Scaling Network Lead Entities Grantee Profile

Network Name: Texas Healthy at Home (TH@H)



Grant Goal:

Increase the availability and delivery of culturally competent long-term services and support across Texas through the training of at least 25 community-based organizations (CBOs), including area agencies on aging (AAAs), Aging and Disability Resource Centers ADRCs (Texas' No Wrong Door System entities), and home-delivered meal providers.

Grant Partners:

- Texas Healthy at Home
- Texas Health and Human Services (SUA)
- Dallas Fort Worth Hospital Council
- Texas Health Resources
- JPS Health
- Baylor Scott and White Health
- AAAs in the targeted areas
- Centers for Independent Living (CILs) in the targeted areas

Target Population:

Older Adults, addressing underserved populations

Award:

\$291,315

Grant Objectives:

- Create an effective system to recruit, qualify, train, and provide technical assistance to TH@H provider network (PN) to ensure superior service quality
- Expand capacity of TH@H PN to deliver an array of LTSS that addresses SDoH, including evidence-based programs (EBPs) for caregivers;
- Train PN and health sector entities (HSEs) to screen, identify, refer, and better serve clients with Alzheimer's Disease and Related Dementias (ADRD) and their caregivers with cultural competence;
- Complete market analysis of HSEs to determine needs, service area and target population; and
- Educate HSEs and policy makers on costs, return on investment and challenges of identifying and serving people with ADRD and their caregivers.

Grant Summary:

TH@H serves as the Network Lead Entity (NLE) for AAAs and other CBOs throughout the state of Texas. The network was formed out of collaboration between United Way of Tarrant County/AAA, North Central Texas Council of Governments/AAA, and the Community Council of Greater Dallas/AAA to integrate evidence-based programs into clinical settings. In November 2020, with the support of Collaborative Consulting, TH@H determined strategic priorities for the network and will pursue those with this grant.

TH@H will use this grant to strengthen their CIHN to expand community-based services to ensure equitable access and distribution of healthcare and social services to address social determinants of health. All of TH@H's efforts through ACL funding projects have included addressing underserved populations, including Black/African American, Hispanic/Latinx, rural, and older adult populations.

TH@H's expansion project will impact the entire state and focus on facilitating the goals and missions common to the Texas AAAs and other partner CBOs. TH@H evolved through various collaborative efforts of previous ACL grants and has developed mechanisms to now contract with health care payers. TH@H's priorities for this grant include:

- Secure start-up funding to pay for full time staff and consulting services;
- 2. Build the internal infrastructure;
- 3. Determine plan for recruiting, vetting and retaining potential network members;
- 4. Determine what services will be offered and prioritize geographic coverage for service delivery; and
- 5. Identify potential health care partners, understand their needs, and develop an approach to generate interest and build demand.

Planned Activities for NLE enhancement will focus on:

⊠Leadership

⊠Finance

⊠Business Development

⊠Network Development and Support

⊠Network Administration

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