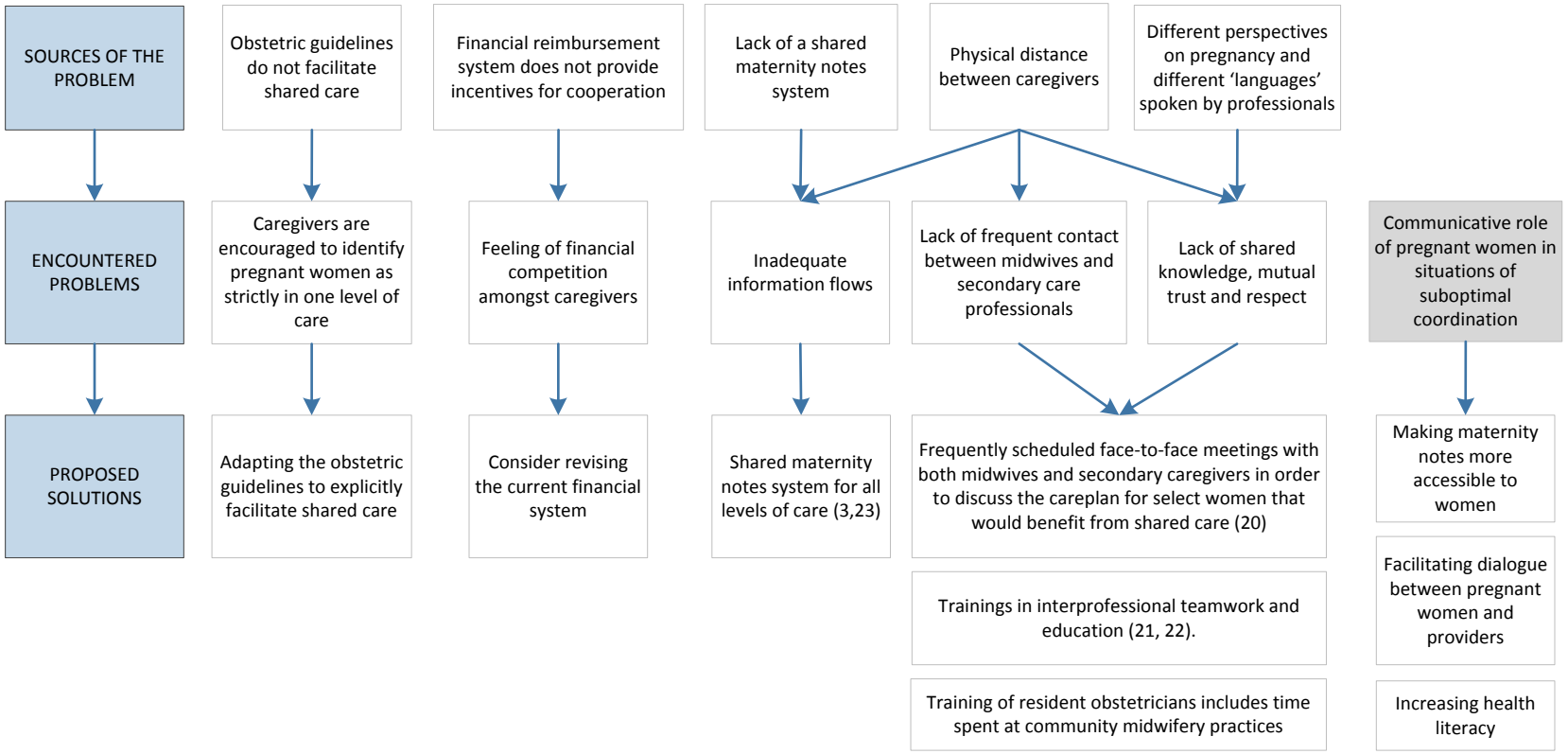
SOURCES OF THE PROBLEM
Obstetric guidelines do not facilitate shared care
Financial reimbursement system does not provide incentives for cooperation
Lack of a shared maternity notes system
Physical distance between caregivers
Different perspectives on pregnancy and different 'languages' spoken by professionals
ENCOUNTERED PROBLEMS
Caregivers are encouraged to identify pregnant women as strictly in one level of care
Feeling of financial competition amongst caregivers
Inadequate information flows
Lack of frequent contact between midwives and secondary care professionals
Lack of shared knowledge, mutual trust and respect
Communicative role of pregnant women in situations of suboptimal coordination
PROPOSED SOLUTIONS
Adapting the obstetric guidelines to explicitly facilitate shared care
Consider revising the current financial system
Shared maternity notes system for all levels of care (3,23)
Frequently scheduled face-to-face meetings with both midwives and secondary caregivers in order to discuss the careplan for select women that would benefit from shared care (20)
Trainings in interprofessional teamwork and education (21, 22).
Training of resident obstetricians includes time spent at community midwifery practices
Making maternity notes more accessible to women
Facilitating dialogue between pregnant women and providers
Increasing health literacy