

Rochester Healthy Community Partnership (RHCP)

Rochester Healthy Community Partnership (RHCP) began in 2004 as a partnership between local community organizations and researchers in Rochester, Minnesota, who came together to address community-identified health concerns. RHCP's first project focused on tuberculosis (TB) prevention and control in the community.

Early on, RHCP adopted community-based participatory research (CBPR) principles, and has engaged in a number of funded CBPR projects that have been designed and carried out with community partners who identify health priorities within their communities. A description of RHCP projects is available on the RHCP website: <http://rochesterhealthy.org/website/projects-3/>

Evaluation of RHCP: A Community-Based Participatory Research Partnership to Address Health Disparities

Beginning in 2015, RHCP partnered with the UNM Center for Participatory Research in order to conduct the first formal evaluation of the partnership. This project aimed to assess “processes and procedures that contribute to enhancing and sustaining institutional partnerships, fostering and supporting cross-disciplinary collaborations, and implementing research protocols in community-based settings” (RHCP, n.d.).

A critical step in the evaluation process was the development of an adapted CBPR model reflecting the history, values and priorities of RHCP. Although the RHCP model retains many of the constructs from the original, it also includes elements that emerged from more than a decade of collaborative experience.

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