

RCCI's 'Collective' Efforts

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Collective Impact, def.: *A highly-structured collaborative effort designed to achieve substantial impact on a large-scale social problem*

Food Security: More than a dozen local agencies on the frontlines of hunger relief efforts have been meeting since the fall of 2016 to determine how best to reduce food insecurity in Rapid City.

- **Food Security Manager**
 - Mary Corbine was hired for this new position in March 2017; duties include identifying the city's overall food security needs and challenges, and facilitating the development of community-wide solutions to meet those needs by connecting and working with agency partners
- **Summer Food**
 - Shared marketing efforts broadly promote existing summer meal programs that allow children ages 1-18 to eat breakfast and/or lunch for free at more than a dozen sites
 - Two pilot programs are being considered: the first would provide lunch on Saturdays at one of the sites, the second would allow parents to eat for free at two of the sites

RC Haven for Hope: RCCI and community partners are investigating the feasibility of creating a campus like San Antonio's Haven for Hope to better serve our homeless and near homeless with wrap-around services.

- **County Project at Former NAU Building**
 - Essentially half of the larger model; equivalent to the "Restoration Center" in San Antonio where detox, safe beds, etc., will be housed (Opening in 2018)
- **Transformation Campus**
 - Planning groups are having preliminary discussions on what this campus would look like and what types of services would be on site; also determining potential funding sources
 - RCCI Director Albert Linderman has drafted a "concept design" document; full business/strategy plan is expected by late summer

Affordable Housing/Homelessness: The two work streams are currently meeting as one and convened most recently in mid-April.

- **Model Simulations**
 - RCCI facilitator and system modeler Don Greer has created several computer models to better determine housing needs in Rapid City
 - The first in a series of videos explaining the models and city dynamics can be found on RCCI's YouTube page: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dj2rbJQLUeA>
 - More videos are in the works and will be posted in June

- **Immediate Housing Needs**
 - Work stream participants see an immediate need for more safe shelter space in Rapid City, as the local mission is often above capacity; April’s meeting included discussion on the “Haven” concept and whether construction could be phased to create emergency housing later this year
- **Tiny Homes Survey**
 - Results from the City of RC’s spring survey gauging residents’ interest in tiny homes: http://www.rcgov.org/index.php?option=com_docman&view=download&alias=5661-simplified-living-survey-affordable-small-tiny-apartments-houses&category_slug=community-development&Itemid=149

Behavioral Health/Family Life:

- **Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs)**
 - ACE Scores are evaluation tools to determine the prevalence and impact of childhood trauma in our community. Definitive research shows the negative impact of ACEs on health outcomes, such as an increased risk of substance abuse, depression, heart disease and cancer
 - RCCI facilitator Megan Odenthal is working directly with Children’s Home Society and other groups to bring the gold standard of ACEs training to Rapid City this summer
 - Trainers train others in community; learn to tailor training to specific sectors
- **Mental Health/Addiction**
 - Work stream participants are breaking up into smaller groups to focus on specific areas, including action led by Lifeways around the meth crisis and finding a safe solution to treat acute psychosis in Rapid City with the West River Behavioral Health Alliance

Walking Together: This work stream was created to work on race relations in Rapid City.

- The group hosted a Native/non-Native gathering in February; while no specific project or initiative was identified, several attendees, work stream participants and Native healthcare providers are now actively involved in other RCCI initiatives, including RC Haven for Hope

Education: This is now led by United Way of the BH through its Campaign for Grade-Level Reading initiative.

- Focused conversations are happening around school readiness, quality early care, attendance and summer learning loss - all with a focus on improving early grade-level reading success in RC
- Point of contact: Danita Simons at United Way (605-343-5872)

Workforce/Business Development: Representatives of public and higher education, government agencies, non-profits and business convened in January 2017 to better understand the work of Collective Impact in the city.

- Received an update on the new partnerships and college and career emphasis of Rapid City Area Schools and discussed “wish list” items for improved education and workforce outcomes
- Given that RCAS was in the midst of a district reorganization and strategic planning, it was determined this group would convene in the fall of 2017 once priorities have been identified to assure better alignment and partnership support
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