



A Community Renewal International systems conversation workshop:

# Re-Villagize Life

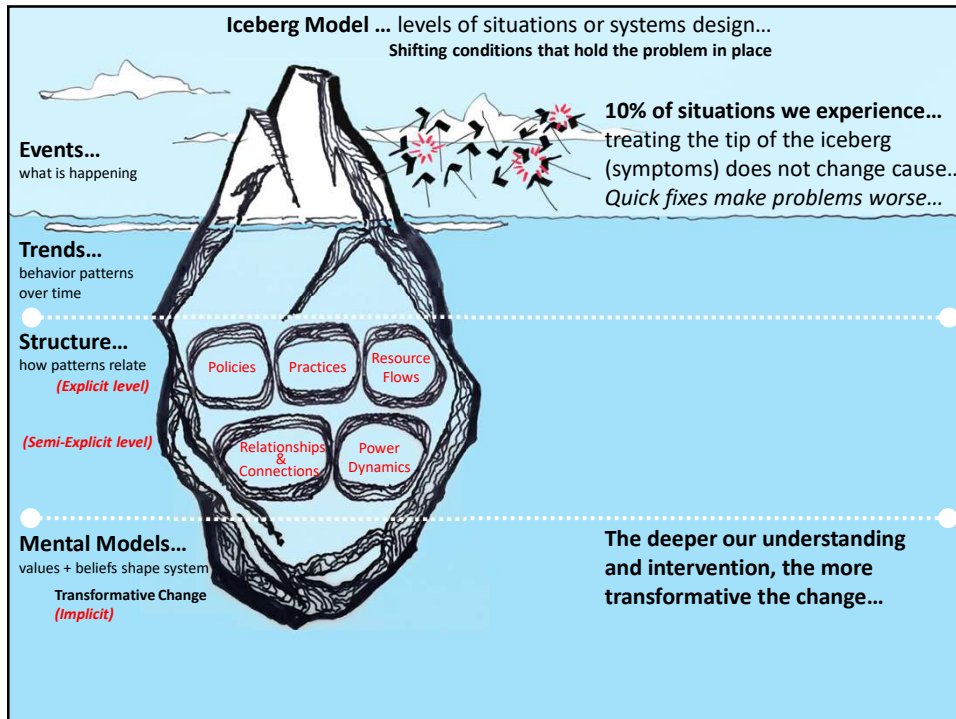
...Where we are. Where we are going. How we get there...



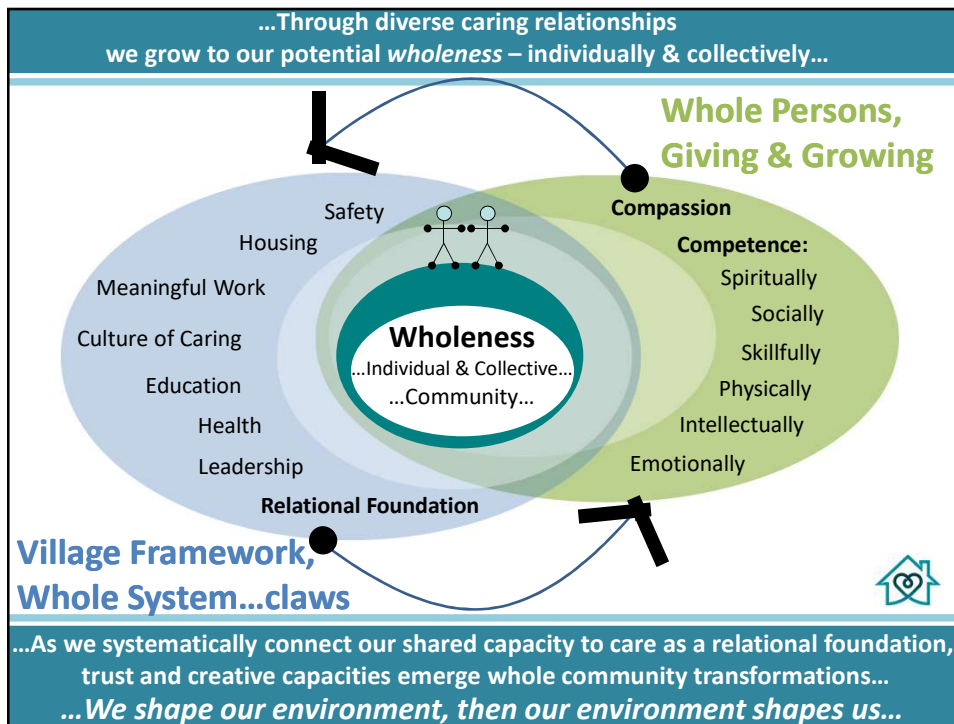
Kim Mitchell, Director, CR Center & Institute... AIA, NCARB, APA, LEED AP BD+C, SDP&F  
[kimitchell@communityrenewal.us](mailto:kimitchell@communityrenewal.us)

*"Caring relationships are our most valuable and value-creating resource."* R. Hall

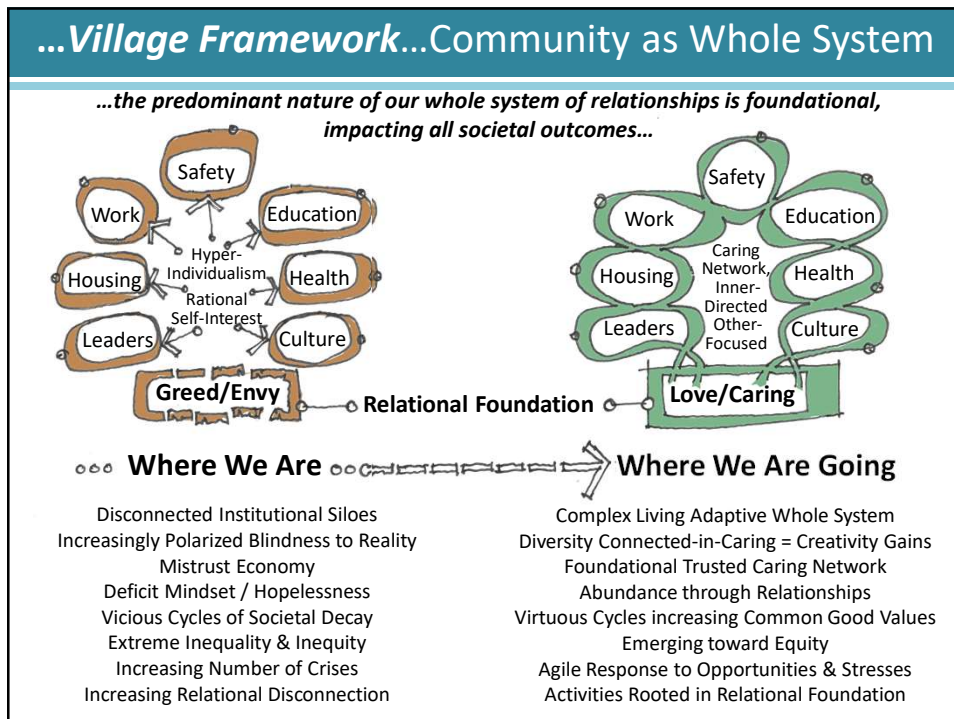
8



9



10



11

## Warning about cultivating a foundation where 'greed is good'

"If human vices such as *greed and envy* are systematically cultivated, the inevitable result is nothing less than the *collapse of intelligence*.

A man driven by greed and envy *loses power of seeing things as they really are*, of seeing the roundness and wholeness, and his very *successes become failures*.

If whole societies become infected by these vices, they *may indeed achieve astonishing things*, but they become increasingly *incapable of solving the most elementary problems of everyday existence*."

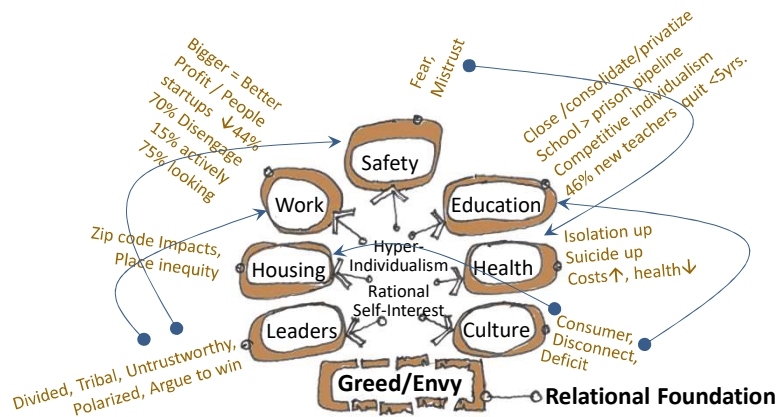
E.F. Schumacher, from *Small is Beautiful – Economics as if People Mattered*

..."You contribute nothing to your salvation except the sin that makes it necessary" ... Jonathan Edwards 1703-1758

12

## ...Village Framework...Community as Whole System

What connections and flows are weakening or strengthening community?



◦◦◦ Where We Are ◦◦◦

..."The unpleasant reality is that one generation's inequality of outcomes is the next generation's inequality of opportunity." ...

James Tobin, Nobel Economist

13

**'Both And' thinking**

**Selfishness beats altruism within groups.  
Altruistic groups beat selfish groups.  
Everything else is commentary.**

David Sloan Wilson

*... We move in the direction of our conversations ...*

*..." common good is the sum of those conditions of social life which allow social groups and their individual members relatively thorough and ready access to their own fulfillment." ...*  
Pope John XXIII (1961)

14

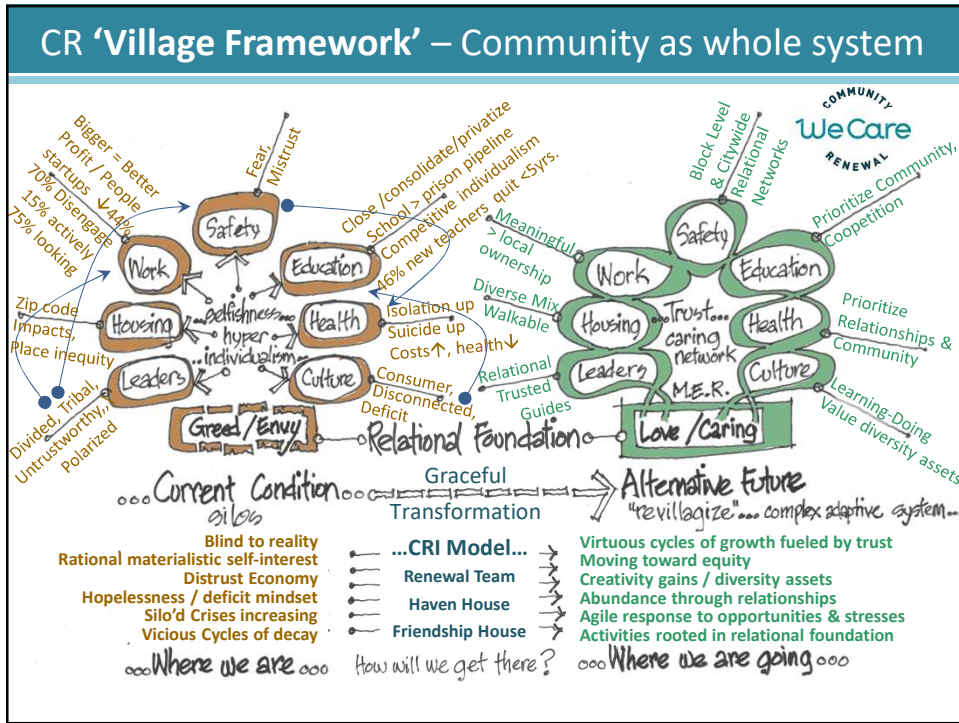
**...Village Framework...Community as Whole System**

**What could the connections & flows between the parts look like?  
How might growing 'Me' to 'We' emerge toward equity?**

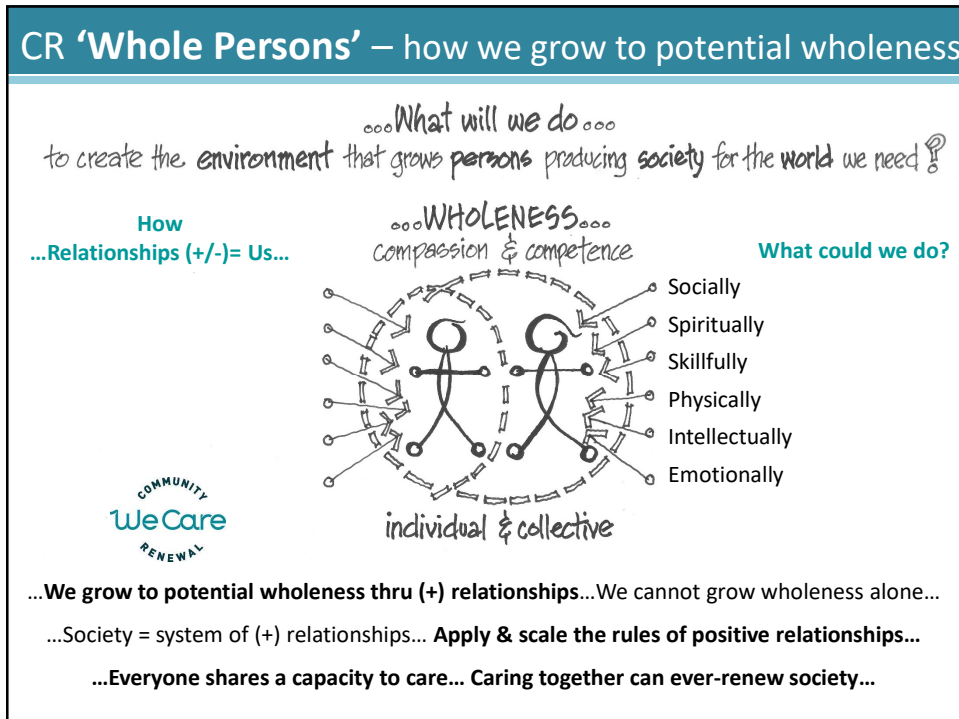
**Where We Are Going**

*... Rooting activities of community in the relational foundation..."Commons are living social systems through which people address their shared problems in self-organized ways." ...*  
David Bollier & Silke Helfrich (2019, Free, Fair & Alive)

15



16



17



A Community Renewal International systems conversation workshop:

## Re-Villagize Life

*...Where we are. Where we are going. How we get there...*



**Kim Mitchell**, Director, CR Center & Institute... AIA, NCARB, APA, LEED AP BD+C, SDP&F  
[kimmitchell@communityrenewal.us](mailto:kimmitchell@communityrenewal.us)

*"Caring relationships are our most valuable and value-creating resource." R. Hall*