

LTU NATIONAL RESEARCH SCAN OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BEST PRACTICES....AND RESPONSES AT THE 2017 BECDD SUMMIT

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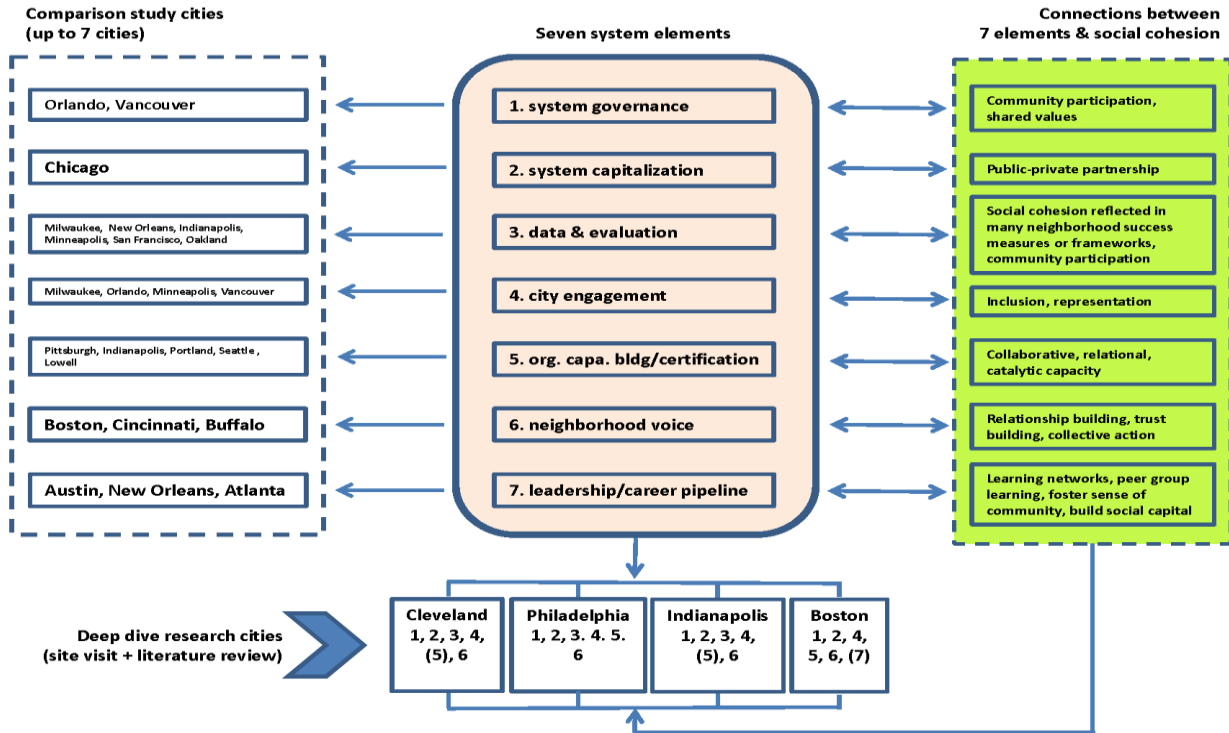
comment from a BECDD 2017 Summit participant

National Scan Process: Review/analysis of scholarly, peer-reviewed articles plus site visits

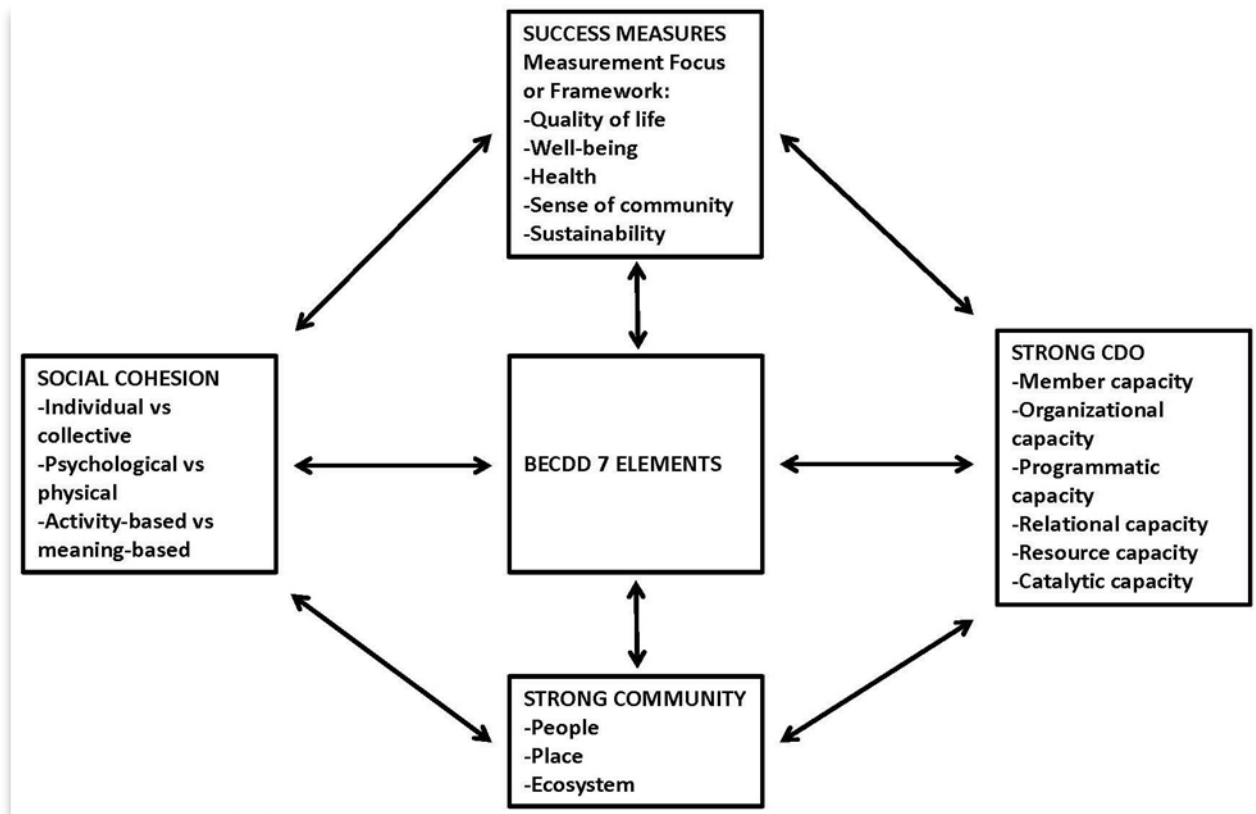
- **Round 1 (May-June): 300 articles**
 - **Round 2 (July): 150 articles**
 - **Round 3 (August): 150 articles**
- **Site Visits to Four Cities (September)**

Five Key Findings ([Look for the full National Scan report here](#))

- 1. There is support in the literature for the Seven System Elements**
- 2. Best example cities (Philadelphia, Indianapolis, Cleveland, Boston)**
- 3. Social Cohesion Impacts People and Their Environment**
- 4. Social Cohesion Supports and Benefits the Seven Elements**
- 5. Social Cohesion is (Very) Necessary, but Insufficient for Strong Neighborhoods**



Understanding an Overall Picture



RESPONSE BY BECDD STAKEHOLDERS AT THE 2017 SUMMIT

- ✓ How were the 5 cities chosen?
[Response: mature community development systems, cities with similar conditions when possible, and looked for cities where there was a “common narrative” about the system]
- ✓ How were the 7 System Elements chosen?
[Response: started with the work done through CDAD in 2008-2010, further developed during Phase One, then modified in 2017 based on findings from Phase One]
- ✓ Why were the “best practices” designated as such?
[Response: through the scholarly articles we reviewed, and through the subsequent site visits to four of the cities; the bottom line is that people believed they were best practices; they each exemplified collaboration with city/foundations/other entities including elected officials; there was a common narrative by the stakeholders; they represented good stewardship of funding; and there was competitive validation of the work by CDCs]
- ✓ BECDD needs to do better at pointing the research findings to the recommendations
- ✓ “Social Cohesion” has to be more than a “side car” issue – it should be an important part of the framework.