

Scaling Network Lead Entities Grantee Profile

Network Name: Center for Healthcare Research and Transformation



Grant Goal:

To build the Center for Health Research and Transformation (CHRT), to fully function as the network lead entity (NLE) and position the network to contract with health payer entities to deliver care coordination services and address social determinants of health related to food insecurity for adults aged 60+ and those with disabilities under the age of 60.

Grant Partners:

- State of Michigan Department of Health and Human Services
- Chelsea Senior Center
- Catholic Social Services of Washtenaw County
- Jewish Family Services
- Southeast Michigan Senior Regional Collaborative
- Ypsilanti Meals on Wheels
- Area Agency on Aging 1-B
- Vital Seniors Network

Award: \$291,564

Target Population:

Underserved adults aged 60+ and those with disabilities under the age of 60

Grant Objectives:

1. Create a network governance structure for decision making and establish roles and responsibilities of the NLE and partner organizations;
2. Develop a business plan that includes financial modeling that positions the network to contract with health payers;
3. Formalize partnerships in five counties in Southeast Michigan region for service delivery; and
4. Identify evidence-based interventions and implement coordinated service delivery models that use an equity lens.

Grant Summary:

The CHRT at the University of Michigan serves as the NLE in partnership with key stakeholders of the Vital Seniors Network (VSN). They will be working to address social determinants of health through care coordination interventions with linkages to home and community-based services.

CHRT is a 501(c)³ organization housed at the University of Michigan committed to transforming research and evidence and inspiring policies and practices that improve the health of people and communities. CHRT will use this grant to formalize a local network of social service providers into a CIHN, referred to as the VSN, that serves a large population in the Southeast region of Michigan. CHRT additionally plans to create processes for one-stop contracting for multiple services with health entity payers. Through these efforts, CHRT will develop a business plan that positions to contract with health payers.

The Michigan State Unit on Aging (SUA) and the area agencies on aging (AAAs) have identified limited access to services and long waitlists as weaknesses within the state. In Michigan, the SUA has begun to align resources to better coordinate with Older Americans Act programs, while Michigan's AAAs have collaborated with aging and disability resource centers to improve access to services. The state's Plan on Aging for FY 2021-2023 identified a state-wide goal to ensure older adults choices for aging in place, naming social needs as key strategies. CHRT and VSN will support this statewide vision by increasing competencies and capacities of network partners to deliver care coordination services and address social determinants of health. CHRT additionally supports nationally focused efforts, including supporting various Medicaid waiver programs and improving No Wrong Door functions.

For this grant, CHRT anticipates that their efforts will enhance capacity in the areas of leaderships, management, operations, and strategic direction. The network will also refine current processes for business development and financial developments for healthcare contracting. CHRT will onboard new partners through this grant that are providing services in the expanded geographic region. Lastly, the network partners will demonstrate competencies in outreach and engagement using evidence-based practices.

Planned Activities for NLE enhancement will focus on:

- Leadership
- Finance
- Business Development
- Network Development and Support
- Network Administration

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