

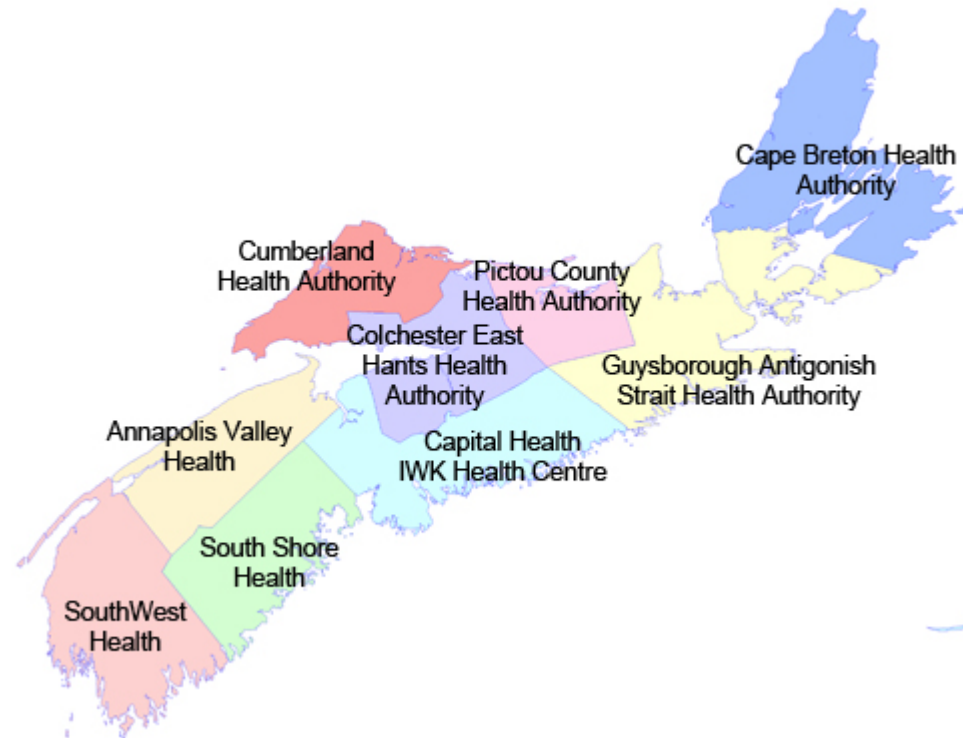
# Public Health Nurse's Role in Addressing Poverty

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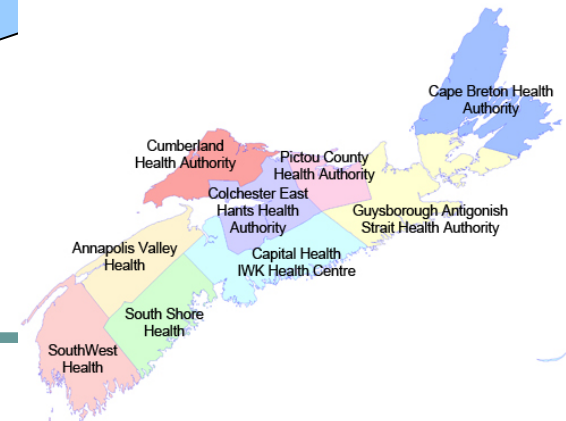
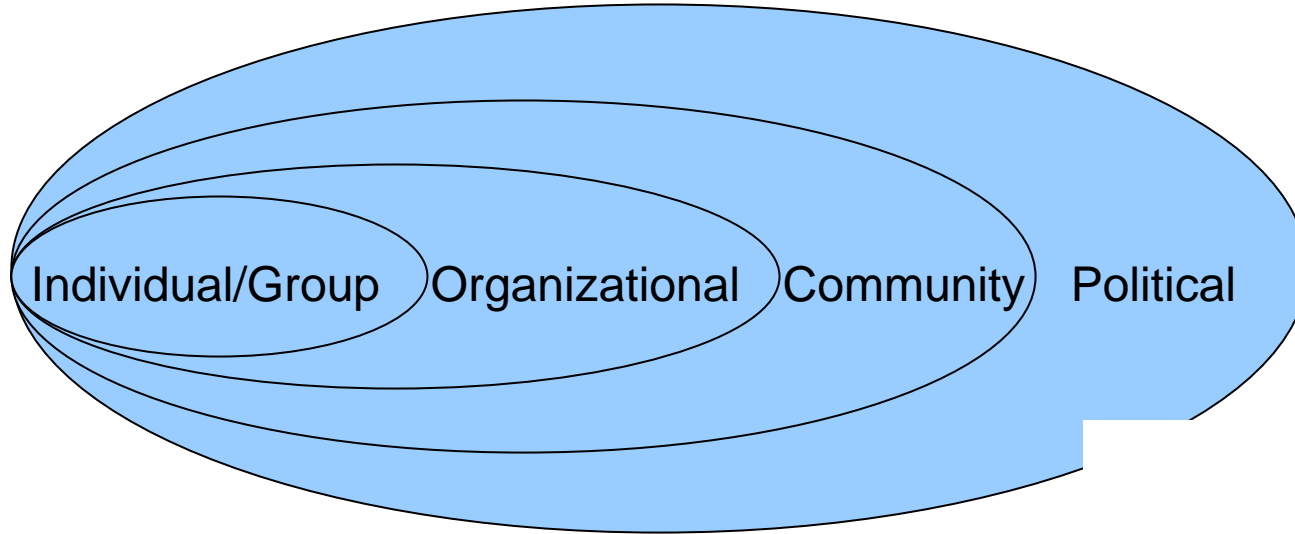
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# Outline

- Environmental Scan and focus group findings
- Recommendations for Action
- Discussion and feedback



# Scan of Public Health Activities to Address Poverty in NS



# Individual/group Actions:

- Healthy Beginnings program (EHV)
- Targeted prenatal programs
- Breastfeeding-promote, protect, support
- Client Advocacy
- Awareness-rebate subsidies
- Access and Cost subsidies



# Organizational Actions:

- Literature review/case study
- Research
- Sharing of best practice articles
- Poverty/Diversity Committees
- Advocacy Tools and policies
- Leadership forum
- Public Health forums
- Logic Models
- Population Health Approaches



# Community Actions:

- Food Costing Data
- Food mentoring/training program
- Link with Community Services
- Community Poverty Networks/Coalitions/Committees
- Community Forums
- Poverty demonstration march
- Radio and newspaper ads



# Political Actions:

- Participation on Provincial Poverty Reduction Working Group
- Attendance and question at federal political candidates forum
- Lobbied town, municipal and local business for donations for an emergency fuel fund



# Environmental Scan Findings

## Gaps:

- Limited monitoring and assessment of health and non health sector services, programs and policies.
- Limited reporting and sharing data.
- Limited core programming to address inequities.
- Limited activity to build political awareness
- Limited advocacy and communication activities.



# Environmental Scan Findings

## Gaps:

- Commitment to values of social justice and equity
- Political advocacy
- Socio-cultural shifts

# Recommendations:

- Leadership
- Multi-sectoral collaboration/partnership
- Socio-cultural shift
- Capacity Building

# Recommendations:

- Healthy Public Policy
- Public health programs and services
- Research, knowledge development and exchange