Are You Interested in Conducting an Implementation Science Pilot Project?

Research Support:
Call for Implementation Science Proposals

Proposal Deadline:
June 1, 2017 by 5:00pm

PROPOSAL ANNOUNCEMENT

The Sparrow/MSU Center for Innovation and Research (CFIR) is interested in receiving pilot funding proposals for research projects that address implementation science and research within Sparrow Health System. Implementation research “is the scientific study of the use of strategies to adopt and integrate evidence-based health interventions into clinical and community settings in order to improve patient outcomes and benefit population health.”¹ These projects must study the implementation of evidence-based science that has shown to be successful in at least one other setting and be innovative to Sparrow Health System. Implementation of the science-based evidence should address or attempt to improve one of the six challenges listed below. Other topics may be considered if there is a strong basis for the need for this innovation within Sparrow Health System. These topics, however, must also keep in mind the mission and vision of The Center for Innovation and Research.

1. Processes, Systems, and Technology to Improve Patient Satisfaction and Engagement
2. Transitions of Care (e.g., from Acute to Post-Acute Care Settings to a Return Home)
3. End of Life Care Decisions: How to Change Culture and Impact a Community
4. Bringing Care to Patients Rather than Bringing Patients to Care
5. Safe and Effective Ways to Monitor Patients without Staying Near the Bedside
6. Improving Behavioral Health Across the Community

Teams must have at least one ACTIVE AND ENGAGED team member from BOTH SHS and MSU. Teams are required to show evidence that the intervention works in at least one setting but is innovation to Sparrow. The project must be implemented within some aspect of the Sparrow Health System. If funded, all team members will be required to attend an initial meeting with the CFIR Director and at least 1-2 Advisory Board members prior to receiving funding.
**Research Proposals (6 pages max in length) must contain:**
Reviewed for Relevance to Mission and Vision and Priority Areas.
1. Cover Page
2. Abstract
3. Purpose and Specific Aims
4. Innovation
5. The care gap or quality gap to be addressed
6. The evidence-based treatment to be implemented
7. Conceptual model and theoretical justification
8. Stakeholder priorities, engagement in change
9. Setting’s readiness to adopt new services/treatments/programs
10. Implementation strategy/process
11. Team experience with the setting, treating, and implementation process
12. Proposed approach, research design, and methods
   - Must discuss feasibility of proposed design and methods
13. Measurement and analysis section
14. Relevance to BOTH (1) the Mission and Vision of the Center for Innovation and Research
    and (2) Sparrow Health System
15. List of research team members, units/departments, and affiliations (clearly indicate which team members are from MSU and which are from Sparrow)

**Research Proposals must contain (not included in the 6 pages max length):**
1. Likelihood to lead to another proposal at Federal level. (Include PA #, RFA #, priority lists)
2. Women, children, and minority inclusion in clinical research
3. Facilities and resources (environment)
4. References
5. Project Timeline
6. Letters of Support
7. Biographical sketches
8. Statement of Work
9. Instruments
10. Budget and Budget Justification

**Budgets are typically $50,000 or less; however, higher budgets may be approved for exceptionally innovative projects proposed by experienced teams with a strong track record of external funding.**

**Please include the following information in your Research Proposal:** Project title, Name of Principal Investigator (PI) with credentials, PI email, PI office phone number, and an alternate phone number.

**Please electronically submit Research Proposals to:** Sharon.Baer@Sparrow.org

**Receipt of all documents will be confirmed via e-mail.** If no response has been received within two business days after the application deadline, send an e-mail to: Sharon.Baer@Sparrow.org or call 517-364-5730.

**Documents that are incomplete or not prepared per the instructions will not be reviewed and will be returned.**
Research Project Proposals will be accepted on a rolling basis, but no later than June 1, 2017 by 5:00 p.m. for the review period.

Research Project Proposals must be submitted electronically in WORD or PDF format.
For more information or questions, please contact The Center for Innovation and Research by email at: Sharon.Baer@Sparrow.Org or by calling 517-364-5730.

- Research proposals should support the Mission and Vision of the Center and be consistent with the priority criteria.
- Interdisciplinary partnerships with ACTIVE team members from both Sparrow and MSU is a requirement (Active means the team member is a key contributor).
- Success with external funding of at least one team member is preferred.
- Letters of Intent are NOT needed for this call.
- For application instructions and templates, please visit: http://sparrowmsuinnovations.msu.edu/resources/grant-application-instructions-Fall%202015.html

References

1 https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PAR-16-238.html