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The Future of Community Health Nursing in  
Canada: A time for action



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# What is the Future of Community Health Nursing in Canada: Community Health Nurses Speak Out!

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# Objectives

- The Intent
- The Process
- Key Findings
- Next Steps



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## THE INTENT

To engage members and potential members in a dialogue about Community Health Nursing and CHNC on:

- issues
- activities
- perceptions
- desired future



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## THE PROCESS

2007 Develop a strategy to conduct an environmental scan of Community Health Nurses in Canada  
Articulate strategy in “Informing our Collective Voice”

**Phase I** included literature review to inform rationale and content areas of an environmental scan tool **plus** pilot testing of the tool



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2008 **Phase I** findings articulated in “CHNC Instrument Development and Pilot Phase”

**Phase II** included conduct, analyze, and disseminate findings from environmental scan.

2009 **Phase II** findings articulated in “Final Report: CHNAC Environmental Scan”



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## KEY FINDINGS

- 856 English and 34 French respondents
- 1646 written comments



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## Environmental Components

MACRO

ASSOCIATION

OPERATING

PROFESSIONAL

MEMBER



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## MACRO ENVIRONMENT

*Broad external trends that:*

- *shape global and national agendas*
- *impact on CHN and **other** professions*

*Disaster preparedness & response*

*Health care environment*

*First Nations, Métis, & Inuit health*



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## ASSOCIATION ENVIRONMENT

*Regional, sectoral, and inter – sectoral trends shaping operations and organization of CHNC and similar associations that promote professional excellence and protection of the public; and of the specialty of community health nursing*



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## OPERATING ENVIRONMENT

*Trends that shape the specialty of community health nursing,  
including agendas for education, practice, research,  
leadership, and policy*



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## PROFESSIONAL ENVIRONMENT

*Trends shaping the profession of registered nursing,  
including agendas for education, practice, research,  
leadership and policy, that subsequently impact the  
specialty of community health nursing*



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## MEMBER ENVIRONMENT

*Localized and contextualized trends that shape the daily roles, routines, and responsibilities of individual community health nurses in their workplace settings*



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## Secondary analysis

- *Confirm convergent priority areas and themes*
- *Identify divergent areas and themes to explicate subtle and emerging issues of importance to CHNC*
- *Specify approaches and solutions congruent with innovation, political action and advocacy principles and capacity building.*



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## KEY THEMES

- *Partnership, Collaboration, Coordination*
- *Advocacy*
- *Primary Health Care*
- *Education*
- *Evidence-Informed Practice*
- *Resources*
- *Health Care System Changes*
- *Global Impacts*



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## NEXT STEPS

- What actions can individual Community Health Nurses take in relation to the themes
- What Actions can CNHC take in relation to the themes?



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