
Health Council of Canada



Conseil canadien de la santé

GS1 Healthcare Conference

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The Health Council of Canada: Vision

- An informed and healthy Canadian public, confident in the effectiveness, sustainability and capacity of the Canadian health care system to promote their health and meet their health care needs



The Health Council of Canada

- Independent and objective
- Accountable and transparent
- Representative of a cross-section of perspectives
- Reflective of Canada's diversity
- Maintainer of effective relationships
- Not duplicating the work of others

The Standing Senate Committee on Social Affairs, Science and Technology 2001



What does the Health Council do?

- Mandate – to report to Canadians on the progress of health care renewal
- Results (2004 – 2008)
 - 22 reports and papers
 - 14 mini-documentaries showcasing innovative changes in jurisdictions ranging from Nunavut to PEI
 - National summits on health human resources, the electronic health record and optimal prescribing practices



Reports to Canadians





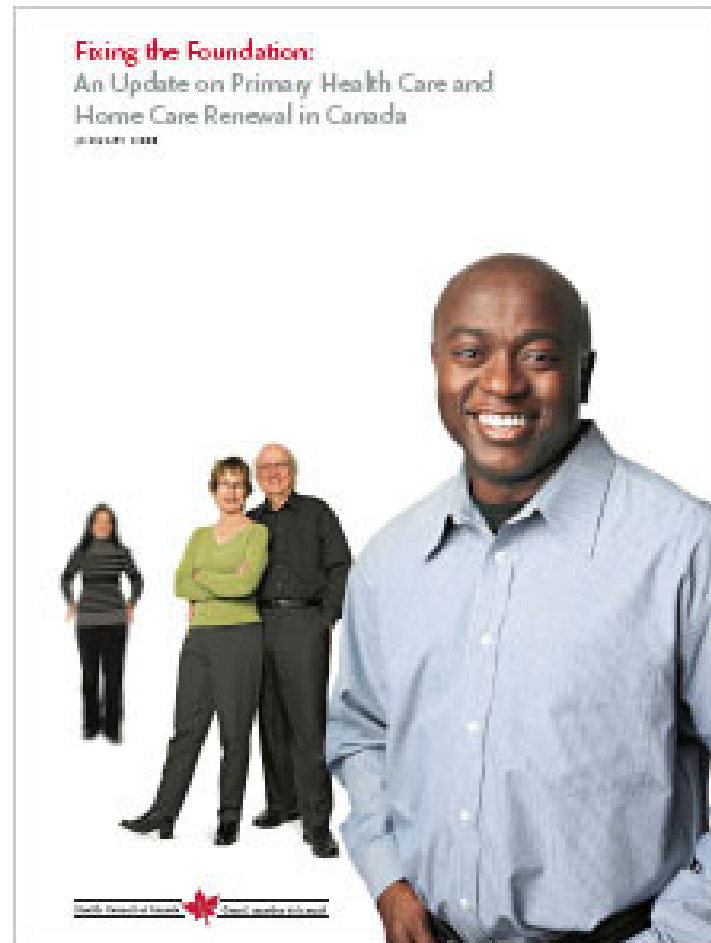
Our latest release – June 2008

- Reporting on five years of progress since 2003 First Ministers health accord
- Nine areas of concern, including no comprehensive, pan-Canadian health information system





Fixing the Foundation: *An Update on Primary Health Care and Home Care*

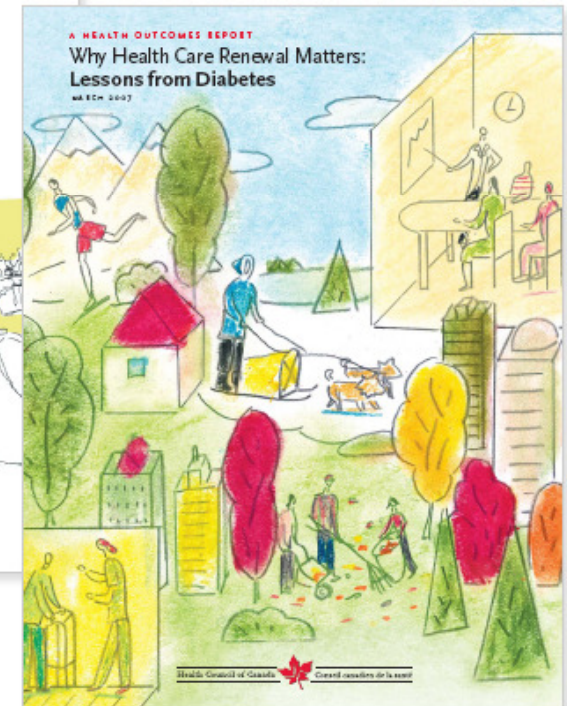


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Chronic Health Conditions

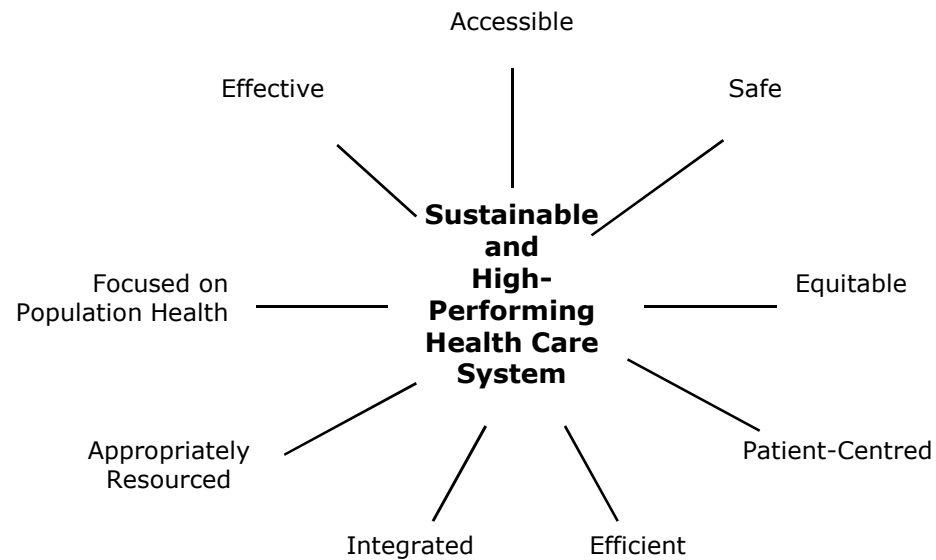
- The #1 issue
- Health care system must change
- Health Council series:
 - Why Health Care Renewal Matters





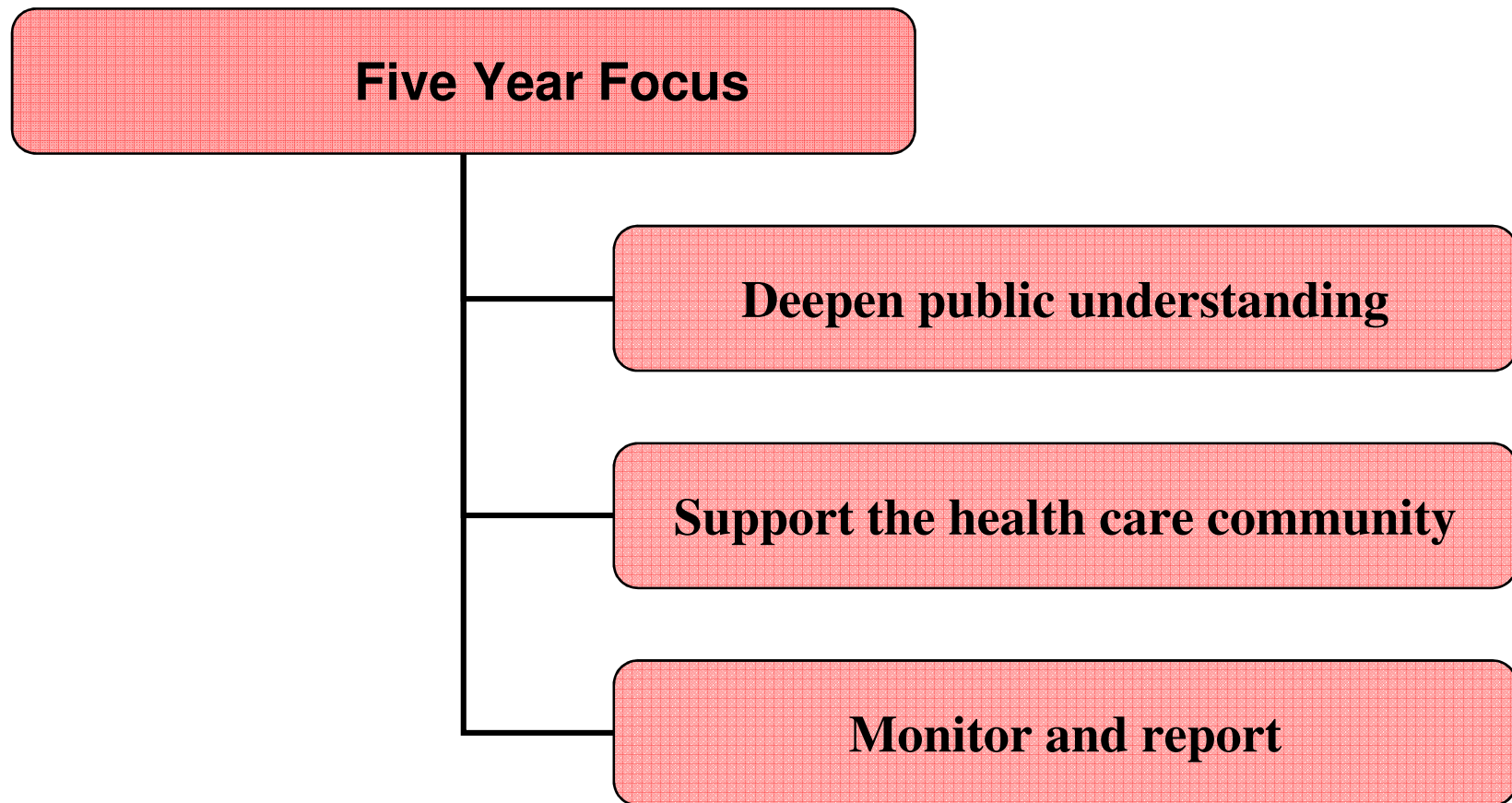
Focus on the future state

Attributes of a high-performing health care system





Strategic Directions



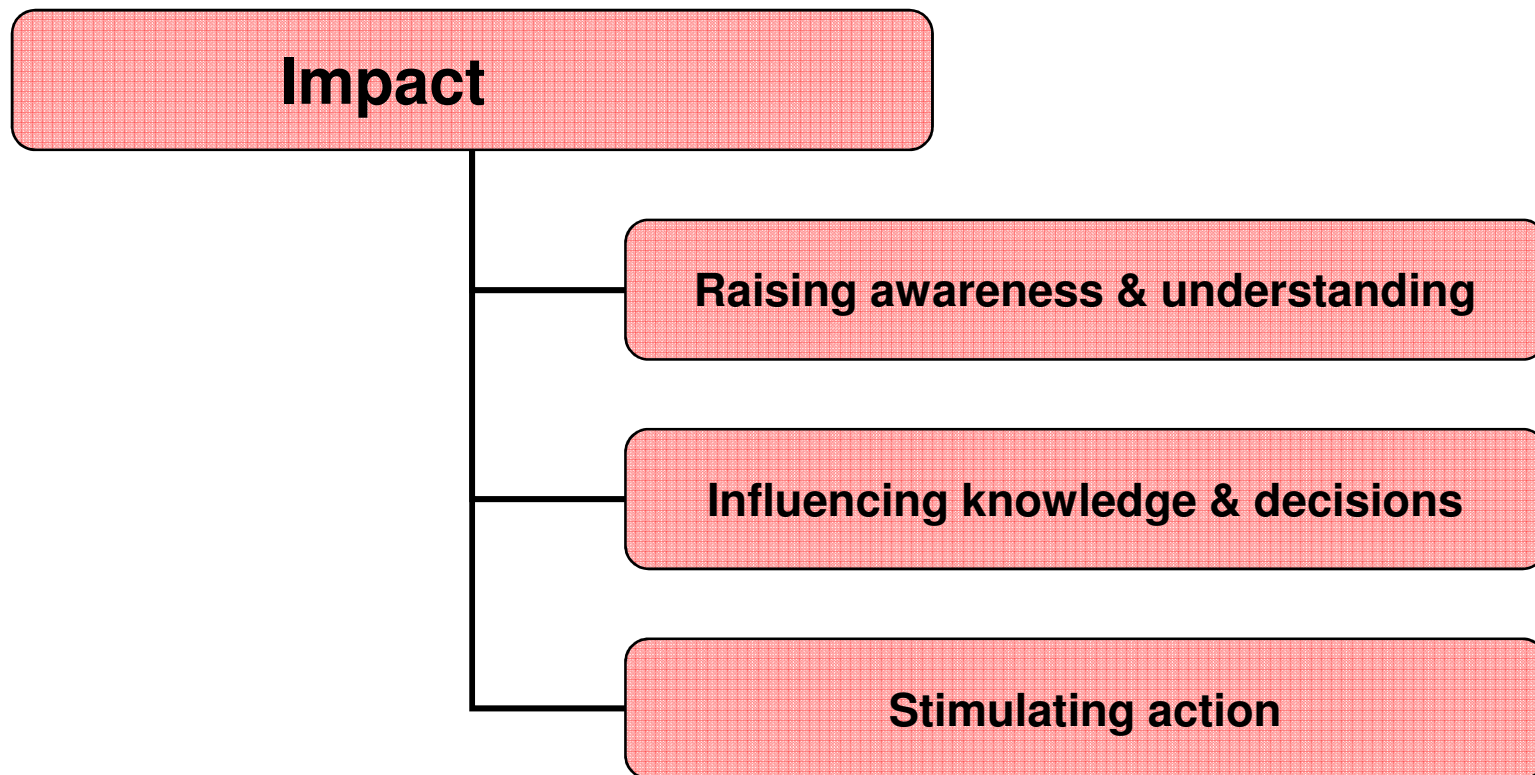


Work Plan 2008 - 2009

- Value for health and health care investments
- Timely access to appropriate pharmaceuticals
- Access to quality and impact of primary health care
- Prevention and management of chronic health conditions



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We're are on common ground

- Health Council:
 - Information technology to better manage health outcomes
 - Requires clear definitions of terms, and comparable indicators
 - Patient safety and reduction/elimination of adverse events
 - Desired state: pan-Canadian indicators to measure overall system improvements
- GS1:
 - Information technology to manage the effective use of resources
 - Standardized definitions and procedures
 - Patient safety, supply chain security & efficiency, traceability and accurate data synchronization
 - Desired state: Global standards



How to connect with us. . .

- www.healthcouncilcanada.ca
- TVOntario prime time --
Paving the Road to a Sustainable & High Performance Health Care System
- www.takingthepulse.ca

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