

Riviera Beach Health Initiative



Build Healthcare Services Capacity

Build healthcare system capacity by providing seed funding to create a Federally-Qualified Health Center (FQHC) site that provides comprehensive health care services in Riviera Beach.



- Primary Care at Greenwood CHC
- Primary Care on Mobile Vehicle
- Comprehensive Care at Riviera Beach CHC



Support Health Literacy and Navigation

Build health literacy among Riviera Beach residents, and provide health system navigation support.



- Health-Related Navigation



- Community Health Workers



- Food Farmacy



Promote Services Integration

Integrate healthcare with other health-related social services to create a more comprehensive system of care, with the array of services provided tailored to meet the individualized needs of residents.



- Social-Related Navigation
(coordinated with health navigation)



Cultivate Partnerships and Engage Residents

Cultivate partnerships with funders, nonprofits, community leaders, and residents to create, implement, support, and sustain the health system's increased capacity in Riviera Beach.



- Facilitation of Resident Advisory Committee

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STRATEGY AREA UPDATES



Strategy 1: Build Health Services Capacity

Build health care system capacity by providing seed funding to create a Federally Qualified Community Health Center (CHC) that offers comprehensive health care services in Riviera Beach

Establish an FQHC Clinic Site in Riviera Beach

Lost Tree Foundation ("the Foundation") continues to work with FoundCare to establish a Federally Qualified Community Health Center (CHC) in Riviera Beach that will provide a comprehensive array of services after full implementation.

Services are being rolled out in three phases. The Foundation meets with FoundCare leadership monthly regarding implementation of the roll out.

Phase I

Initiated in March 2022, Phase I includes the provision of primary care services at the FoundCare's Greenwood clinic on the campus of St. Mary's Medical Center. If needed, free transportation to the clinic is provided for Riviera Beach residents.

- *Same day appointments are available and in-office wait times average 15 minutes.*

Phase II

This phase began in February 2023 with the launch of primary care services via the mobile health vehicle as well as continuing services at FoundCare's Greenwood clinic. Construction of the CHC will continue through Phase II.

- *Adult primary care services onboard the mobile health vehicle launched on May 1, 2023 at five locations throughout Riviera Beach. The vehicle delivers services at each of these locations one day per week.*
- *The vehicle is also used for health screenings and vaccinations at community based events.*

Phase III

Phase III is focused on the completion of the CHC and the transition of all services to the new CHC location. Services will roll out over a number of years, including Adult and Pediatric Primary, Women's Health, Chronic, Mental and Dental Health Care as well as onsite pharmacy and laboratory services, navigation support, community outreach, and health education.

- *A 99-year, \$1/yr lease agreement for City-owned property at 3501 Broadway, upon which the 15,000 sf CHC will be built, was approved by the City of Riviera Beach Council on September 21, 2023.*
- *The groundbreaking took place on March 6, 2024 and is expected to be completed in early 2025.*



Strategy 2: Build Health Literacy & Navigation Support

Build health literacy among Riviera Beach residents and provide health system navigation support

Raise Awareness and Educate Residents on Health Care-Related Topics

Community Health Workers

The Foundation funds 3 Community Health Workers (CHW) through the Health Council of Southeast Florida (HCSEF) to support the residents of Riviera Beach.

- *The CHWs are lay members of the community who work in association with the local health care system to provide community members with health education and connection to needed health (and other social) resources and services.*
- *The CHWs continue to have significant reach into the community and impact on residents providing residents with services, including health education, referrals and linkages to health and/or social (rental, utilities, food assistance) services.*

Food Farmacy Program

American Heart Association has launched the Food Farmacy program.

Clinical Component - Working with FoundCare's Care Coordination Manager and Riviera Beach Integrated Care's (RBIC)'s Medical Clinical Manager

- *Protocols to screen all patients for nutrition security and provide linkage to food assistance have been incorporated into the clinical practices.*
- *Protocols for screening women of childbearing age who are at risk for cardiovascular disease have also been incorporated. For those who are also food insecure, they are enrolled into the Food Farmacy program to promote effective lifestyle modification.*

Community Component

- *Launched Healthy 4 Life Train-the-Trainer program, bi-weekly health and wellness events and quarterly resource fairs.*
- *Launched a social media-based awareness campaign to increase CVD literacy among Riviera Beach residents.*

Assist Residents with Navigating the Health System

Health-Related Navigation

FoundCare is providing health-related navigation support to residents seeking services at their Greenwood site.



Strategy 3: Promote Health & Social Services Integration

Integrate health care with other health-related social services to create a more comprehensive system of care, with services tailored to meet the individual needs of residents

Increase Access to “Social Determinants of Health” Programs

Social Determinants of Health (SDOH) Navigation

- *Community Partners of South Florida is providing residents with assistance in accessing social services. The social service navigators work closely with FoundCare's health services navigators to ensure residents receive seamless, comprehensive support in accessing individualized health and social services.*
- *FoundCare screens patients for SDOH issues when they arrive for appointments and refer those with needs immediately to the Navigators.*

Partner Meetings

The Foundation facilitates regular RBHI funded partners meetings

- *The RBHI partners received the 2023 Nonprofits First Community Collaboration award. With 20 impressive collaboratives nominated to receive the award, this is significant recognition of their collaborative accomplishments.*
- *A Fall Into Wellness event was held on September 30th at the City of Riviera Beach's Wells Recreation Center. Approximately 200 residents came out to learn about and engage with the RBHI partners as well as 20+ additional health-oriented organizations.*
- *A referral flow process and decision tree has been created to assist the RBHI partners with determining when and where (internal or external to the RBHI) to refer residents for needed medical and social services. Further, the OSCARSS referral system is now fully operational, promoting the efficient delivery of and response to referrals among partners.*

Tie This Health Strategy to the Foundation's Other Grantmaking

Proposal Review

The Foundation continues to review health-related proposals that may be synergistic with RBHI, providing analysis and consultation support to Foundation volunteers as needed.





Strategy 4: Cultivate Partnerships and Engage Residents

Cultivate partnerships with funders, nonprofits, community leaders, and residents to create, implement, support, and sustain the health system's increased capacity in Riviera Beach

Partner with Funders, Systems Partners, and Nonprofits

The Foundation continues to meet with local funders to provide updates on the RBHI and foster their support.

- *Several funders have come on board as RBHI funding partners, including Johnson & Johnson, the Frederick A. Deluca Foundation (for CHC capital) and the CVS Foundation (for navigation).*
- *Several community partners have expressed an interest in participating in the RBHI Partners meetings. We anticipate that the Partners meetings will open up to community partners by Quarter 2 of 2024. Our goal is to continue to build out partnerships and integrate additional non-RBHI funded supports for residents.*
- *The Foundation shares information about the RBHI among all relevant grantees. As a result, we are seeing increased collaboration among partners. For example, Healthy Mothers Healthy Babies is locating its mobile pantry alongside the mobile health vehicle in Riviera Beach at least twice a month so residents can avail themselves of services from both partners on the same day.*
- *The Foundation facilitated the first of ongoing meetings between the School District, Health Care District, and Children's Home Society, Riviera Beach Integrated Care and FoundCare about the coordination of health services in the area.*

Partner with Key Community Stakeholders

The Foundation is working, through the RBHI Resident Advisory Committee, to engage other community stakeholders (e.g.: City, County, faith leaders, community leaders, etc.) to provide an overview of the RBHI and foster their support.

- *The initial emphasis has been on faith leaders. As a result of engagement, several faith leaders are interested in joining the RBHI Resident Advisory Committee.*
- *The RBHI Resident Advisory Committee is recruiting key community stakeholders to join their committee this year to increase community representation among seniors, youth, business leaders, etc.*

Engage Residents for Input

RBHI Resident Advisory Committee

The RBHI Resident Advisory Committee meets monthly to provide input regarding the RBHI, from their perspective and from the community's point of view. This input informs RBHI's roll out and its continued improvement. Members also promote the RBHI in the community. The committee is supported by Community Partners' Bridges of Riviera Beach staff and the Foundation's consultant, Dr. Christine Koehn.

The Committee is focused on expanding its role beyond the RBHI to become the "go to" Committee for ideas and support of any health-related initiatives in Riviera Beach. Toward that end, they're currently working within four Subcommittees focused on:

- *Building Committee member knowledge and capacity regarding health and health-related issues*
- *Increasing the number and representation of members on the Committee*
- *Promoting the RBHI partners and efforts overall*
- *Supporting the pilot and launch of the American Heart Association's Food Farmacy Program (as part of their NeighborWorks America-sponsored community change project).*

Evaluation

The Foundation has engaged Dr. Bruce Jones, Senior Vice President for Research at Howard University. Dr. Jones will provide a multi-year assessment of the RBHI. During the first year, the evaluation will determine the success of each of the RBHI partners' progress with program implementation. Subsequent years will assess the success of their programs' ongoing operations. The evaluation across the entire multi-year period will determine the impact of the individual and collaborative efforts on the health of Riviera Beach residents.