

Advancing Community Engagement in Healthcare in Rural British Columbia: A Gap Analysis to Improve Community Involvement in Healthcare Planning

Promouvoir l'engagement communautaire dans le secteur de la santé en Colombie-Britannique rurale : une analyse de l'écart pour améliorer la participation communautaire à la planification des soins de santé

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APPENDIX TABLE 1. Responses to survey yes/no and Likert scale questions

	<i>n (%)</i>	Mean (<i>SD</i>)	Var	# of Respondents
Do you feel that your community's healthcare needs are adequately represented in the planning process?	–	1.9 (0.3)	0.09	590
1-Yes	531 (90.0)			
2-No	59 (10.0)			
Do you agree that your community's needs are met through the health planning process?	–	1.97 (1.05)	1.11	487
1-Strongly disagree	202 (41.5)			
2-Somewhat disagree	166 (34.1)			
3-Neither agree nor disagree	64 (13.1)			
4-Somewhat agree	44 (9.0)			
5-Strongly agree	11 (2.3)			
Have you been engaged in healthcare planning in BC (i.e., through community meetings with your Health Authority, participation in special interest groups, participating in surveys)?	–	1.54 (0.5)	0.25	491
1-Yes	225 (45.8)			
2-No	266 (54.2)			

	<i>n (%)</i>	Mean (<i>SD</i>)	Var	# of Respondents
Please indicate the level at which you were engaged:	-	2.49 (1.34)	1.78	154
1-Inadequately informed: Provided with information but not adequately to understand the problem, alternatives, opportunities and solutions.	65 (42.2)			
2-Inform: Provided with balanced and objective information to understand the problem, alternatives, opportunities and solutions.	35 (22.7)			
3-Consult: Asked to provide feedback on analysis, alternatives and decisions.	16 (10.4)			
4-Involve: Asked to actively participate in the process, with concerns and aspirations being understood and considered.	26 (16.9)			
5-Collaborate: Asked to be a partner in each aspect of the decision-making process, including the development of alternatives and identification of the preferred solution.	5 (3.3)			
6-Empower: Asked to be part of the decision making itself.	7 (4.6)			
How well-equipped are you to engage in healthcare decision making about issues that concern your community?	-	2.88 (1.11)	1.23	391
1-Not well at all	54 (13.8)			
2-Slightly well	73 (18.7)			
3-Moderately well	160 (40.9)			
4-Very well	73 (18.7)			
5-Extremely well	31 (7.9)			
How much confidence do you have in healthcare decision makers making decisions that will be best for your community?	-	2.02 (0.92)	0.84	392
1-None at all	135 (34.4)			
2-A little	141 (36.0)			
3-A moderate amount	91 (23.2)			
4-A lot	24 (6.1)			
5-A great deal	1 (0.3)			
Do you feel that your needs and concerns are genuinely considered and acted upon?	-	1.14 (0.35)	0.12	383
1-No	330 (86.2)			
2-Yes	53 (13.8)			

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How aware are you of provincial or regional policies that directly affect healthcare in your community?	–	2.64 (1.18)	1.39	391
1-Very aware	48 (12.3)			
2-Somewhat aware	182 (46.6)			
3-Neither aware nor unaware	63 (16.1)			
4-Somewhat unaware	58 (14.8)			
5-Very unaware	40 (10.2)			
How effectively are policies communicated to you in a way you understand?	–	1.94 (0.93)	0.86	382
1-Not effective at all	152 (39.8)			
2-Slightly effective	123 (32.2)			
3-Moderately effective	87 (22.8)			
4-Very effective	18 (4.7)			
5-Extremely effective	2 (0.52)			
Are there any language or cultural barriers that might hinder this communication?	–	1.89 (0.31)	0.09	389
1-Yes	41 (10.5)			
2-No	348 (89.5)			
Do you think communication to the community about these policies is effective?	–	1.85 (0.36)	0.13	375
1-Yes	56 (14.9)			
2-No	319 (85.1)			

APPENDIX TABLE 2. Levels of engagement within the IAP2 Spectrum

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