

Not-for-profits' uses of health knowledges in influencing public policy



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Overview

- 1- Objectives and definitions
- 2- Health knowledge uses
in public policy influencing practices
- 3- Implications for KTE in partnerships

1- Objectives and definitions

Describe the **uses** of **health knowledge** by not-for-profits and think through their implications for ongoing or potential partnerships between n-f-ps and RHAs to advocate for healthy public policies

1- Objectives and definitions

Health knowledges:

Knowledges that link social, environmental, economic and/or political phenomena or processes to health. Produced by health authorities or other researchers.

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Uses: «doing things with words»

How intensely and systematically do not-for-profits use health knowledges? What type(s) do they use? What do they do with it?

2 - Not-for-profits' uses of health knowledge: characteristics

- **Intensity**: most did, one did not...

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- **Non-systematic** use – but for one exception

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- **Types** of knowledges used
- Epidemiological vs knowledges of effects of public policies – but for one exception

2 – Not-for-profits' uses of health knowledge: characteristics

- What they do with it:
- Agenda setting and problem framing (eg. link between humidity in home basements and health – Montérégie health region study)

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- What they do with it:
- Justify their solutions (eg. a multi-purpose community center in Saskatoon – used Saskatoon Health Region findings on disparities across city:
<http://station20west.org/why.html>)

2- Not-for-profits' uses of health knowledge: implications

- Most did, one did not...
- Non-systematic use
- Not incompatible
- Willingness to use
- Much room for more uptake

2- Not-for-profits' uses of health knowledge: implications

- Epidemiological rather than effects of public policies
- Research needed to appreciate health effects of public policies

3- Not-for-profits' uses of health knowledge: implications

- Agenda setting and problem framing
- Important partners for RHAs because problem definition is often what is at stake

3- Not-for-profits' uses of health knowledge: implications

- Justify their solutions
- Congruent or not with types of solutions or processes privileged by RHAs: mediators, not intermediaries