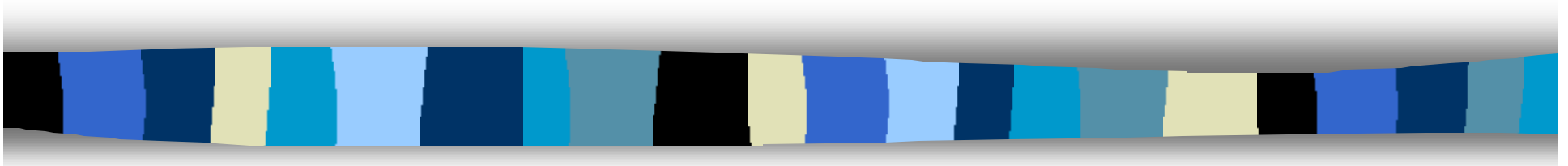


Community Health Centres and Heart Health



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Overview

- AOHC and our services
- AOHC Members – what is a CHC?
- CHC Program Goals as they relate to Heart Health
- Priorities for Partnerships – benefits and challenges



The Association of Ontario Health Centres

- AOHC is the provincial association for:
 - 55 Community Health Centres
 - 8 Aboriginal Health Access Centres
 - 2 Community-governed Health Service Organizations
- Our role is to:
 - Advocate for the needs of existing health centres
 - Advocate for funding of new health centres
 - Provide programming support to member centres
- 14 full and part-time staff



Services of AOHC

- Advocacy for sector
- Training
- IT coordination and support
- Support to Emerging Groups
- Research
- Annual Conference
- Centre Development
 - Best Practices
 - Executive Support
 - BHO Support
 - Organizational Development
 - Library



Members of AOHC

- Provide Primary Care
- Provide Health Promotion and Disease Prevention Services
- Are not-for-profit and governed by a volunteer community board
- Subscribe to the AOHC beliefs and principles.



CHC Program Goals

- 1. Accessibility**
- 2. Individual and Community Ownership and Responsibility for Health**
- 3. Provision of Holistic Care**
- 4. Promoting Wellness and Prevention**
- 5. Coordination of services**



CHC Program Goals

1. Accessibility

- What populations are you serving?
- Are programs increasing access for vulnerable/marginalized populations?



CHC Program Goals

2. Individual and Community Ownership and Responsibility for Health

- Heart Health initiatives strong on individual responsibility via behavior change.
- How is community responsibility figured into programming? Is there a balance between the individual, community, and systemic responsibility for Heart Health?



CHC Program Goals

3. Provision of Holistic Care

- Encourage projects that are multi-disciplinary. One of our goals is ensuring health promotion occurs across the service continuum. I.e. Resources for everyone from doctors, nurses, social workers, community developers, etc.



CHC Program Goals

4. Promoting Wellness and Prevention

- OHH program consistent with this goal.
- Important to us to ensure that programs follow Ottawa charter for Health Promotion, and take into account all the social determinants of Health.
- Good example – Inequality is bad for our Hearts



CHC Program Goals

5. Coordination of services

- Building partnerships, coalitions and linking to other sectors of the health care system.
- Partnerships a good example of intersectoral collaboration.



Priorities for partnerships

Benefits

- Supports CHC program goals
- Is of interest to centres in sector
- Creates strong links to other sectors of the health care sector on the provincial level



Priorities for partnerships

Challenges

- Staff time
- Staff expertise in health issues – hard to stay abreast of every issue.
- Connection between CHCs involved in this work and AOHC



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