Department of Psychiatry

Request for Proposal: Clinical Value Projects

The Department of Psychiatry is a leader in providing high quality behavioral health services across the continuum of care. Funding is now available for one-year pilot projects, $5,000 to $20,000 each, designed to increase further the quality of our patient care, patient engagement and satisfaction, clinical outcomes, access to services, clinician efficiency and satisfaction - all in a cost-efficient manner. In general, these projects are intended to 1) determine quantitative baseline measures in one or more of the above areas; 2) explore a means for improving those measures; and 3) provide a pilot demonstration that those means do (or do not) improve those measures. Recipients will be asked to provide a written summary report within 30 days of completion of the project summarizing the results obtained.

Deadline for proposals is April 2, 2018. Funding period is June 1, 2018 through May 31, 2019.

Applicant Requirements:

Applicants must be physician clinician-educators who are either dually employed (Pitt/UPP) or solely employed by UPP. Individuals who are casual employees of UPP are not eligible to apply.

Project Description:

Applicants are asked to provide a brief description (not to exceed three pages excluding references) of the project to be conducted. The following elements (where applicable, use these phrases as section headers) should be included:

- SPECIFIC AIMS (cannot exceed one half-page)
  - Challenge or problem to be addressed
  - Goals of the project
  - Synergy of the project with department and service line goals
- APPROACH
  - Setting/environment where study will be conducted
  - Baseline data to be used and methods for collection
  - Data to be collected and methods for collection
  - Methods for data analysis
  - Metrics for success (i.e., what outcomes will indicate whether the goals have been achieved?)
- IMPACT
  - Impact on patient care and cost (and/or other areas as appropriate)
  - Ability to be translated to other areas/units within the Hospital and Department
- MENTOR
  - Indicate individual who will serve as a mentor and consultant on this project
  - Provide one to three sentences outlining the mentor's qualifications and area of expertise related to this project

Budget:

Please provide an itemized budget for this project, not to exceed $20,000. Direct costs can include the following:
- Technology (e.g. smart phones, pagers, iPads)
- Statistical services
- Administrative costs (e.g. photocopying, supplies)
- Staff salary support

A brief budget justification must also be included (cannot exceed one half-page).

For assistance with budget preparation, please contact Thomas Berkhoudt, Director, Office of Grants and Contracts.

Submission:

To be considered for funding, proposals must be received by 5 pm April 2, 2018. Proposals are to be submitted electronically as a Word document to Lori Zippay at zippaylb@upmc.edu.

Each proposal is to include:
- Project description
- Budget
- Letter of support from service chief