

Intersectoral Action – Breaking Down Boundaries

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What Do We Mean – Intersectoral Action

- Cross sectors – public, private, NGO
- Within sectors –
- Public:
 - Between government departments
 - e.g. BC Domestic Violence Office
 - Between levels of government – fed, prov, local
 - Vancouver Agreement



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What Do We Mean – Intersectoral Action

- NGOs
 - Cooperation between NGOs within the health sector
 - Alliances – CPDAC, BCHLA
 - Specific issues – e.g. Vascular health
 - Cooperation between NGOs in different sectors
 - Anti poverty coalitions – health, social services, housing, etc.
 - Child Care Coalitions -



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What Do We Mean – Intersectoral Action

- Community Based
 - RICHER – Vancouver – focus on children and families
 - SCOPE – community based prevention bringing together actors at local level – Abbotsford, Prince George
 - Private Sector
- New partnerships being developed through Public Health Agency Partnership programs



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WHY Intersectoral Action ?

- Recognizes wholistic reality of individuals and communities
- Recognizes how actions in one sector can/do impact on others
- The Whole is greater than the Parts!



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Smart Governance for Health and Wellbeing*

- Governing by collaborating
- Governing by engaging citizens
- Governing by mixing of regulation and persuasion
- Governing through independent agencies and expert bodies
- Governing through adaptive policies – decentralized decision making, self organizing social networks

*Governance for Health in the 21st Century- WHO Europe



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Smart Governance for Health and Wellbeing

- ✓ Need institutionalized whole of government structures and processes
- ✓ Innovative partnerships including civil society, private sector and media
- ✓ Commitment to “the informed citizen” and citizen participation
- ✓ Involve all levels of governance from local to global



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