

From Concept to Action: The Determinants of Community Well Being

Framework for Action



CONTEXT

Early Efforts

Governments, institutions, service providers and communities tried to address the complex multi-dimensional community issues only from within their own areas guided by their own narrow perspectives.

Outcome: Not very effective and at times counterproductive to the well-being of the citizens and the work of other sectors.

Revised Efforts

Inter-sectoral collaborative approaches were organized to address community issues or problems.

Outcome: More successful than earlier efforts but still disappointing as the efforts often produced less impact than hoped for.

Recent Research

The root factors or causes that led to the problems we see are 'below the surface' and must be addressed to make real and lasting impact.

Proposed Efforts

Collaborative and aligned efforts must be focused on collectively addressing the root factors or determinants of community well being in order to successfully build the thriving, sustainable community we all desire. The Regina Regional Intersectoral Committee (RIC) has taken on this agenda and established a Community Support Team (CST) to facilitate the work on their behalf.

The Roadmap

Raising Consciousness Pillar

Actions

1. Develop a Communications Plan to:
 - generate a targeted and deliberate discourse about the Determinants of Community Well Being (DCWB)
 - create awareness of the importance of taking action on the DCWB for all social strata and sectors
 - build community capacity for civic engagement and social inclusion of all citizens
 - build capacity to undertake DCWB work

Using a Common Lens Pillar

Actions

1. Develop a DCWB policy framework and mechanism to:
 - analyse policy interactions
 - measure impact of public policy on community well being
 - ensure joint policy development and review
2. Assess community and organizational capacity and readiness for undertaking DCWB work.
3. Build capacity to undertake DCWB work

Measuring Progress Pillar

Actions

1. Define measures of community well being
2. Develop set of indicators of community well being
3. Develop report(s) of base line and subsequent measurements that are relevant and meaningful to the public and other stakeholders