Unfair, Unequal, Ineffective, Inefficient: Knowledge Synthesis, Translation & Exchange of the WHO Women and Gender Equity Knowledge Network Paper

Looking Back – Thinking Ahead
March 16, 2009
Halifax Nova Scotia
Presentation Overview:

– Overview of the NCCPH Program
– Role & Mandate of the NCCDH
– Translating the WHO Knowledge Network Report on Women & Gender Equity
– Discussion/Questions
Background of the NCCPH

Government of Canada response to SARS in 2004, to help strengthen and renew public health capacity

Six NCCs established at different times over two years, each operating at arm’s length from Government and hosted by a host institution
Background of the NCCPH

MANDATE – to conduct national Knowledge Syntheses, Translation and Exchange (KSTE)

FUNDING – each NCC receives up to $1.5 million annually - “A-based” Gs & Cs funding over five years
- first cycle of Contribution Agreements March 31, 2010
The NCCs from Coast to Coast

- Prince George, BC
- Vancouver, BC
- Winnipeg, MB
- Hamilton, ON
- Montreal, QC
- Antigonish, NS
NCC Determinants of Health

**Focus:** The social and economic factors that influence the health of Canadians

**Mission:** Engage public health practitioners, policy-makers and researchers to better include knowledge about the social determinants of health in policy and public health practice decisions that will achieve social justice and health for all
WHO Commission: Knowledge Networks

- Women and gender equity
- Early child development
- Employment conditions and health inequalities

Knowledge to Action
WHO Commission: Knowledge Networks

- Women and gender equity
- Prepare 1:3:25 documents
- Consult with original authors
- Incorporate feedback
- Endorsed by the original authors
- Disseminate
Unequal, Unfair, Ineffective and Inefficient
Gender Inequity in Health: Why it exists and how we can change it

Final Report to the
WHO Commission on Social Determinants of Health
September 2007
Women and Gender Equity Knowledge Network

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NCC Determinants of Health - Activities

Developed Synthesis Documents (1:3:25) - WHO Knowledge Network Reports

– Women and Gender Equity

– Workshop - *Enhancing Knowledge Synthesis, Translation and Exchange: Women’s Health and Gender Equity in Public Health Programs and Policy*
Workshop

Enhancing Knowledge Synthesis, Translation and Exchange: Women’s Health and Gender Equity in Public Health Programs and Policy

- Atlantic Centre of Excellence for Women’s Health
- Raise awareness
- Identify priorities for policy and practice
- Build on existing networks
- Share knowledge and build momentum
Determinants of Health: Knowledge to Action

Activities:
1) Series of WHO Knowledge products
2) Support the use of a Canadian working definition of the determinants of health
3) Identify indicators of health inequity
Determinants of Health: Knowledge to Action

Activities:

4) Identify applicable tools to support the application of the determinants of health

5) Assess the knowledge gaps of practitioners and policy-makers about the application of the determinants of health

6) Develop a KSTE plan to address the knowledge gaps in the application of the determinants of health
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Questions???

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