

IMPROVING COLLABORATION BETWEEN PRIMARY CARE RESIDENCY PROGRAMS AND CBOs

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REQUEST FOR APPLICATIONS: APPLICATIONS DUE SEPTEMBER 29, 2017

INTRODUCTION

Greater New York Hospital Association (GNYHA) seeks applications from community-based organizations (CBOs) providing social services that are interested in designing immersion training opportunities for primary care residents.

For the purposes of this Request for Applications (RFA), immersion training involves hosting a select group of residents for a short duration of time and providing them with on-site educational experiences that further their knowledge of the link between social needs and health. This includes, but is not limited to, exposure of residents to the CBO's mission and goals, group interaction with CBO staff and clients, observership opportunities, and opportunities for residents to present learned clinical information to clients for informational purposes. Award amounts will range from \$5,000 to \$7,500 per CBO for the development of immersion training programs. GNYHA expects to award funding to 15-20 CBOs across New York State.

The immersion training program is part of a larger project conducted by GNYHA's affiliate Greater New York Hospital Foundation (GNYHA Foundation) and funded by the New York State Health Foundation. The project aims to teach primary care residents to address social determinants of health and improve collaboration between residency programs and CBOs. GNYHA will achieve these goals by working in partnership with hospitals and CBOs to design and implement immersion training opportunities for residents training at local teaching hospitals.

ABOUT GNYHA

GNYHA is a trade association comprising nearly 160 hospitals and health systems, both voluntary and public, throughout New York State, as well as New Jersey, Connecticut, and Rhode Island. GNYHA advocates for the interests of hospitals, health systems, and other health care providers before governmental and various regulatory agencies. GNYHA assists members on a variety of policy and operational concerns and conducts educational programming, in areas including graduate medical education (GME), ambulatory care transformation, and population health improvement. GNYHA also supports its member hospitals as they implement Delivery System Reform Incentive Payment program projects aimed at improving population health and partnering closely with CBOs to do so. The Health Information Tool for Empowerment (www.hitesite.org), a free online resource directory listing health and social services throughout New York City and Long Island, is also operated by GNYHA. HITE serves as a useful tool for health care providers to find CBOs within their communities.



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GNYHA Foundation is a not-for-profit 501(c)(3) affiliate of GNYHA. GNYHA Foundation was created to match the interests and needs of public and private grant funding organizations with special projects that are of interest to the region's not-for-profit and public hospitals, continuing care facilities, the patients they serve, and the broader health community.

PROJECT BACKGROUND

In New York State, primary care residents training at teaching hospitals provide services to Medicaid patients and other low-income individuals. Per the Accreditation Council for GME, the nation's primary oversight body for accrediting training programs, residency programs are required to meet certain educational standards with their training programs. One of these standards is addressing health care disparities, which can be accomplished through direct partnerships with CBOs.

While residents are beginning to receive more training to address social needs, they lack education and experience collaborating with CBOs that coordinate or provide housing, food assistance, financial support, and other vital services. Through immersion training at CBOs, residents will develop a better understanding of the needs of their community while also learning about the services CBOs provide. By working with teaching programs, participating CBOs will have the opportunity to educate future physicians to ensure that they can make informed referrals for patients based on their social needs. This type of collaboration is critical to both addressing social determinants of health and addressing health care disparities.

As part of this grant-funded project, GNYHA has also developed a curriculum to educate residents on social determinants of health. The curriculum is aimed at primary care residency program directors and provides resources for teaching residents on using community resources to address social needs. It will serve as a helpful resource as CBOs develop their immersion training framework.

APPLICATION ELIGIBILITY AND INSTRUCTIONS

CBOs that primarily provide social services (such as food assistance and housing) are the preferred CBO-type for this RFA. While CBOs that provide clinical services are eligible, the immersion training should focus on the social service aspects as they relate to clinical care. Federally qualified health centers are not eligible. Each individual CBO will be eligible for a single award. Applications received from multi-site CBOs will be considered on a case-by-case basis. The CBO must identify a primary contact person who will be responsible for resident supervision throughout the immersion training. CBOs must be located in New York State and should demonstrate the ability to work collaboratively with residency program leadership from local teaching hospitals within the GNYHA membership to design the immersion training.

GNYHA will review the RFA submissions and match interested residency programs with the CBOs offering the stated immersion training opportunities. CBOs will be notified of awards in early November. In conjunction with the release of this RFA, GNYHA will work with identified residency program leadership to ensure their commitment to resident participation in the immersion training.

Following acceptance of the RFA and subsequent notification by GNYHA, participating CBOs will be asked to meet the following requirements:

- Attend an introductory and curriculum development meeting. Meetings will be held regionally to accommodate participants statewide and will include interested program directors. (November 2017)
- Develop educational materials for the immersion training, in partnership with the program directors, with the goal of meeting residency program requirements (December 2017)
- Work with program directors to develop a training schedule for residents, including specific dates that residents will come to the CBO site (December 2017)
- Provide at least one immersion training opportunity for one or more residents (2018)

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GNYHA will serve as the convener for CBO representatives and residency program leadership, and will provide technical assistance in the development of the educational material. The immersion training must take place within in the first quarter of 2018. Partial funding will be allocated after CBOs attend the curriculum development meeting, and the remainder will be contingent upon successful completion of immersion training of one or more residents.

Completed applications should be emailed by **Friday, September 29, 2017** to Amy Liu (aliu@gnyha.org). Only electronic applications will be accepted. Submissions will not be accepted after the September 29 deadline. Please contact Anu Ashok (aashok@gnyha.org) or Carla Nelson (cnelson@gnyha.org) with questions on this RFA.

APPLICATION INFORMATION

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SECTION 1: ORGANIZATIONAL INFORMATION

Organization Name:

Contact Person/Project Lead:

Contact Information (email/phone):

Organization Description (overview of the CBO mission, services provided, and description of the community served):

Describe any past/present experience the CBO has with teaching/training/medical education. This may include residents, medical students, nursing students, social work students, and other students preparing for health care or social service roles:

SECTION 2: EDUCATIONAL STRUCTURE

Indicate the available scheduling structure for the immersion training by selecting one or more options from below:

1-2 half days

1-2 full days

Once per week over the course of period of time

One full week

Other, please describe in detail:



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Indicate the approximate number of residents which the CBO can reasonably host at any given time:

Describe the plan to orient residents to the CBO:

Provide a description of the proposed learning goals for residents participating in the immersion training at the CBO. For example, "Residents will learn to identify common social needs addressed at the CBO and their relationship to health."

Note: More defined learning objectives will be developed in partnership with the residency program directors.

Describe what educational space is available for the didactic or lecture portion of the immersion training:

Provide a description of the activities that the residents will engage in at the CBO in order to achieve the above goals, including any opportunities for residents to directly interact with CBO clients:

Provide a brief description of the staff that will be involved in educational activities with the residents, including titles and general responsibilities:

SECTION 3: SUSTAINABILITY

Given that this funding is meant to support the time spent developing the curriculum and educational materials, describe how these immersion training opportunities can be sustained within your organization: