

Board of Health for Madison and Dane County
Resolution #2023-05

Resolution in support of the application for the NIH Community Partnerships to Advance Science for Society (ComPASS) Program: Community-Led, Health Equity Structural Intervention Initiative for Public Health Madison & Dane County

The National Institutes of Health (NIH), through the ComPASS program (Community Partnerships to Advance Science for Society) is working to advance the science of health disparities and health equity research. The goal of the ComPASS program is to develop, share, and evaluate community-led health equity structural interventions that leverage partnerships across multiple sectors to reduce health disparities. The ComPASS program is offering the funding opportunity “Community-Led, Health Equity Structural Intervention Initiative (OT2)” starting in 2023. The funding opportunity is seeking proposals that address the fundamental causes of health disparities through structural interventions that attempt to alter the social, physical, economic, or political environments that influence health behaviors and outcomes. The funding opportunity spans 10 years (9/2023 to 9/2033), with a total award ceiling of 12 million dollars.

With research support from the University of Wisconsin-Madison School of Nursing, we are requesting \$750,000 years 1-2, \$1,500,000 years 3-8, and \$750,000 years 9-10 to expand, evaluate, and disseminate our Community-Based Public Health Nursing (CBPHN) model. Since 2017, PHMDC has implemented a promising practice of neighborhood-level advocacy and support provided by CBPHNs working with communities to identify and co-design structural interventions to address health disparities and promote health equity. PHMDC has partnered with Joining Forces for Families (JFF) to embed three CBPHNs in strategic neighborhoods in Dane County. Working in neighborhoods that are identified based on health disparity data, these PHNs partner with JFF-supported, community-based social workers and co-locate with them in neighborhood offices. They advocate for positive changes through policy reform and community building. The development of authentic nurse-community relationships of trust is a key part of the CBPHN model. The goal of the PHN is to become a trusted partner of the community through relationship building, identify and elevate community health needs, and tackle health disparities via upstream, systems approaches and structural interventions. We propose the use of the CBPHN model as an overarching structural intervention that would provide a framework for engaging community members and a CBPHN to determine priority structural factors to target through additional, focused structural interventions. The funds will be used to add personnel to support the existing CBPHN team, provide crucial training and facilitation for the team, a sub-award to the University of Wisconsin-Madison School of Nursing for research support, and most importantly to implementation of community identified activities and interventions as identified and developed during years 1 and 2.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Health for Madison and Dane County, on behalf of Public Health Madison & Dane County, supports the application for the National Institutes of Health Community Partnerships to Advance Science for Society Program: Community-Led, Health Equity Structural Intervention Initiative funding opportunity; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Health for Madison and Dane County, authorizes the Director of Public Health to enter into and sign an agreement with the

National Institutes of Health Community Partnerships to Advance Science for Society program accepting the funding, should it be awarded; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the Board of Health for Madison and Dane County, authorizes the Director of Public Health to enter into and sign an agreement with the University of Wisconsin-Madison School of Nursing for a sub-award for research support, should the funding be awarded.

Drafted by: Sarah Hughes

Introduced:

Action: