

A few words about population health planning in a Medicare Local (transitioning)

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Delivering health solutions through general practice

Transitioning to a Medicare Local

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Communications to GPs, staff & stakeholders, information sessions, Extraordinary General meetings, Voting, Logos, Website, Reference Groups, Lead Clinician Groups, Contracts, Staff restructuring, managing change, information management systems, partnerships / stakeholder management

No amalgamation.....

Then... population health planning



Population health planning - definition

An approach to health that aims to improve the health of the entire population and to reduce health inequities among population groups.

It looks and acts upon the broad range of factors and conditions that have a strong influence in our health.

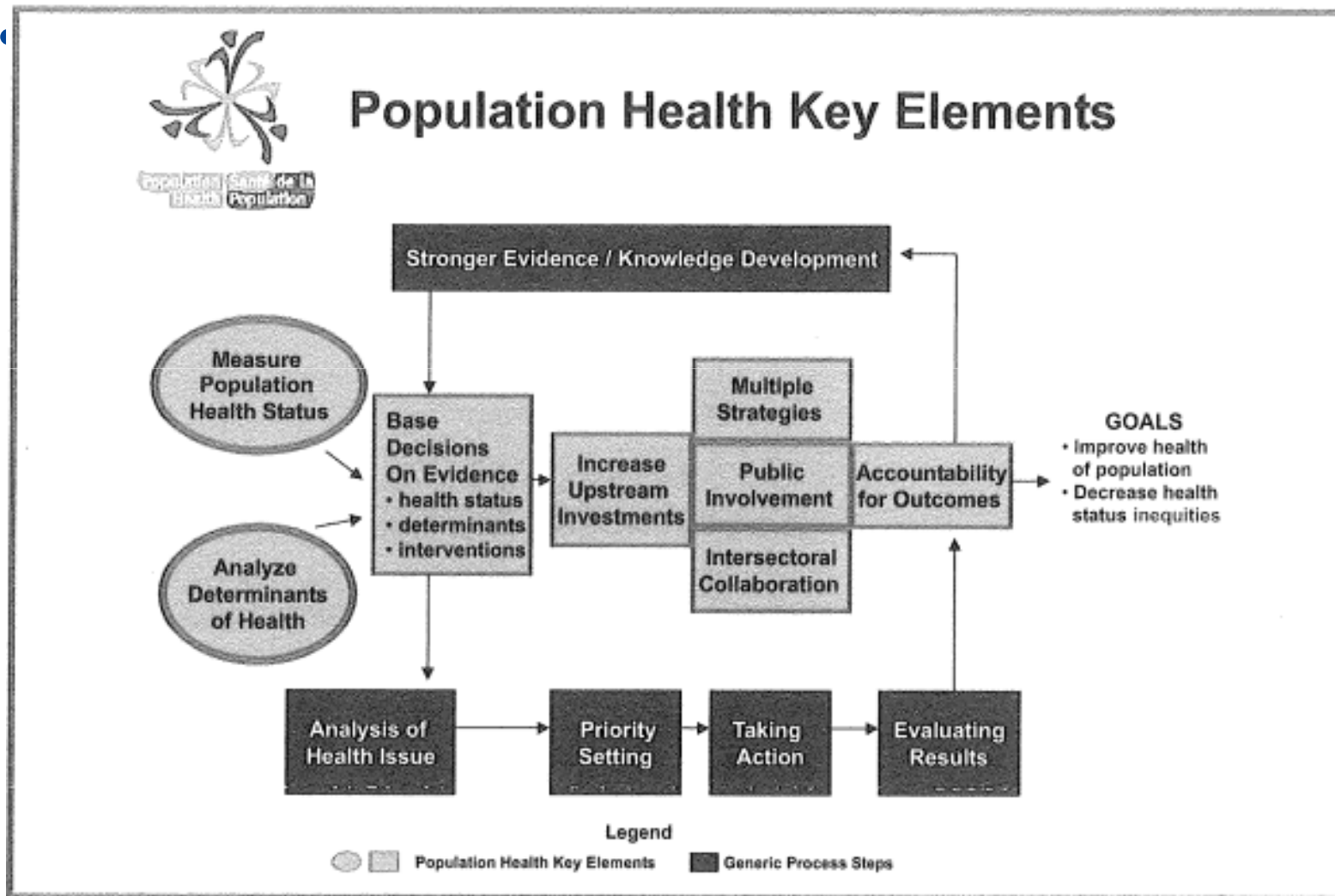
Source: Health Canada www.phace-aspc.gc.ca

It requires community, inter-sectoral and whole-of-government collaboration to address the broad range of determinates that shape health and well-being.

Source: Monash University/Victorian Healthcare Association position statement 2010.



Using evidence-based framework



A word about data & information



Analysis

Processing



Drowning in data



- PEN data
- ABS Census data
- Local Government
- PCPs
- Community Health Centres
- Dept of Health
- PHCRIS
- Disease specific agencies



Considerations

Capacity – Board & staff understanding, knowledge
and skills

Frameworks & evidence – Health Canada, courses

Partnerships – PCP, consultants?, academic institutions?

Current information systems – data collection, knowledge
management



Process elements of setting priorities

- *Stakeholder engagement* (internal & external) in decision making
- *Transparency of decision-making process* (who, how and why decisions are made)
- *Information* available to decision-makers
- Decisions based on *clear value choices and context*
- Mechanisms to *review decisions*

Source: Sibbald, SL, Singer, PA, Upshur, R & Martin, D. Priority setting: what constitutes success? A conceptual framework for successful priority setting. BMC Health Services Research. 2009;9:44



Questions I have

- What are the indicators for population health planning?
- Will they be realistic?
- What will be our capacity to collect this data?
- What are expectations of processes / partnerships?
- What data is to be used?
- What are the timeframes?
- Will MLs be accountable for changes in population health that it has some or little influence in?
- What will be meaningful to the community?



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