SA's Strategic Plan & Health in All Policies: Governance

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South Australia's Strategic Plan

Key features of SA's Strategic Plan (SASP):

- whole-of-state plan: highest articulation of priorities
- 98 measurable targets, organised under six interrelated objectives
- medium to long-term timeframe (generally 2014)
- requires involvement of all South Australians to reach targets.



SASP – Implementation

- overseen by Executive Committee of Cabinet
- Audit Committee independent progress report
- 'lead' agency/Minister designated for each target
- targets linked to chief executive performance reviews
- ExComm Chief Executives Group peer review.



SASP – Community Engagement

- 2006 update of SA's Strategic Plan major exercise in community consultation
- Community Engagement Board (CEB) set up to oversee ongoing connection with wider community
- Community Engagement Board to lead 2010 update.
- community organisations commit to nominated targets via formal alliance program.



SASP – Key Interactions

- Ten sets of "twinned" targets in SASP a sample of the inter-related nature of the targets
- may be in conflict (eg greenhouse gases and exports) or complementary (eg healthy weight and public transport)
- aim to encourage collaborative behaviour / thinking, so one target is not achieved at expense of another.



SASP and Health in All Policies

- SASP aligned to broader determinants of health
- opportunity to apply Health in All Policies (HiAP) approach to targets in SASP
- as a central agency, we want consideration of health impacts embedded into decision-making of other parts of government
- to be successful, leadership for HiAP also needs to be driven by centre of government, to support Department of Health in this work.



SASP and Health in All Policies

Applications of the "health lens"

- Water sustainability
- Digital technology
- Regional migration
- Transit-oriented developments
- Literacy and parental engagement
- Aboriginal road safety
- Healthy weight



Conclusion

- Health in All Policies exemplifies the type of 'joined up' solutions we want to complex policy problems under SA's Strategic Plan
- this work will contribute to wider community conversations about appropriate targets in the upcoming update
- the focus on broader determinants of health in this work goes to the heart of what communities expect from their governments.