

Health in All Policies
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South Australia's Health in All Policies Approach

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The Foundations

- Thinker in Residence, Ilona Kickbusch
- South Australia's Strategic Plan
- A receptive and proactive Cabinet Office
- A willing and supportive Chief Executive





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Health is a resource for daily living not an end in itself



Reasoning

- Socio-economic determinants of health (SDH)
 - Health Sector cannot deal with SDH alone (at all?)
 - Other sectors can and do influence SDH, but often don't recognise this as core business
- SA's Strategic Plan (SASP)
 - Requires joined-up government to deliver targets
 - A good base for addressing SDH

Engaging

- How to engage other sectors?

Problem for Health Sector seeking to lead
Power dynamics, budget





Look at problem from a different perspective



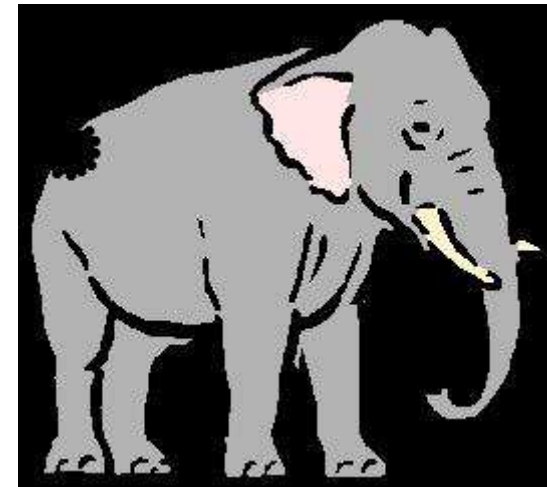
Engaging

- How to engage other sectors?
 - Other sectors have aims and targets too
 - How can Health Sector help these other sectors and, in so doing, how can health and wellbeing be advanced?

Processes used in South Australia's HiAP approach

Question...
How do you eat an elephant?

One bite at a time...



There is another
way to eat an
elephant...

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Start with a smaller elephant



So what did we do?

Government accepted Ilona Kickbusch's recommendations.

- SA Health formed strategic partnership with DPC
 - DPC needed joined-up action to deliver SASP
 - HiAP a mechanism for this
- Established a small, dedicated team within SA Health to drive HiAP, liaise with DPC and engage with other sectors
- Invited Professor Kickbusch back to review our progress

Consensus and Capacity Building

Focussed on building a climate of experimentation

- SASP health lens analysis
- Workshops and conferences

Sought willing partners

- focused on their targets first
- took a pragmatic approach to health issues

Maintained communication; kept balls in the air

Governance

DPC and SA Health presented HiAP process to the Senior Cabinet Committee (ExComm).

Agreed that Chief Executives of ExComm would oversee implementation of HiAP across government.

ExComm agrees to specific HiAP projects

SA Health reports on progress to ExComm on HiAP implementation.

HiAP-South Australian Model

In our experience the following elements have been critical to success in adopting a HiAP approach:

- Leadership from the centre
- High level mandate
- Dedicated strategic HiAP team within health
- The HiAP Process itself.
- Evaluation.

A pragmatic approach

Le mieux est l'ennemi du bien (*Voltaire*)



Where to next.....

As the French Philosopher, Flaubert said....
“Faire et se Taire”

Translated as...
Shut up and get on with it!

A Little Less Conversation a Little More Action

