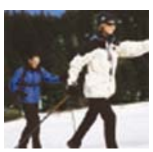


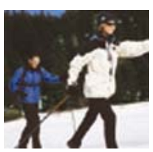
Proposal to Develop a Community and Health Services Multi-Year Plan

Community and Health Services Committee

March 11, 2009

Purpose

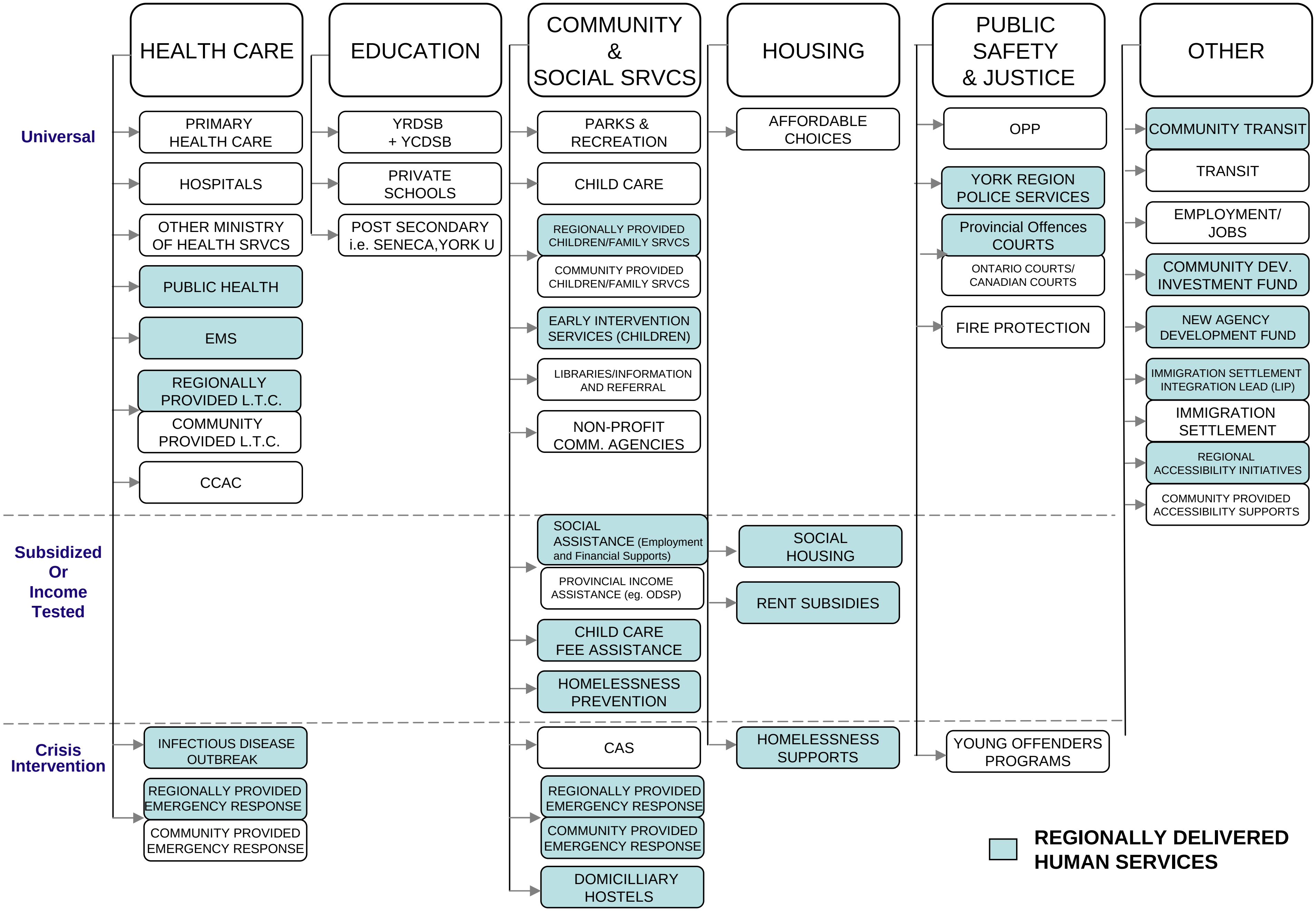



- Provide overview of Community and Health Services Department Multi-Year Proposal – Scope, Purpose, and Approach

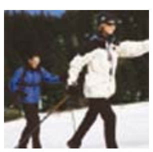
- Present early investment options for consideration

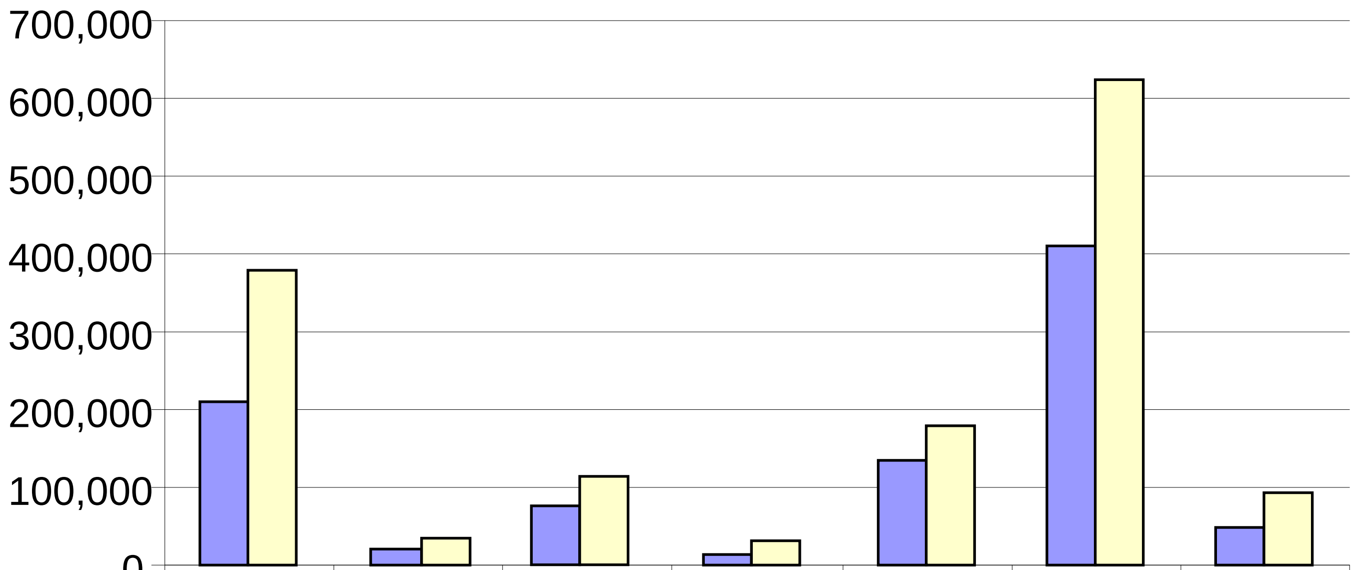
Human Services Sector – What We Control



Trends We Are Seeing

Changing Fabric of York Region Communities





	Immigrants	No English	Low Income	Lone Parents	Age 0-14	Age 15-64	Age 65+
1996	211,215	19,525	76,065	15,455	134,875	408,840	48,740
2006	380,525	35,310	112,501	30,565	177,920	622,870	91,925

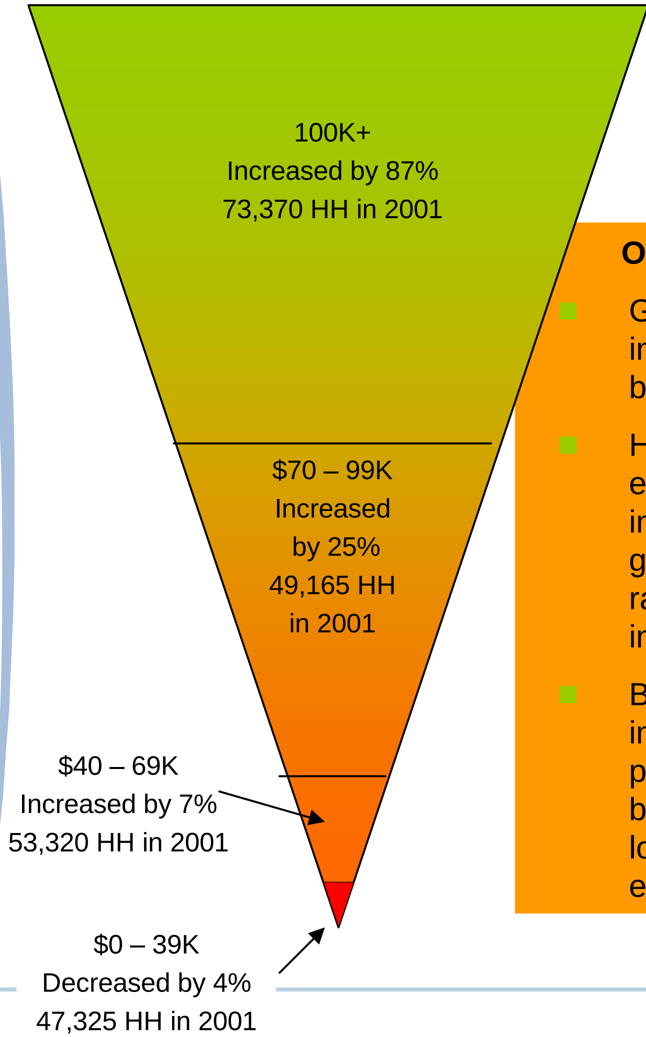
Income Groups Beginning to Polarize

Patterns of Growth for Household Incomes





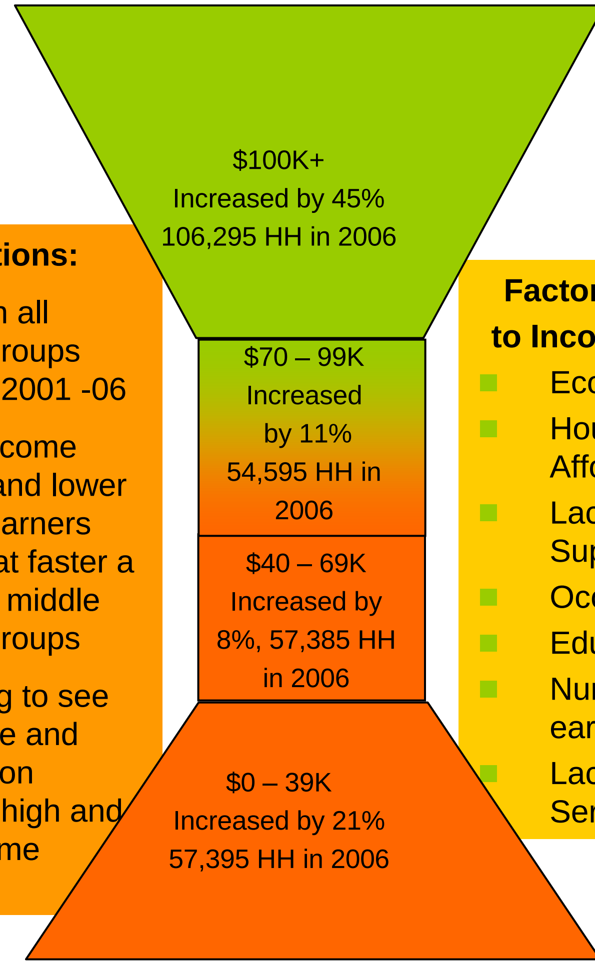
1996 – 2001



Observations:

- Growth in all income groups between 2001 -06
- Higher income earners and lower income earners growing at faster a rate than middle income groups
- Beginning to see imbalance and polarization between high and low income earners.

2001 - 2006



Factors Contributing to Income Polarization

- Economic conditions
- Housing Type and Affordability
- Lack of Employment Supports
- Occupation
- Education Levels
- Number of Income earners/household
- Lack of Human Service funding

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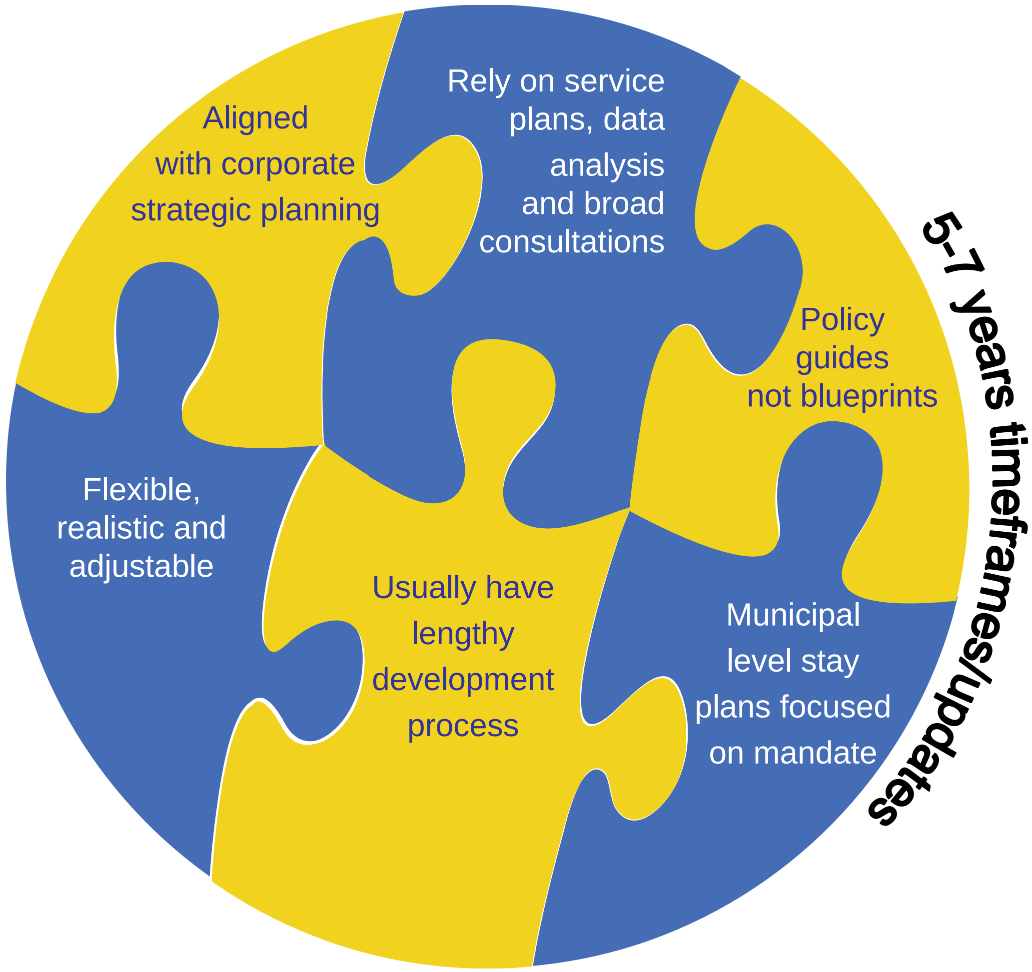
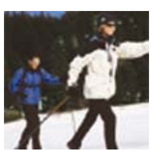
Key Elements of Human Service Planning



Why a 5 Year Multi-Year Approach to Human Services?




Hard Services impacted on by the number of people.

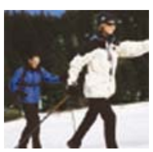
Human Services affected by population numbers and even more so by:

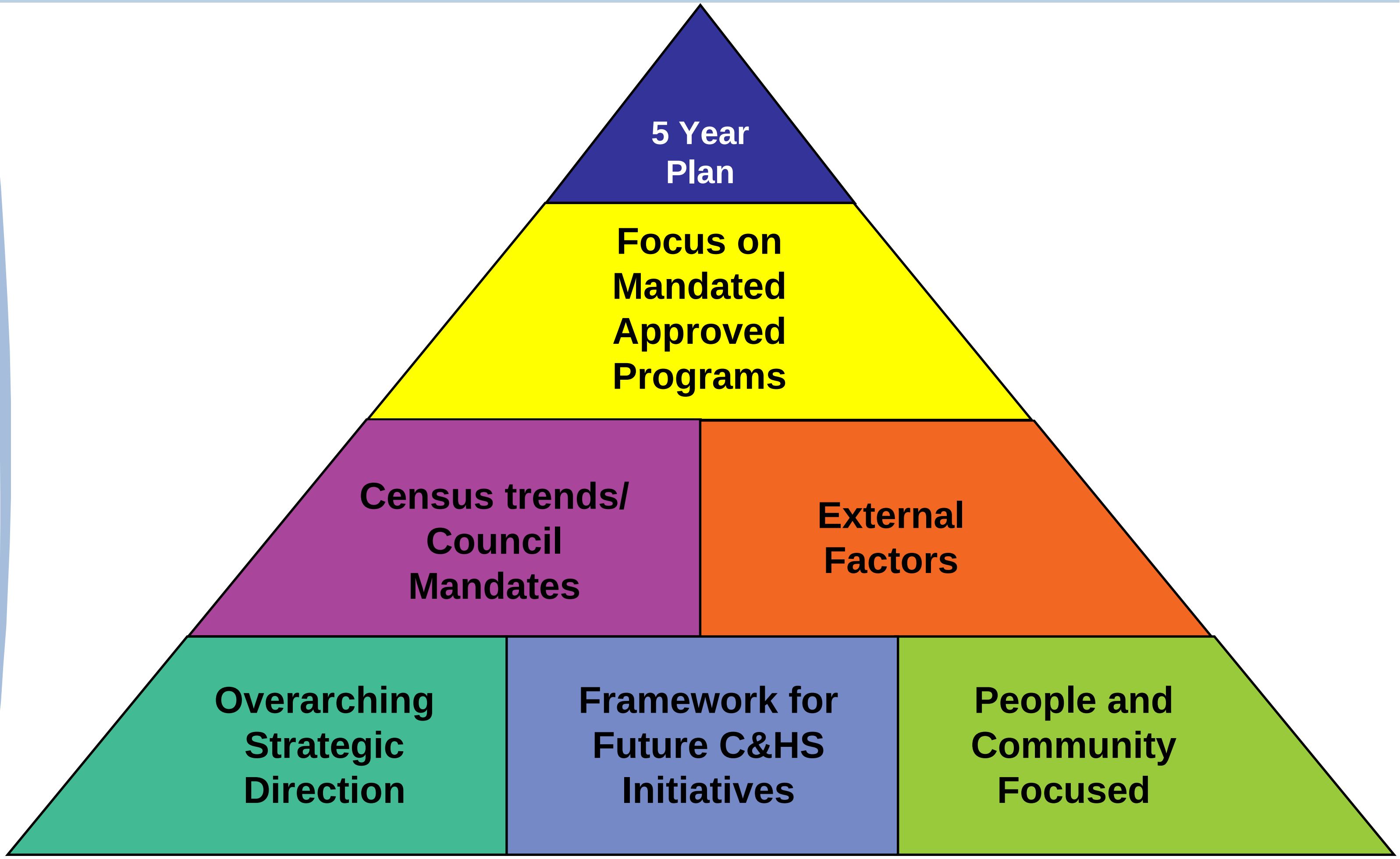
- demographic trends and socio- economic characteristics (e.g. aging population, immigration patterns)
- unforeseen economic events (e.g. economic downturn, gas prices, etc.)
- new policy directions from other levels of government (e.g. cancellation of Best Start)

Scope and Purpose

Community and Health Services Multi-Year Plan – Building Blocks

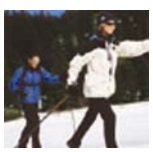


Meeting the Needs




Integrated Two Pronged Approach

Immediate and Short-Term Intervention

Early Investments

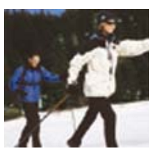
- **Keeps or gets residents contributing to our economy or communities**
- **Targets prevention**
- **Avoids having residents needing to rely on more costly services**

Medium and Longer-Term Solutions

- Multi-year plan with focus on stability, housing, employment, family and health supports

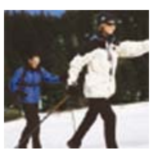
Proposed Early Investments to Meet Immediate Needs




- Responsive to recent economic downturn and easily implemented
  - No major hurdles
  - Department or community capacity to deliver
  - Can be started in 2009
- Immediate impact on improving service outcomes for clients, addressing gaps across C&HS services or increasing service levels
- Sustain and stabilize existing programs
- Total cost $1m in 2009 and $1.3m annually. Funded through 0.2% tax levy increase in 2009 operating budget reserved for social services and housing

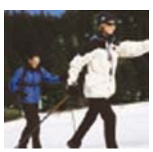
Early Investments Themes



- Overarching goal *is keeping residents contributing to our economy and communities*

- Key themes:
  1. Improve supports to working poor
  2. Improve support to C&HS clients with multiple barriers
  3. Respond to residents’ immediate needs

Developing a Multi-Year Plan



Phase 1 - Plan approach – April 2009

- Define scope, purpose and process
- Establish C&HS Multi-Year Plan (MYP) Steering Committee
- Identify Early Investments for 2009
- Committee report with Early Investment Options – March 2009

Phase 2 – Plan development - Summer/Fall 2009

- Implement Early Investments Initiatives (pending Council endorsement)
- Develop strategy for consultations and communication
- Research and analysis (C&HS plans and studies, regional plans and strategies, community data and analysis, other CMSM's,).
- Consultations (internal and external)
- Key issue development

Phase 3 – Plan preparation – Winter 2009/Spring 2010

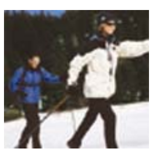
- Complete first phase of Early Investments Initiatives and continue with the implementation
- Draft plan for Council approval

Phase 4 – Plan Implementation – 2010 - 2015

- Begin implementation of the Multi-Year Plan

Recommendations




1. Approval to develop a C&HS multi-year plan

2. Endorse funding for early investments