

Review of: "We Don't Have a Health Problem, We Have a Village Problem"

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The manuscript, *"We Don't Have a Health Problem, We Have a Village Problem"*, presents a compelling critique of the medical-centric approach to health issues, arguing that health should be viewed as an outcome of robust community structures rather than solely individual or institutional care. The author effectively uses Asset-Based Community Development (ABCD) principles to highlight the importance of fostering community-led initiatives, suggesting that a shift from traditional healthcare towards community-building could address many root causes of health issues more sustainably. The examples from Greater Rochester and Emilia Romagna illustrate how localized, community-focused interventions can yield significant health and social benefits.

However, while the manuscript's philosophical foundation is strong, it could benefit from a more critical analysis of the challenges and limitations of the ABCD approach. Specifically, the manuscript might address potential barriers in scaling such community-based models, such as funding, institutional resistance, and the diverse needs of varying community structures. Including a comparative analysis of existing health interventions alongside ABCD could also provide a clearer framework for readers to evaluate the feasibility of transitioning towards community-led health models. Overall, this work offers an insightful and necessary perspective on the intersection of health and community, though further exploration of practical implementation could strengthen its impact.