

“A Revolution in Healthcare Project”

The Meharry – Vanderbilt Alliance Foundation seeks applications for a planning grant (Round I) leading to the full design and implementation of a novel system of care for a specific medical condition for a defined population within middle Tennessee or Davidson County.

The medical condition selected should have disparities in health outcomes between the majority and minority population.

Major Question

Will this clinical system
reduce costs, increase quality of
care, and have a positive impact
on outcomes?

Medical Condition

A medical condition (e.g. chronic kidney disease, diabetes, pregnancy) is a set of patient health circumstances that benefit from dedicated, coordinated care. The term medical condition encompasses diseases, illnesses, injuries, and natural circumstances such as pregnancy.

Examples of Medical Conditions

- AIDS/HIV
- Colon Cancer
- Diabetes Mellitus
- Disorders of the hip
- Hypertension
- Obesity
- Oral Pathology
- Pregnancy including first year of life
- And others

Continuum of Care

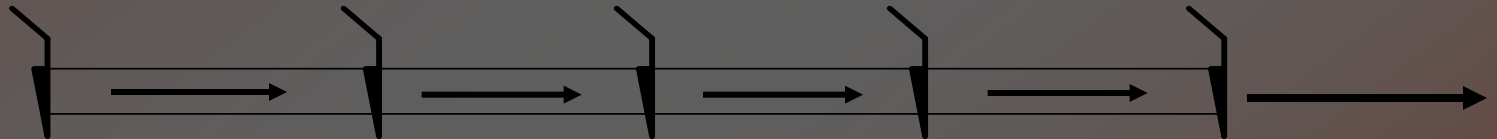
Identify and
Screen

High Risk
Population

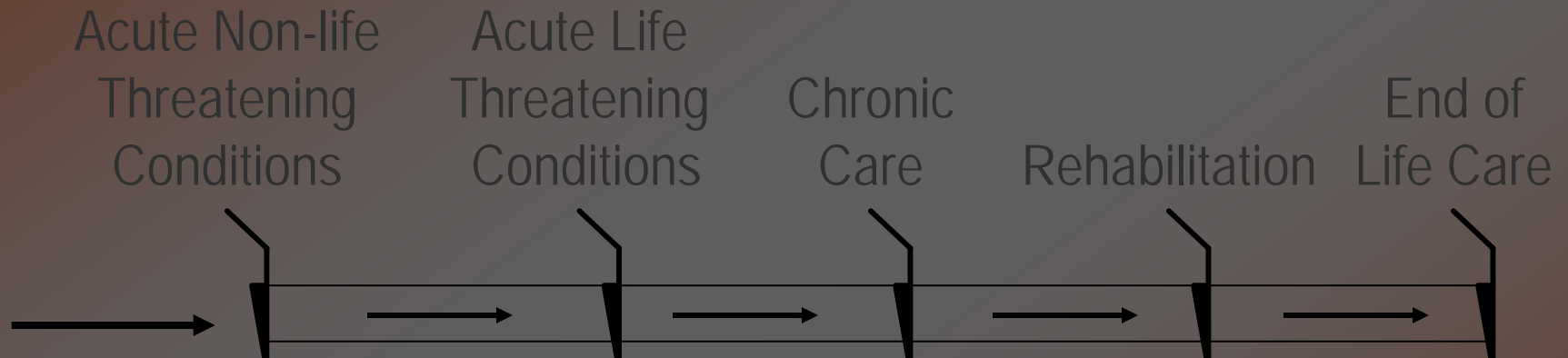
Education
Prevention

Early
Diagnosis

Appropriate
Treatment



Continuum of Care - continued



Phases

- Planning Grant due Sept. 1, '08 – Two+ awardees
- Planning Grant Period: Nov. '08 – June '09
- Full Design Grants Due: June 15, '09
- Finalist's Initial Period of Funding: Sept. '09 – Sept. '10
- Full Implementation & Operation of Clinical System: Oct. 2010 to 2015

Reproducibility of the System (after five years)

- Fundable from Healthcare Market
- Portable to Other Populations
- Scaleable to Larger Populations

Application for Planning Grant

- Define the medical condition
- Define the disparities in health
- Define the population
- Estimate the costs and deficiencies under the present system

Application for Planning Grant (continued)

- Define elements of proposed system
- Provide a budget for a planning grant
- List Faculty PI's and participants from both institutions
- List Potential Community Partners

For each stage in the continuum of care define:

- The knowledge/evidence base
- Needed workforce
- Processes of care
- Applicable technology

Define in some detail the methods for evaluating clinical and financial outcomes of the project.

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