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Vision for Community/Public Health Nursing

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Overview

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- Review briefly study design and national consultation
- Highlight our vision, accomplishments and contributions

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- Community Health Nurses Initiatives Group (CHNIG)
- RNAO

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Context

Literature Review

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- Paradigm shift from illness to health with a prediction of 60% of nurses working in the community by 2020 (CNA, 2006)

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- Larger percentages of C/PHNs are closer to retirement than all nurses (CIHI, 2006)

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- Paucity of research re: issues of C/PHNs in Canada

Study Question

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What are the priority issues and recommended actions in policy, practice, education, research and administration for community/public health nurses in Canada?



Methods and Analysis

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- Qualitative descriptive methodology
- Recruitment - CHNC, CNA
- Purposeful sampling
- Two phases
 - Focus groups
 - Key informant interviews
- Thematic analysis

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Sample (n=35)

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- Focus group (n= 25)
- Key informant interviews (n=10)
- Mean age: 43 years

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- Years of nursing: 29.8 years
- Years of community health nursing: 15.8 years
- Domains

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- Current place of work: public health, association/government, home care agency



Key Priority Issues

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- Illness care system
- Community health education devalued
- Community health nursing practice unclear and invisible
- Scope of practice limited
- Paucity of research in community health
- Non-nursing leadership of nurses

... . Our Vision... .

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- A common definition and vision of community/public health nursing practice

- “**Health**” care system vs illness care

- Vibrant valued profile to attract nurses

- Strong community health nursing education

- Collaborative research and become experts in knowledge translation

- Community/Public Health Nursing Centre of Excellence

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Accomplishments

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- Vision statement (2009)
- Common definition of community/public health nursing practice (2009)

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- Discussion on a Community/Public Health Nursing Centre of Excellence (2009/2010)
- PHN competencies (2009)

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- Public/Community Health Nursing Practice in Canada (Green Book) (2010)

So what can PHN contribute?

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- Best Practice Guidelines
- CNA Social Gauge
- Dorothy C. Hall Chair in Primary Health Care Nursing and Deputy Director of the WHO Collaborating Centre for Primary Health Care and Health Human Resources at McMaster University (Dr. Ruta Valaitis)

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- Nursing Leaders in Research and Practice
- Model for collaboration with academia