



Ministry of Health

Transforming Public Health Services in BC Lessons learned and challenges faced

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The Government's Strategic Direction

- Government of BC - Strategic Goal
 - Safe, healthy communities and a sustainable environment
- Government's "Great Goals for a Golden Decade"
 - Goal 2: Lead the way in North America in healthy living and physical fitness

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Ministry of Health's Goals

- Goal 1: Improved Health and Wellness for British Columbians
- Goal 2: High Quality Patient Care
- Goal 3: A Sustainable, Affordable, Publicly Funded Health Care System

The Path to Health and Wellness

Select Standing Committee Report (Nov 2004)

- Greater focus on effective prevention strategies as critical part of health care puzzle
- Focuses primarily on threats of poor diet, inactivity and obesity
 - Identifies the role individuals, communities, schools, businesses, & government have in reducing these threats.
- 29 recommendations

“It is time to start investing in the full ounce of prevention.”

Recommendation #2:

Funding for public health activities should gradually increase from about 3 percent of total health expenditure per annum to at least 6 percent per annum.

“... witnesses before the Committee urged government to invest in the "full ounce of prevention." That means spending on public health activities should gradually be increased from about 3 percent of total health spending to about 6 percent. In 2004 dollars, this would translate to a budget increase of approximately \$375 million annually.” (p 20)

Health System Vision

Our vision of a modern health system is one that supports British Columbians across their life span, whether they need support to stay healthy, get better from an illness or injury, live with and manage a chronic disease or disability, or cope with the end of life.”

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Starting and Staying Healthy Framework

Safe, Healthy Communities and a Sustainable Environment For all British Columbians

Improved Health and Wellness for British Columbians High Quality Patient Care
A Sustainable, Affordable, Publicly Funded Health Care System



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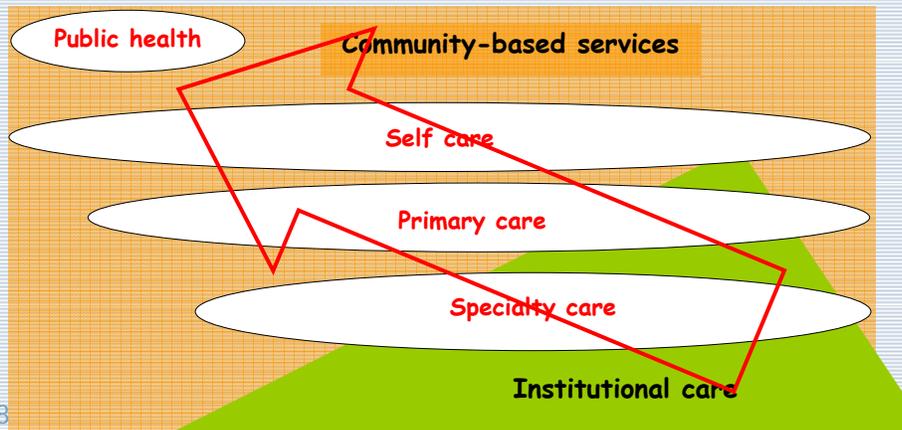
The spectrum of health care

Starting and staying healthy

Getting better

Managing disease and disability

Coping with end of life



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The Staying Healthy Framework

The “Staying Healthy” Framework provides a strategic approach with a focus on:

1. Public Health Renewal
2. Population Health Promotion
3. Prevention in Primary Care
4. Self-care

1. Strengthen and renew public health

- Define and implement core public health functions
- Identify and strengthen public health functions at the provincial level
- Renew public health legislation
 - Public Health Act
 - Food Safety Act
 - Drinking Water Protection Act
 - Community Care and Assisted Living Act
 - Tobacco Sales Act

A shared purpose

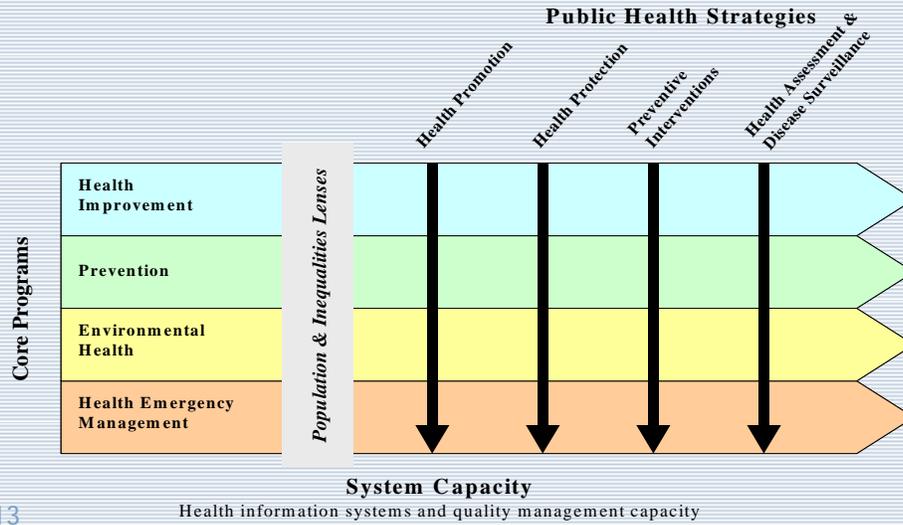
Public Health Services are an essential part of the health care system, and share with curative services the common goal of prolonging life (by preventing premature death) and reducing pain and suffering (by preventing the occurrence of diseases and conditions that cause pain and suffering).

The Public Health Function

The public health function of a health authority and the Ministry of Health (and society as a whole) is

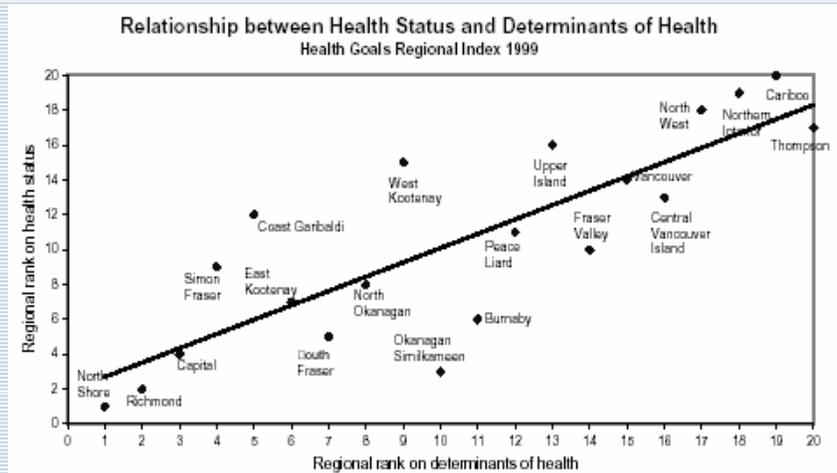
- Primordial prevention
- Primary prevention
- Early secondary prevention

CORE FUNCTIONS FRAMEWORK



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Health status and determinants of health



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A cross-cutting theme



“Through the ActNow BC initiative we will work with all ministries to support people to make healthy lifestyle choices, and through enhanced prevention programs we will assist in keeping preventable illness at bay.”

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Conceptual Framework



*ActNow BC provides a unifying brand for the strategic cross governmental and cross-sectoral initiative for creating a healthy BC population.
Facilitates "improved alignment of cross-ministry policy"*

Some examples of relevant activities

- Healthy Living Alliance
- Healthy Child Development Alliance
- Food security (core program), Community Food Grants (ActNow BC)
- BC Healthy Communities initiative, Active Communities, (ActNow BC)
- Population Health Promotion Expert Group of the Pan-Canadian Public Health Network

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- New investments in population and public health:

2003/04 to 2007/08

Base – 2003/04	\$375.000M
New Funding by 2007/08	\$104.203M
Total	\$479.203M

Target 6% overall spending on 2004 base (\$375.0M)

NB: Estimated increase of approximately 28% over four years

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