

VIBRANT COMMUNITIES SYMPOSIUM – March 2010
Level of Support for Moving Forward with the Charter

Yes!

Vibrant Community is Sustainable Community Doing it together.

The time is now to move forward together. There is no better source of information than the local community. Doing what needs to be done, what has been done so far and where to go from here.

Great! Please keep moving forward!

Various departments and organizations are disconnected “communities” that need to come together as neighbors and focus more on the common goal. This is a positive step in the right direction! Youth involvement and education is mandatory and will aid in sustainability.

This is a VERY positive step towards building HEALTHY communities in Manitoba. Where does education fit in the model??

Linking CD & HPP. Creating “space” (processes, mechanisms, etc.) for on-going public input into public policy

- at all levels of government
- at early stages of policy development, strategic planning, visioning

ALL OF US NEED TO KEEP IN MIND:

(and this conference did a good job reminding us...)

- **CONSIDER** urban AND rural circumstances/trends
- **EQUITY**
- **ACCESS**
- **PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITY**

Moving forward **TOGETHER** is the way to go. To date we have been working in silos, and clearly it hasn't worked, + isn't working. It is time to work together to create communities that are inclusive = equatiy! [*sic*]

Perhaps find a way to make the determinants/social determinants of health on the model. Great work.

I support the charter. I appreciate the Integration of various sectors under common lenses. It highlights our similarities and facilitates collaboration – brings us together rather than divides. All for the shared goals of creating Vibrant Communities. Awesome.

V support the charter concept. Next step would be to educate + engage people who do not know about the connections and the value of working together to achieve equity. Equity = Vibrant Communities? Yes. What would we call the signatories of the Charter? Vibrant Communities....?

Absolutely on the right track! We need to work together across sectors to make our communities work. We need to bring even more perspectives and ideas from new sectors to make this happen! Thanks + let's keep doing it!

There seems to be some amazing plans developed and in the Developing Stages Very exciting movement. I feel rejuvenated & excited about communities! The work that I can do & we can all do to be a part of Vibrant community Very exciting. MOVE FORWARD!

Keep it up... need/want to increase org + advocacy + pop education!!

* Support Charter as AFFIRMATION OF WHOLISTIC CARE - CONNECTIONS

© Celebrate + Keep Moving Forward.

Vibrancy has given me new insight to be creative and coordinate resources. Meegwetch.

KEEP IT GOING!!

I fully support moving forward with this initiative, but I would also like to see a stronger equity lens, which is missing from the diagram that you showed on the screen. In the handout on the table today, I really liked the inclusion of the priority focus areas and guiding principles, but 'fairness' isn't sufficient to capture an equity/social justice lens, nor do I think that equity/social justice is merely one of several guiding principles – on the contrary, it should be the foundational principle. Without an explicit equity/social justice lens, there is a real dangers that this type of initiative can be watered down and result in increasing inequities rather than decreasing them. Thank you for a wonderful symposium! - Benita Cohen, University of Manitoba.

Social inequity [*sic*] should continue to be challenged in all areas of our work, so can have inclusive, integrated communities.

Include community members to get feedback on charter idea as they will be important in carrying out the changes of creating a Vibrant Community.

Excellent start to engaging multiple sectors... and perhaps most importantly, to changing "our" perception of health

How the impact of Housing influences the overall well being and success of communities development. Utilize community resources that are already in place. Food securities.

Local Grown. Alternative transportation to have a positive impact on environment & health. Respect the Environment – Live off the land.

Needed to hear from the City of Wpg and other municipalities. The “visual” should have an equity statement in it.

Different ‘Silos’ of interest can be brought together, but we must emphasize the common values in public space and the diversity of ideas surrounding it.

Very Good Workshop. Process Helped to think of own situations as well as learning of others work. Presentation from the students of Gimli High School was very informative + shown so much commitment + dedication. *[sic]*

Strong statement and actions of government WIDE collaboration and coordination!

Want to see EQUITY named somewhere in this Model (it’s more than “fairness” or “inclusion”) But I like the process. This is very worthwhile.

Add U. of Manitoba Planning (Richard) to the planning group to address the already built environment.

Great panels from different Levels International National, Provincial + Local. How will we connect the two cultures Health + Communities. The flow of the symposium was very good. How can I influence change in my community. Great opportunity to network with others in health + community. Are we getting the correct people at the symposium not enough community decision makers mayor’s/council. How will Health in Common work with our community to be more Vibrant! Good pace to the Symposium. Table discussion are great. Great use of AV resources. Yes the visual does work. Look forward to seeing the charter.

Involving/Bringing together users. Stakeholders in planning for an issue/concern. Giving people a voice!!

Building collaboration across communities and vertically through government...by using students to open doors & minds.

Great start looking forward to next steps.

Great variety of individuals/groups represented!

Next Step: We need more community input into charter development. They need to own it! Ex. What Food Matters MB did with Focus Groups.

Yes, continue to move forward! Good learning & networking opportunity. Enjoyed the panel sessions & the diversity of the panelists.

Thank you for bringing together the issues of equity, environment, and health!

Hopefully, this charter can help address some of the policy issues surrounding sharing and working together across sectors and organizations to help establish community based, and community driven programs set to address the largest health issues such as obesity, gang involvement of youth, environment, etc. (prevention programs)... we need more funds available to community development areas in regards to sustainable funding. More equity. More equality.

Would like to see more Rural Reps @ the Speaker Table. Engage all levels of the education system K-16 to put plans into Action. Who do we invite to the table + how. Great Networking opportunity. Need Community Leaders, Municipality, Provincial + Federal AT the grassroots. One child on every committee – what a difference it would make.

Not all the same people. Great to see such a diverse group of perspectives.

Inclusive & Accessible Built Environment. With features that accommodate those with visual, hearing, mobility, learning challenges.

GOOD WORK – KEEP IT UP! I especially enjoyed the variety of participants & the discussions.

We need to take the same Integrated design process approach that is used for designing buildings for planning, understanding & building our communities. We should create a charter that makes us all work together to accomplish the same end goals we all have. HAPPY, HEALTHY, SAFE, ACTIVE VIBRANT COMMUNITIES! Lets do it ☺

Holistic long-term planning is needed to achieve a vibrant community. We need to break through the silo's that keep environment, health, transportation, food, sport, etc. separate.

Great Symposium, good variety of presenters and many relevant examples of how to build and enhance a vibrant community. While all of these topics were related in some way to social and emotional well-being it would have been nice to hear about the direct connection to emotional health of the population. I fully support the Vibrant Communities Charter.

Great variety & representation of different stakeholders. Provided an opportunity to think outside our own respective silos/areas. Overall I support the concept of the V.C. charter.

Keep up the great work of connecting people on vibrant communities – like a community. I certainly support a Vibrant Communities Charters – it is long overdue!
- Linda Williams

YES engaging students IDP getting more involved thinking green

Excellent job. Lots of around table discussion. Lots to work on. More from the professor (Richard) on planning. Good to get the politicians involved. Good strategy.

Supportive of Moving Forward Together in Respectful Collaboration.

Let's dismantle/eliminate the walls/boundaries b/w the "mine" + "theirs" + come together to create beauty + vibrancy in our communities through the wealth of all of our experiences, knowledge... ☺

Great session. Excellent opportunity to network vision of common goals. Need to summarize + move forward! ☺ Keep in touch!

GREAT STUFF. Excellent way to get creative input for difficult topics.

Go for it! Co-ordinating, Connecting, Communicating Unite with a common purpose! Thanks for an excellent event.

Inspiring!! Exciting to learn of new initiatives whats happening and to brainstorm new possibilities.

Engage Older Manitobans in activities, initiatives and programs that contribute to the petals of Vibrant Communities Flower.

Wonderful Conference. Please ensure that a Charter is usable by both urban & rural communities ☺

The visual is awesome. It shows connection which is what is needed to inspire communities to come together & move towards becoming VIBRANT! I look forward to seeing where & how the Charter grows and the wonderful impact on communities in Manitoba that result from this vision.

As the different sectors continue to move forward together, it's really important to keep a primary focus on the 'health' piece – enabling + supporting individual + population healthy choices! Thank you!!

The concepts behind a charter of this nature are good. The flower covers areas of importance that overlap + fit nicely.

LOTS OF QUESTIONS addressed on both a professional & personal level. *Youth is Key to DEVELOPPING OUR FUTURE PROJECTS & A VERY USEFUL REASOURE. [sic] Positive things are happening in our community but so much more has to be addressed. 'so many determinants. *Increased Gov support (from all levels) needs to be up front & present to allow these projects to continue. Very positive projects happening in regards to local Markets/Farming and their role in our communities.

I like the idea of a charter but wonder if more specific charters (eg MB Food Charter) are more effective. The four leaves of the flower capture the essence with the exception of equity (should underscore all)

OPPORTUNITY EQUITY CONNECTEDNESS = STRENGTH-BASED = FAITH/PEACE = VITALITY = HOPEFUL. Please include spiritual aspects and mental wellness that often guide our values + vision in developing Vibrant Communities! (Resilience)

Visual is “Motherhood” Can’t be against it. Moving forward is done via tangibles + concretes. Abstracts + generalizations make me yawn.

ACCESS

- For Newcomers
- For Disabled
- For Individuals in low SES

Equity!

QUESTION ABOUT WHERE ‘HEALTH’ ACTIVITIES FIT IN TO THIS: TOO GLOBAL NOT ACHIEVABLE NO FOCUS *[sic]*

Need to see the charter first.

- requires increased balance to create a charter inclusive of all Manitobans, irregardless of income or geography. Currently focused on Winnipeg/urban & low income populations
- Could be strengthened by clarifying root issues and expanding beyond the “social justice” agenda.
- Diverse viewpoints will only strengthen the impact.
- Congrats on tackling the challenge.

Although I really enjoyed the people I met I am disappointed in the lack of representation of all SES + cultures. The community that has been spoken of is missing the realities of people living in poverty..... There is not equity. How can my clients worry about energy consumption when they don’t have food?!

What about equity? Where does it fit in to the charter? Sustainable development seems to be at the centre of Vibrant Communities. (*NOTE: Participant drew a visual – please refer to original ‘leaf’ for more*)