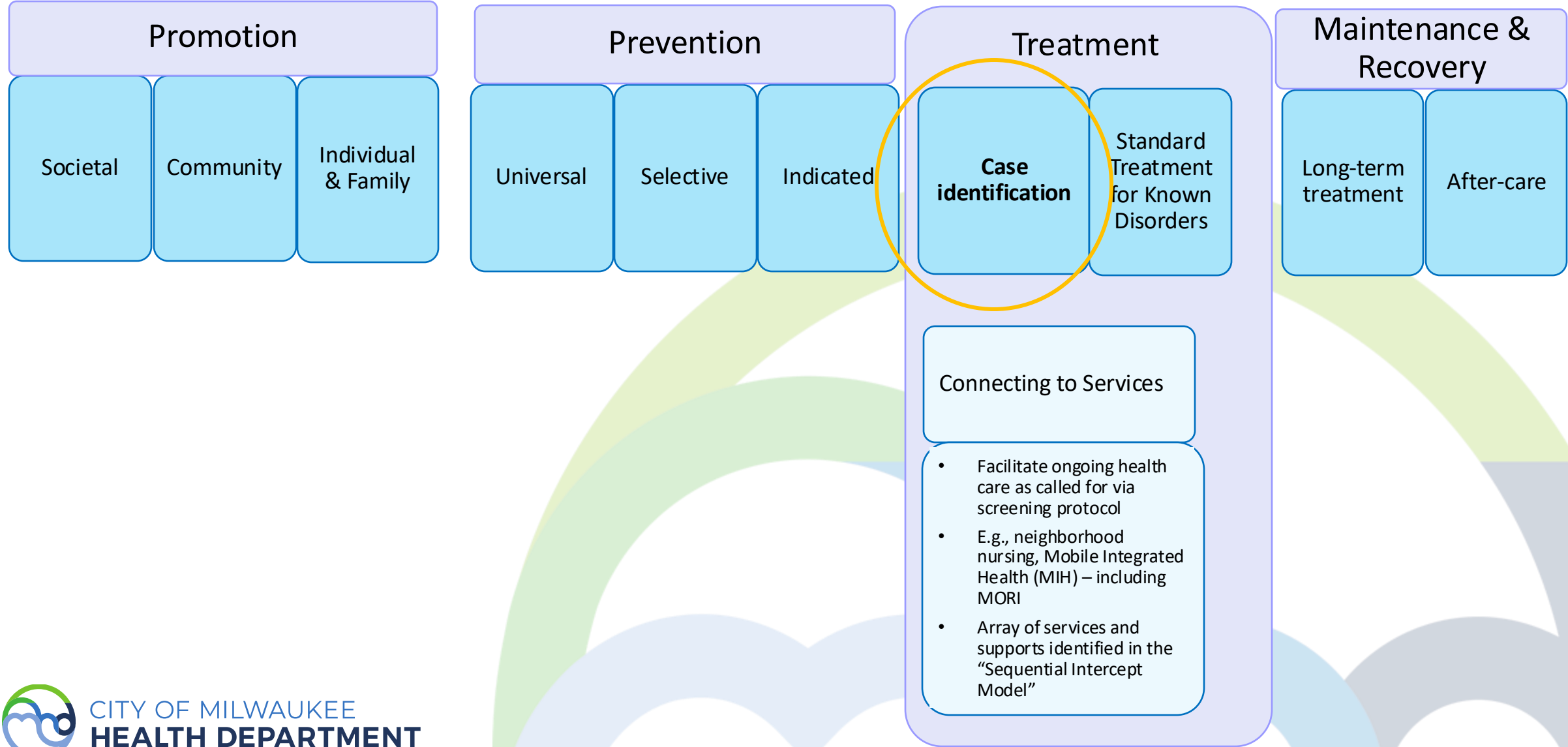
HEALTH PROMOTION STRATEGY



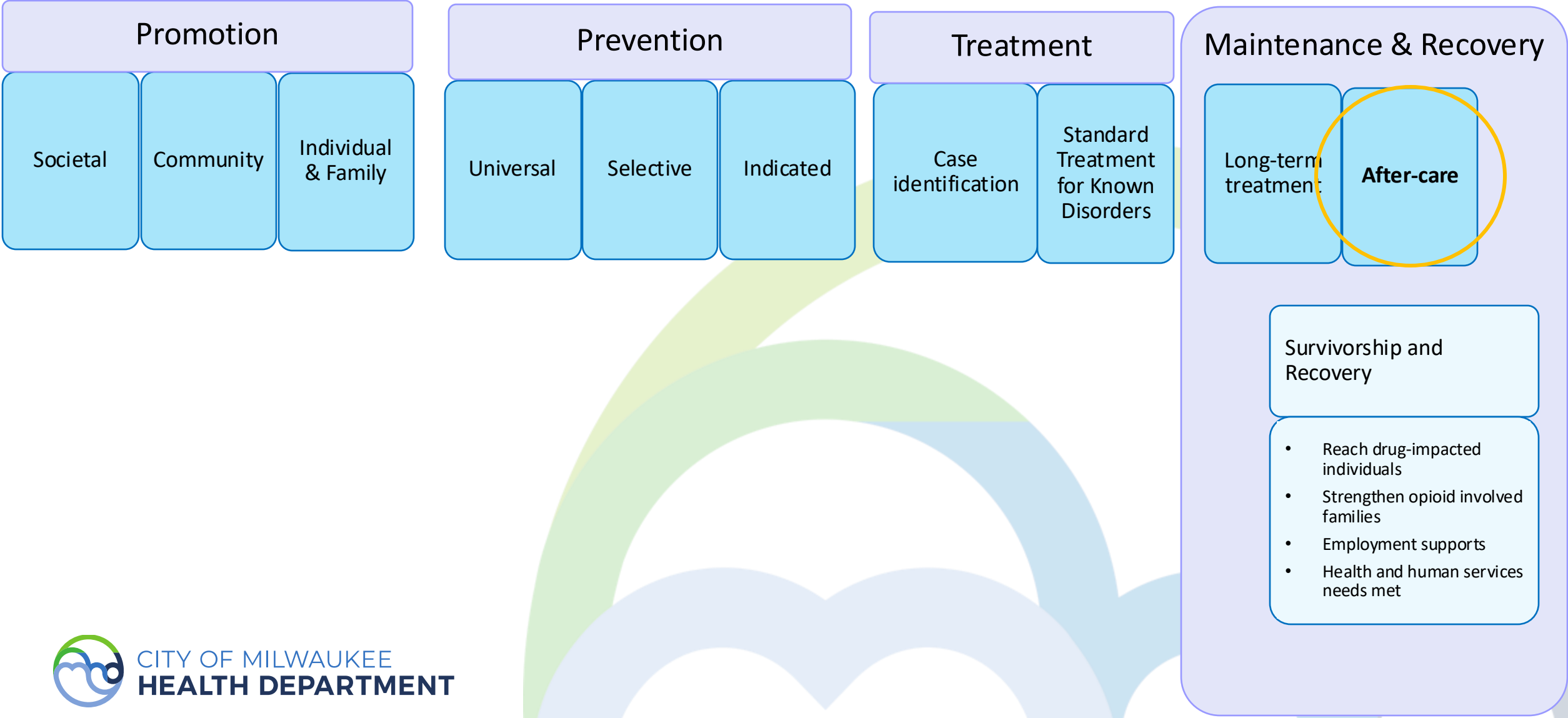
SUBSTANCE MISUSE PREVENTION STRATEGY



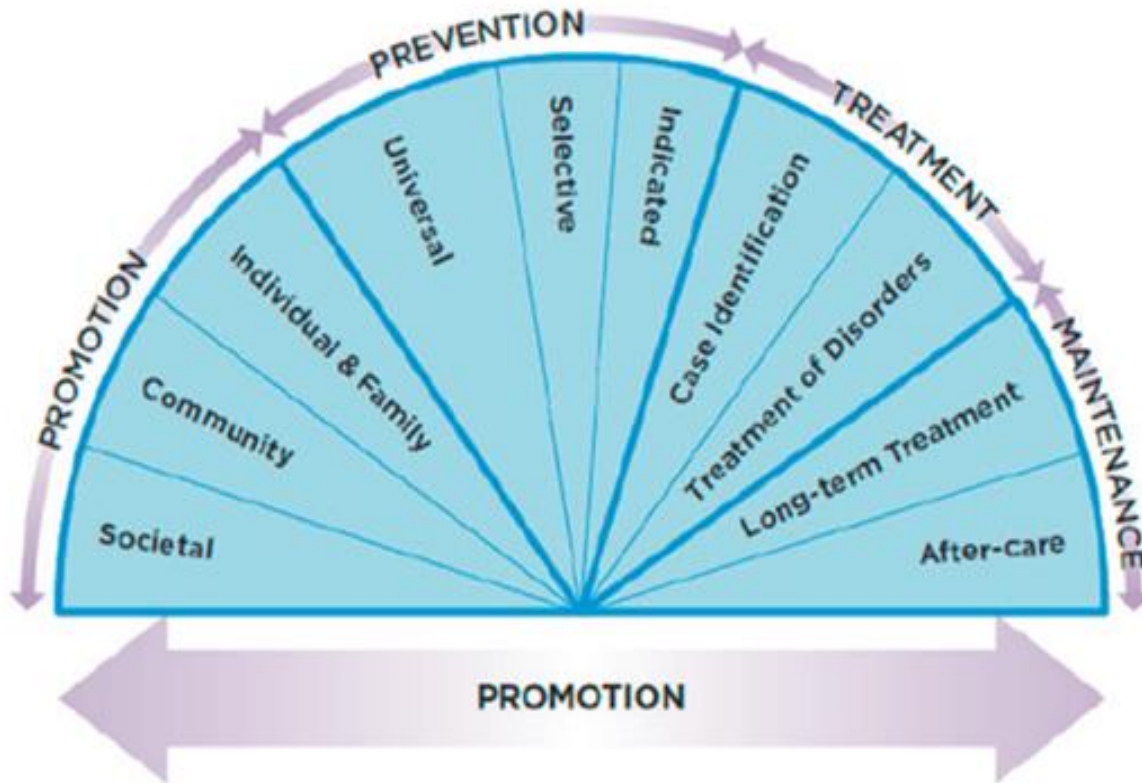
SUBSTANCE MISUSE TREATMENT STRATEGY



SUBSTANCE MISUSE MAINTENANCE & RECOVERY STRATEGY



THE CONTINUUM OF CARE: "WHAT'S NEEDED"



THE SETTLEMENT AGREEMENTS: "MENU" OF APPROPRIATE USES FOR FUNDS

EXHIBIT E

List of Opioid Remediation Uses

A: Core Strategies

B: Approved Uses

1. Treatment
2. Prevention
3. Other Strategies

IMPLEMENTING THE VISION

- Working group **charged to carry out the vision**
 - Connect, communicate, inform, align, monitor
 - Assure OSF investments maintain strategic alignment with the Continuum of Care Framework
 - allocate the City's settlement funds to meritorious projects and initiatives across strategic priority areas
- Assure all efforts to the address opioid epidemic will positively impact **Milwaukeeans directly**, or one of the many drivers of **population health**

NEXT STEPS

- **Convene** action team
 - Now engaging participants (Aug-Sept)
- Leverage continuum of care as backbone of 5-year strategic plan
- **Implement**
 - Begin deliberations and funding determination for new, proposed activities
 - e.g., Mental Health Improvement Fund
 - Administrative actions
 - Appropriate council files, etc.
 - Budget(s)

Q&A



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OSF COLLECTIVE ACTION WORK GROUP

STRATEGIC GOALS

- **Goal 1:** Invest across the continuum of care ecosystem: promotion, prevention, treatment, and maintenance. Assure Milwaukee OSF investments address social, structural, commercial, and political drivers of population health outcomes.
- **Goal 2:** Pursue sub-awarding opportunities to bolster diffusion of funds to organizations engaged in this work. Build upon existing public health infrastructure, and further complementary programming by financially supporting implementation of community-operated efforts along the continuum of care.
- **Goal 3:** Invest effort and funds to build capacity for a multi-sectoral response. Build on existing interconnectedness between public health, human services, public safety, and the criminal legal system; expand coordination to amplify impact across sectors.