

# THE DOWNLOAD

A monthly webinar diving into the intersection of healthcare and technology



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## **Welcome**

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## **Velatura Structure**

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## **Cross Sector Data Exchange for Social Needs Program**

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## **Adjourn**

# Velatura Leadership



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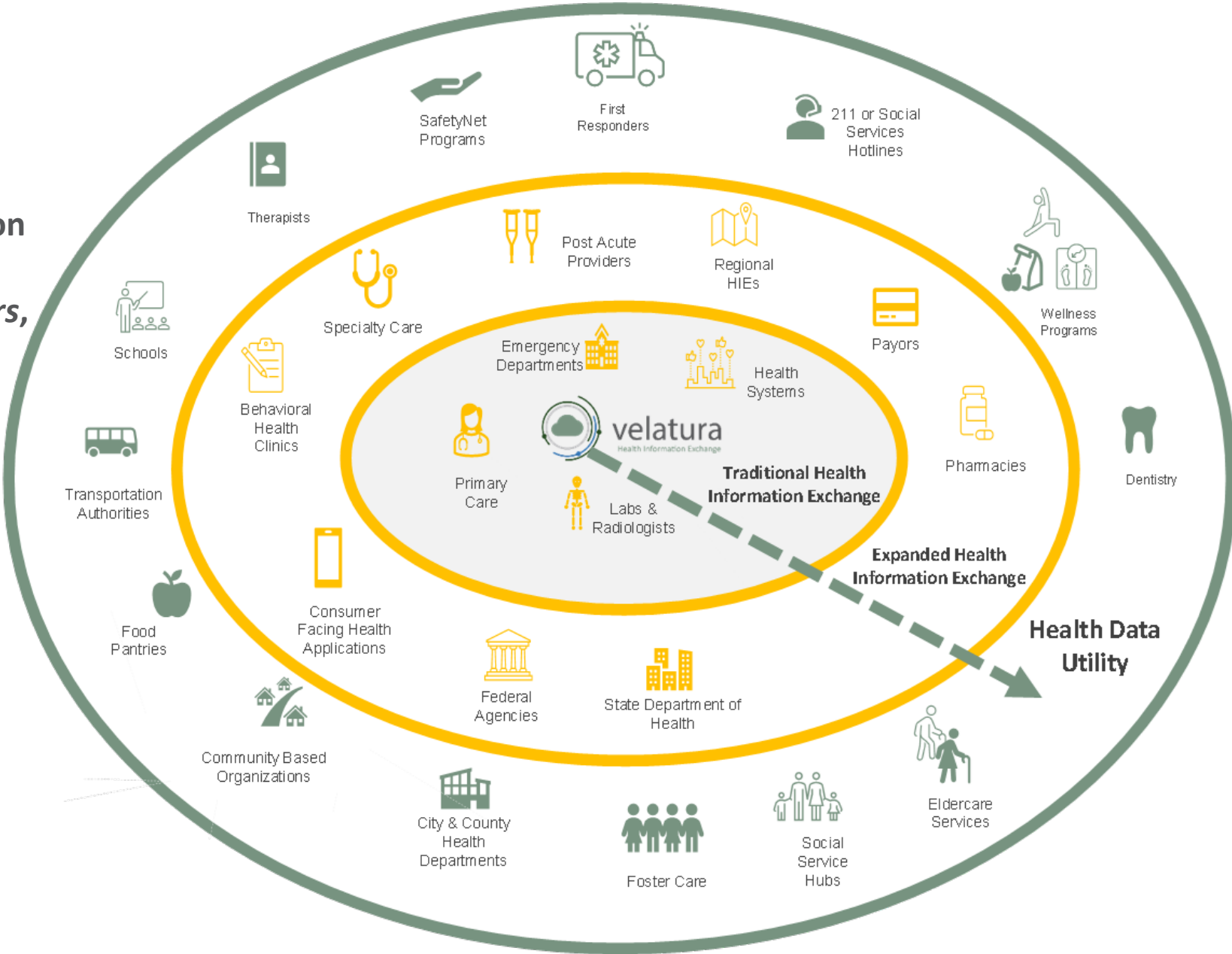


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Health Information Exchange

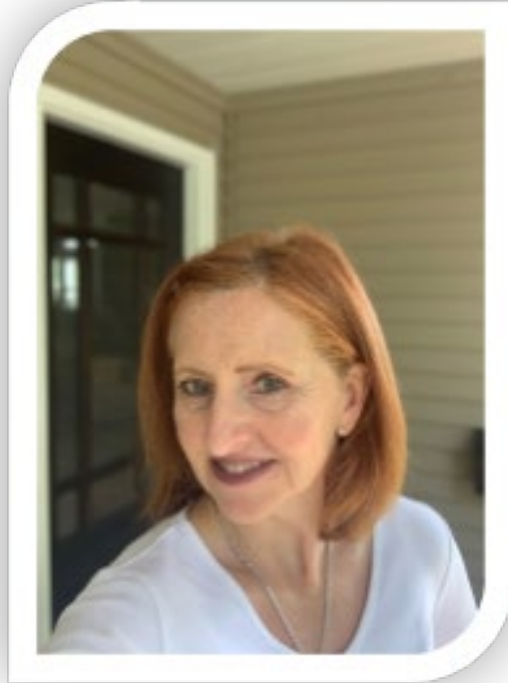
**Velatura HIE Co. is a non-profit organization that provides technology and services to connect disparate sectors, *our stakeholders*, to securely share health information.**

**An unbiased data trustee, HIE Co. does not provide health care services, produce health care data or compete in the marketplace.**

**Instead, we help convene to share vital health information to advance care, better outcomes and lower costs.**



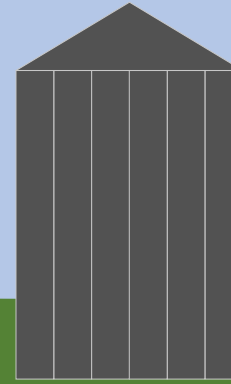
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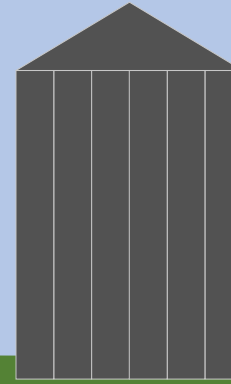
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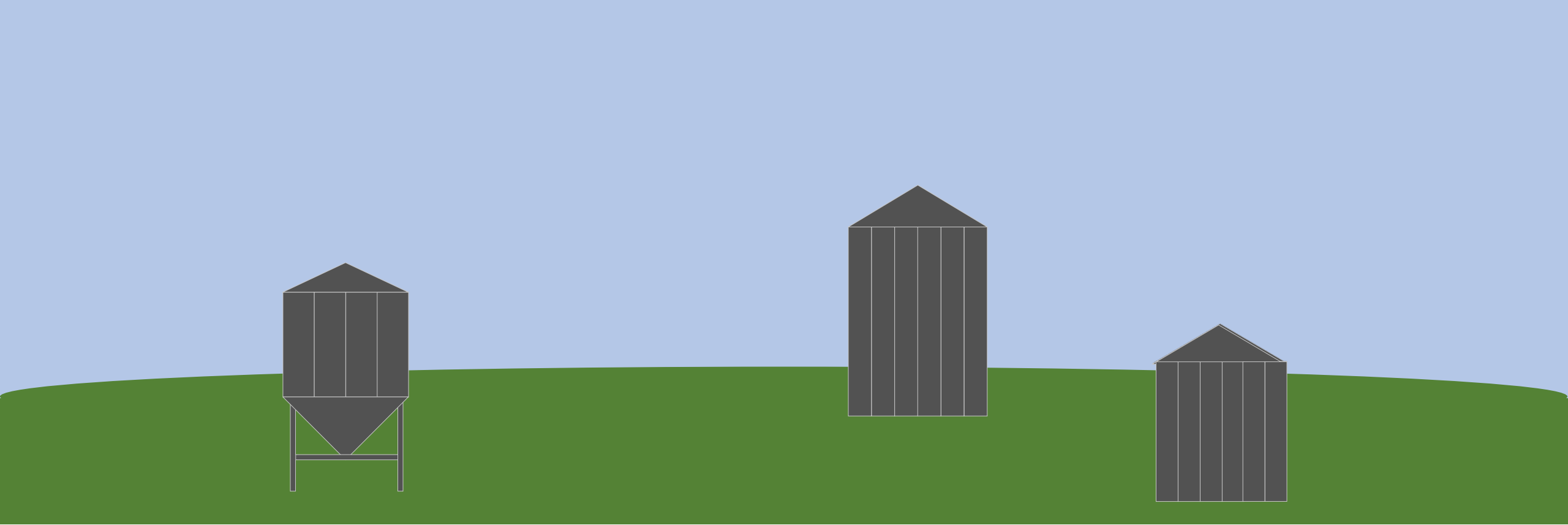
# Health Care Data : How did we get here?



# One Silo, No Confusion

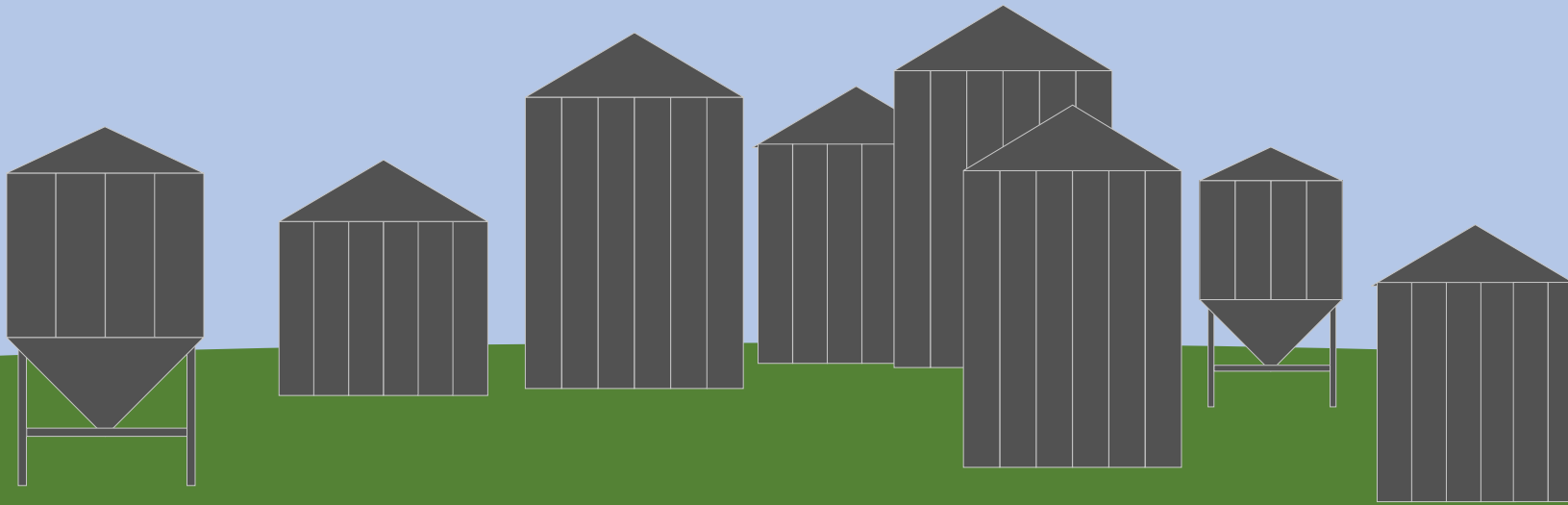
- Data stored consistently
  - In one place
- No integration or interoperability concerns





# A Few Vendors is Workable, But Silos Exist

- Separated by geography
- Integrations only-when needed for statewide purposes



# Silos Quickly Become Crowded

- Geographic overlap means split communities
- Organizations that need to communicate are isolated
- Technology becomes the barrier instead of the enabler



# Consistent Way to Connect Silos

- Any vendor can continue to provide your IT platform
- If there is more than 1 vendor, then interoperable exchange across systems is necessary

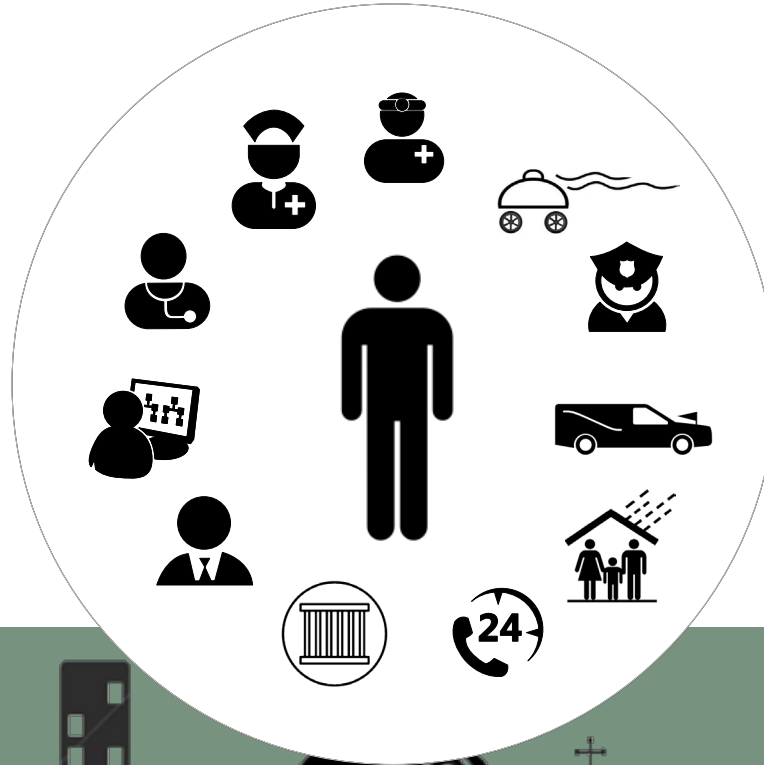
# A Lexicon to Reflect Healthcare, Social Care & Health Equity

- **Health Equity** is “achieved when every person has the opportunity to attain his or her full health potential and no one is disadvantaged from achieving this potential because of social position or other socially determined circumstances”.
  - **Social Determinants of Health:** “the conditions in which people are born, grow, live, work and age,” which are “shaped by the distribution of money, power and resources.”
    - **Social Risks:** Adverse social conditions associated with poor health.
    - **Social Needs:** Non-medical patient prioritized needs that impact health.
    - **Social Care Diagnosis Codes:** characteristics or strengths of individuals, families, communities or societies that act to mitigate risks and promote positive well-being and healthy development.
    - **Social Care Interventions:**
- Addressing SDOH and its various key areas is an approach that can be used to improve equity and reduce disparities. This requires **Cross Sector Data Sharing** (social, health, education, behavioral health, criminal justice etc.) for the purpose of care coordination and to obtain data that drive decisions about how money, power and resources are disbursed.

# Cross Sector Data Sharing:

*Agreed upon, transparent data sharing* (social, health, education, behavioral health, criminal justice etc.) for the purposes of care coordination and to obtain data that drive decisions about how money, power and resources are disbursed.

# Health and Wellness: More than Just Healthcare



# Meet Janie Perez

- 16 years old
- In 11th grade
- Historically good student
- Wants to be a singer
- Mother to 3-month-old baby boy
- Lives with her mother (single parent)





First: Janie  
Middle: A  
Last: Perez  
DOB: 9/12/2006  
Sex: Female  
NOK: Mother

## Chronological Encounters

- Pregnancy Checkup 1
- Pregnancy Checkup 2
- Pregnancy Checkup 3
- Hospital: delivered healthy baby boy
- ED visit for asthma exacerbation
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## Notes:

- Good prenatal care
- Missed postpartum check up
- Missed follow up visits

## Good Health EHR

No note of social work during hospital stay





## Chronological Encounters

- Hospital: baby boy born
- Well Child Checkup

## Notes:

- Slow weight gain at Well Child Checkup

## Good Health EHR

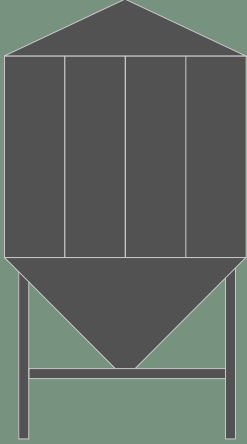
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Sex: Male  
NOK: Janie Perez

# What the EHR missed

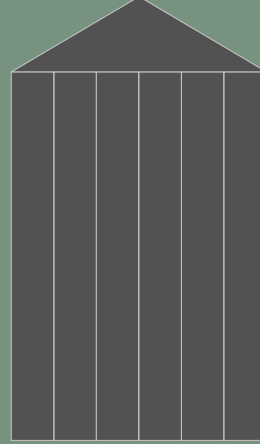
- Moved to apartment with significant mold
- Temp loss of Medicaid coverage due to move and delayed address change
- Transportation problems – Mom works evenings
- Can't afford medications and food/formula
- Missing school, at risk of repeating several classes

Dear Diary...

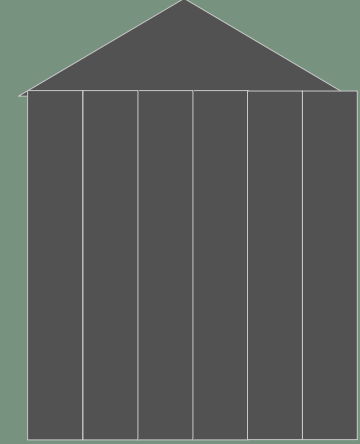
- We just moved to a new apartment
  - Our apartment has mold, gross!
  - It really sucks that mom can't drive me; I'm stuck at home all the time!
  - Without childcare, I can't even go to school most of the time ☹️
- Lost my Medicaid coverage, I guess I didn't update my address
  - Ugh, how can I afford these meds without insurance? I can barely afford to eat!



Public Systems



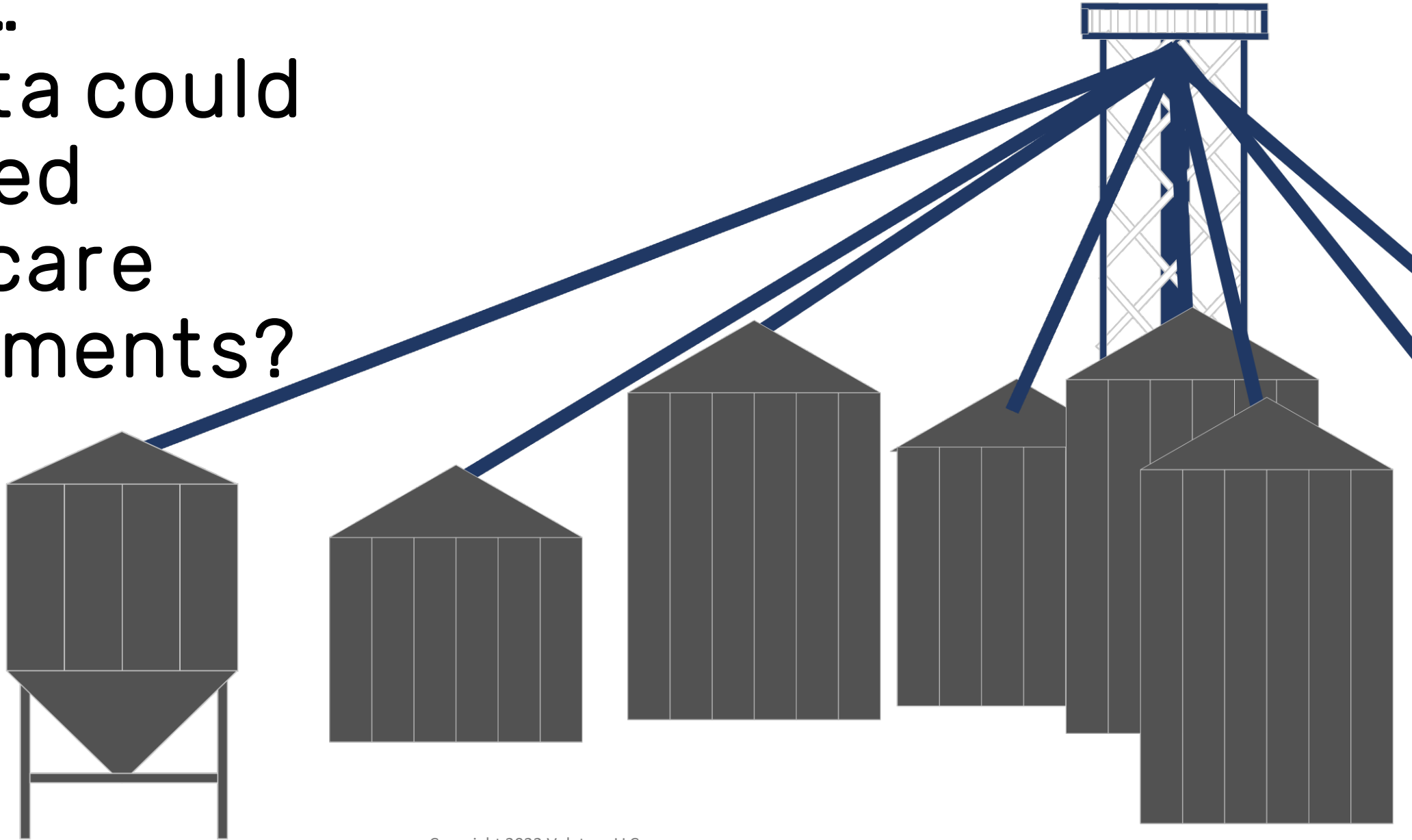
Community Based  
Organizations



Healthcare Systems

Even if the EHR had all the data (and presented it in an intelligent way), it still would have been a silo for one organization

What If...  
that data could  
be shared  
across care  
environments?





The background is a grayscale aerial photograph of a city skyline, featuring numerous skyscrapers and buildings. Overlaid on this image is a network diagram consisting of several black dots connected by blue curved lines. The dots are positioned at various points across the slide, with lines connecting them in a way that suggests a complex, interconnected network. The text is centered in the middle of the slide.

The infrastructure for  
exchange already exists –  
but technology is not the  
current barrier

# What drives Velatura's Cross Sector Data Sharing Strategy:

- Transition from fee for service to fee for value payment models
- National technical and terminology standards
- Quality data standards:
  - HEDIS
  - Insurance companies incentivizing social needs screening
- Identifying and working to resolve barriers to data exchange

# High-Level Strategy

## Agile, evolving, flexible:

- Aligning with the current state of the local environment – understand what is in place currently
- Balancing state, multistate, national (standards)
- Recognizing that foundational elements of data governance, equality across sectors, and trust must evolve to allow effective data sharing to occur
- Proactive planning to achieve outcomes that promote equitable health of citizens

## Working in stages:

- Health care use case now - capacity exists at present for some data capture
- Developing more comprehensive plan for work with communities now - to build capacity, trust, and co-develop approach
- Community use case next - represents 80% of the work of building cross-sector care support to promote health equity

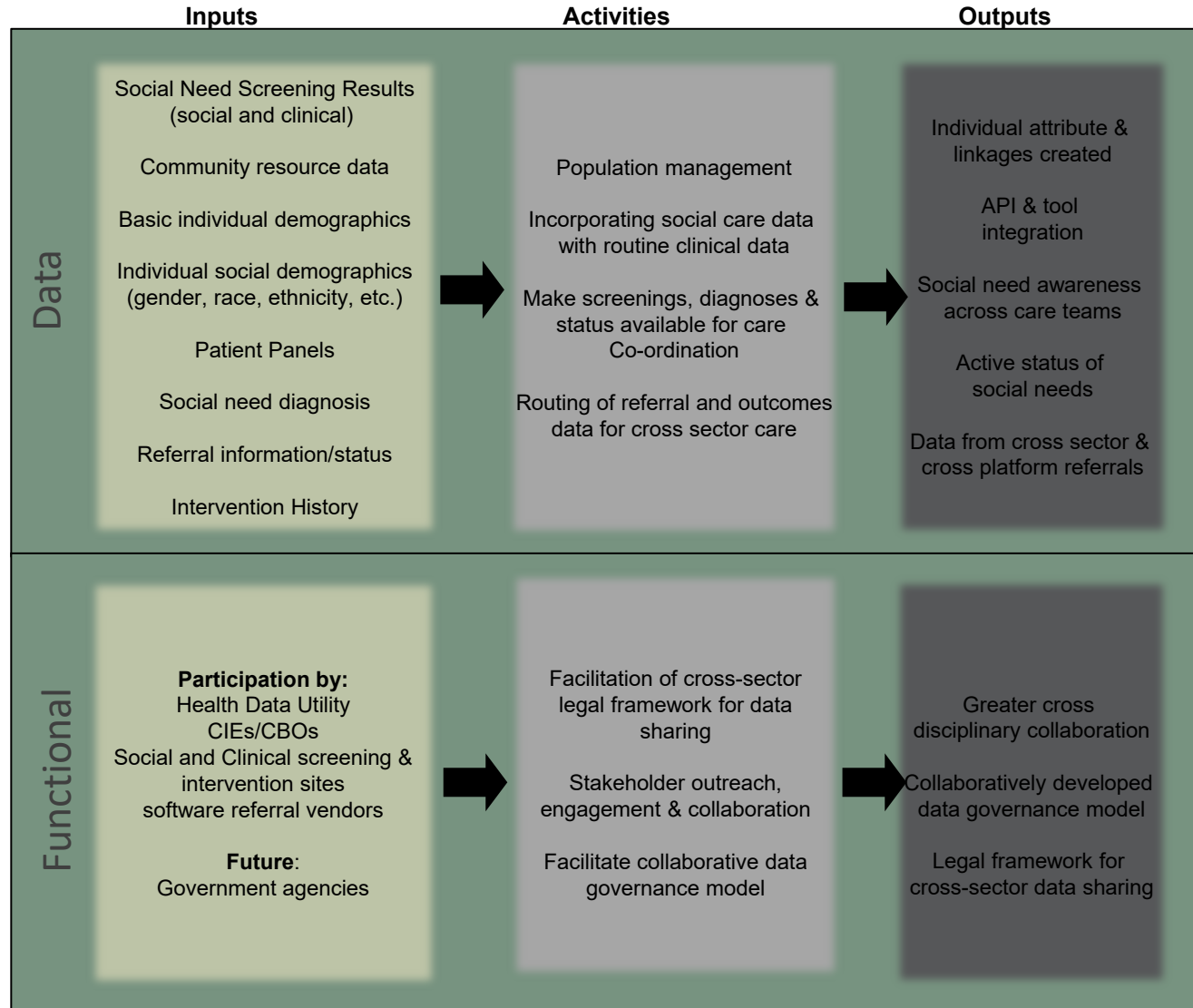
## Vendor engagement:

- ‘Interoperability Pledge’ for community referral vendors
- single sourced resource directory (211 as an example)
- Vendors are technology suppliers BUT NOT full solutions

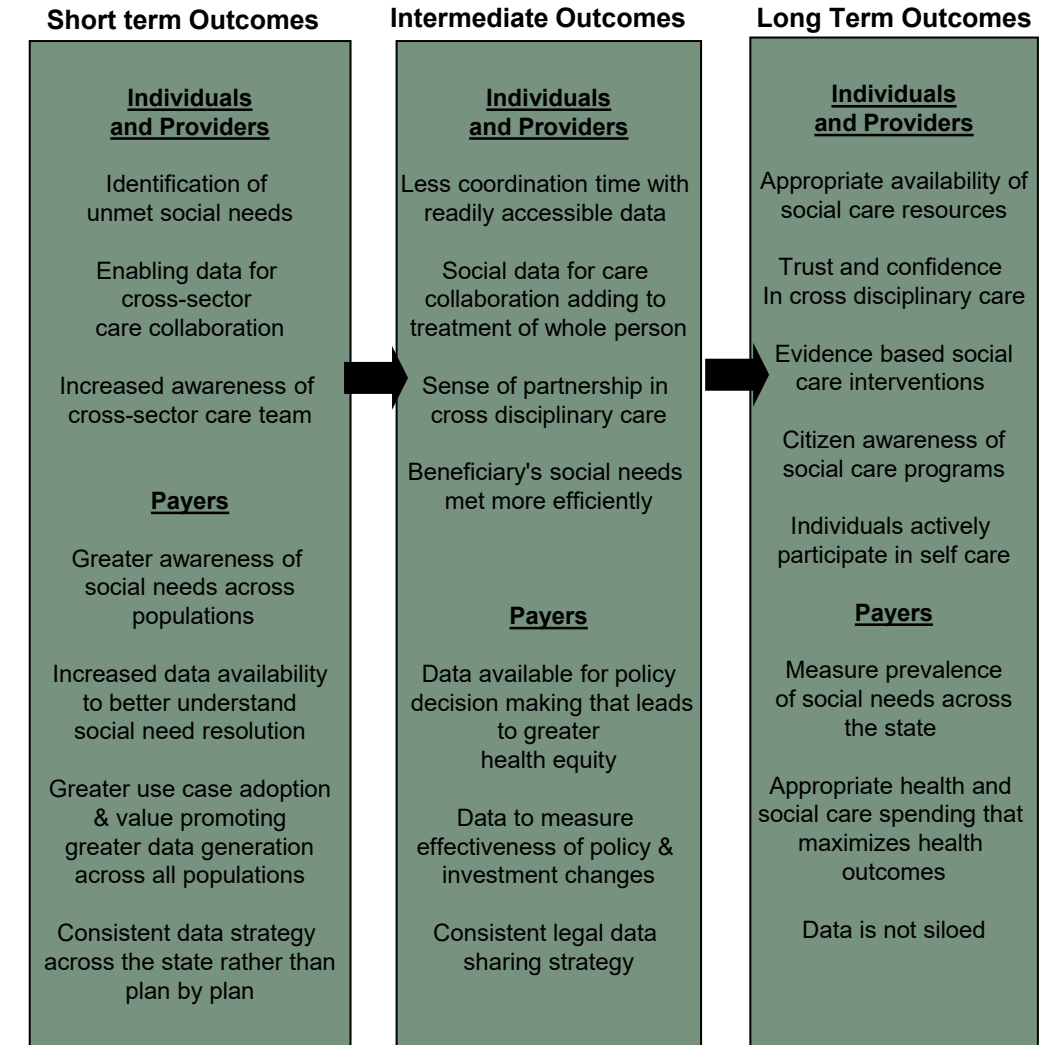


# How Does the Movement of Data Achieve Value?

Technical



## Value





# How does this look different for Janie Perez?

- Benefits may not have been lost or at least time frame shortened
- Transportation could be coordinated
- Emergency visit avoided
- Decreased stress – ability to focus on baby and individual health



# Conclusion

- Unless all parties use the same platform, there is a need for interoperable exchange
- Healthcare and Social Care are interconnected
- Human oriented solutions
- Social needs must be identified before someone can help
- CIEs shouldn't be isolated from HIEs
- More than just data movers -can be part of larger strategy
- Shared services – not only technology, but SMEs.



**QUESTIONS?  
FEEDBACK?  
DYNAMIC DISCUSSION?**



**THANK YOU!**