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Collaborating for impact

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Partnerships leading community resilience
PCPs for Community Resilience

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PCP: Patient-Centred Primary Care
PCP: Primary Care Provider
PCP: Public-Private Partnership
The impacts of climate change will be felt most by those who are already subject to social or economic marginalisation (WHO, 2000)

Under climate change the wealthier parts of the population “will become inconvenienced (...) the poor will die”. Costello 2009
Emerging Frameworks, Research and Policies

- Victorian Climate Change Act 2017
- National Strategy for Disaster Resilience
- Local Gov Planning Frameworks
- World Health Organisation
- Sustainability Victoria - data
The PCP partnership platform means that PCPs are well placed to reduce vulnerability.
Group Model Building

- Global Obesity Centre (GLOBE) at Deakin University Obesity work and others
- Community Based Systems Dynamics (Peter Hovmand)
Primary Care Partnerships for Community Resilience

Climate change is emerging as one of the biggest health issues of this century. It is widely reported that climate change will exacerbate disadvantage and the impacts will be felt by those who are the most vulnerable. Primary Care Partnerships (PCPs) are recognized as strong networks that bring health and community sectors together. PCPs can play a major role in enhancing resilience in the face of climate change. enliven has been selected to participate in the initial stages of Primary Care Partnerships for Community Resilience (PCPCR) which is being led by Southern Grampians ClimeCare (SGCC). The aim of this work is to build the capability and capacity of PCPs with enliven taking a leadership role to elevate this work to other PCPs across Victoria. The Lord Mayors Charitable Foundation is funding this work to enhance community resilience in the face of climate change.

**Workshop 1**

In October 2020 an enthusiastic group of enliven Partners and Stakeholders came together to share their diverse knowledge and experience in a workshop to understand the barriers and enablers that affect them meeting their diverse communities’ culture and communication needs when addressing the impacts of climate change. Using Group Model Building the group created a map that represents the connections between the factors they identified.

The barriers and enablers:

Participants shared their stories relating to the barriers and enablers which were collated around understanding and engaging with diverse communities as well as those around climate change impacts. These included factors like having supporting policies and frameworks, making the issue a priority for agencies, knowing our community, understanding the priorities for community, having accessible language resources, increased partnerships and resources, understanding the health impacts and many more. Every factor was as dynamic over time and what our hopes and fears are.

The connections:

The barriers and enablers were documented around a cube using STIGA software (Systems Thinking in Community Knowledge Exchange). Participants then discussed the connections between these factors and identified the linkages. For example, this was a connection between increasing supportive policy and legislation which results in an increase in funding and human resources which increases agencies’ prioritising climate change. The opposite of this story is also true with a decreased supportive policy leading to a decrease in resources leading to a decrease in prioritisation.

"More immediate priorities and competing priorities Not just communities but also for service providers and agencies”

"Ensuring the community understands the full impact of the health risk" "We can disseminate information but how does that translate to be meaningful for our diverse community”

"We need a number of supporting policies and government priorities supporting Climate Change Adaptation”

"Acknowledging existing strong relationships with community as an enabler for addressing health impacts of climate change”

"It’s difficult to think of it as an emergency. I think the issue is simply that we’re not thinking about it for the future. It is known ‘immediacy, pace of change’"

**Workshop 2: Moving to Action**

A second workshop was held in November with participants coming back together to review the systems map created in workshop one. The map underwent significant review, based on participants’ reflections between the two workshops. Participants then used the systems map to identify opportunities for collaborative action and plan the next steps.

**Identified Actions:**

1. Agencies prioritizing climate change: This involves understanding the data and local impacts, documenting these and involving service providers in increase agencies prioritising climate change.

2. Creating positive messages, shaped by the community: This involves working with local communities and agencies to understand the impacts and co-design messages and resources to reduce these impacts.

Enliven will work in collaboration with our partners on these actions over the next 12 months to enhance the resilience of our community in the face of climate change.
METHOD CONT.

HIGHLIGHTING THE VALUE OF PCP

OUTCOMES

The establishment and implementation of the CCIR network highlighted the valuable role of the PCP platform. With established, trusted relationships, SGHCP has a history of innovation to stimulate new ways of working with the partners and stakeholders. As a result, participants trusted SGHCP and were open to the discussion and to the group to new approaches. SGHCP also has strong external relationships which have increased the capability of the partnership to respond quicker to community needs. The SGHCP network created a new relationship with GLE at Deakin University. SGHCP is agile and has the ability to adapt new challenges un-challenging the capability to pivot existing work to respond to urgent needs, particularly at a local level.

Service Access: Participants shared knowledge of existing services, operations, changes and gaps to increase service provision to the local community. Networking across a broad sector provided the development of new relationships, increasing knowledge and connections.

Facilitating action: Coming together for the GLECC Network increased local understanding of actions and sharing knowledge through networking in turn influenced future actions and adaptations. Sharing knowledge of the actions and solutions to action drove further actions. New champions in our local community were uncovered.

documenting the process: All participants in the GLECC Network were able to use learnings back into their organisations and other key stakeholders discussions. The documents created around Childhood obesity, diet and narrative were valuable tools to inform local and regional planning, relief and recovery conversations.

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So What?
• Understand complexity
• Identify alignment
• Identify partnerships
• Identify place in the system
• Mobilise action
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