Issues in community and public health

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Definition of Terms

Governmental Agencies

Governmental agencies are intended to administer and manage certain functions or specific duties. Agencies are distinct from both governmental departments and ministries. Governmental agencies can be created throughout local (state), regional or national governments within a federal system. Governments have numerous agencies that have their own roles and purposes.

Quasi-government

Quasi-governments are created and funded by government but have operational and political independence. These can be started off as a government agency that becomes a separate entity. This usually means that the employees do not work for the government but for the private sector and are hired by the government to perform certain duties.
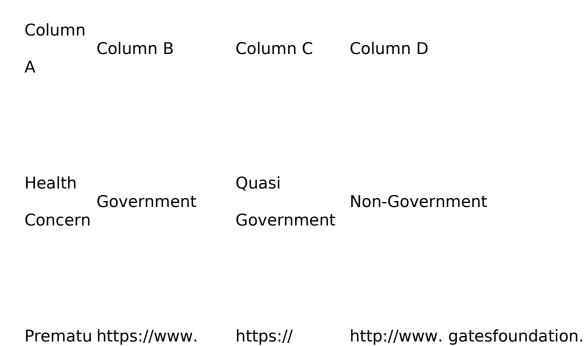
Non-government agencies

Non-governmental agencies are not for profit organizations run by ordinary citizens. These organizations perform a wide range of duties and events. Some of these duties and events and are targeted issues such as human rights, environment or health.

Difference between public health and medical services

Public Health includes community health. Public health is " the science and art of preventing disease, prolonging life and promoting health through the organized efforts and informed choices of society, organizations, public and private, communities and individuals". (http://sph. rutgers. edu/about/public_health. html). Public health is involved with threats to health based on the population health analysis. Public health integrates the interdisciplinary approaches of epidemiology, biostatistics and health services, environmental health, community health, behavioral health, health economics, public policy, insurance medicine and occupational health are other key subfields. Community health is the health of a group of individuals, including the distribution of health levels within the targeted group. The goal of community health is to improve the health of a given population. Community health involves doctors, nurses and other health care professionals.

Community Health Worksheet

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Health Concern	Government	Quasi Government	Non-Government
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Diabetes	Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) (http://www. cdc. gov/diabetes/home/)	American Diabetes Association (http://www. diabetes. org/)	International Diabetes Federation http://www. idf. org/

Smoking	Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) (http://www. cdc. gov/tobacco/data_ statistics/ fact_sheets/ adult_data/ cig_smoking/)	Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administratio n (SAMHSA) (http://store. samhsa. gov/home)	https://therealcost. betobaccofree. hhs. gov

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