# 2016 Cycle #1 Telligen Community Initiative (TCI) Grantees (Iowa)

Telligen Community Initiatives (TCI) received a record 128 grant requests satisfying its mid-February grant deadline for our 2016 Iowa-based grant cycle. Through a comprehensive review process, the following grants have been selected for funding awards. There are ten (10) overall grant awards being made (\$440,663 cumulative total). Each individual funding request had a maximum grant ceiling of up to \$50,000. TCI works to broadly support projects in the priority funding areas of health innovation, healthcare workforce development, and access to care for the underserved.

## **Iowa-based Grantees: Executive Summaries**

#### **Health Innovation Grantees**

American Heart Association – Midwest Affiliate (2016-01-07)

West Des Moines, IA (\$50,000 grant)

Geographic Area Impacted: Cerro Gordo, Woodbury, Dubuque, Johnson counties

Project Title: Rural Hospital Stroke Quality Improvement Initiative

<u>Project Summary</u>: The proposed project will support the expansion of data collection and reporting from rural hospitals providing thrombolytic therapy to stroke patients prior to transfer to a stroke center. Continual quality improvement efforts prompted by data analysis reduce overall stroke mortality and minimize disability for increased quality of life after stroke. Focused education efforts will be provided to clinicians at these rural sites around evidence-based practice.

## **Iowa Primary Care Association** (2016-01-56)

Urbandale, IA (\$50,000 grant)

Geographic Area Impacted: Polk, Story, Marshall counties

Project Title: Behavioral Health Integration Support for Safety Net Providers Through Project ECHO

<u>Project Summary</u>: The Iowa Primary Care Association, in partnership with the Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs) in Iowa, is seeking TCI funding to support the establishment of an Extension for Community Health Outcomes (Project ECHO) in Iowa. Initially, this model will be implemented in central Iowa and will be focused on behavioral health integration with expertise provided by a psychiatrist from Broadlawns Medical Center in Des Moines. This is the first implementation of Project ECHO in Iowa and our vision is to expand upon our partnerships with Broadlawns Medical Center and the University of Iowa to implement this model within the other FQHCs and safety net providers across the state.

#### Blank Children's Primary Care (UnityPoint Health Foundation) (2016-01-16)

Des Moines, IA (\$50,000 grant)

Geographic Area Impacted: Polk, Warren, Dallas counties

Project Title: Connections in Primary Care

<u>Project Summary</u>: Connections in Primary Care is an innovative pilot that began a year ago with one Pediatrician, Dr. Jennifer Groos, and one contracted Visiting Nurse Services Family Outreach Specialist in the Blank Children's Primary Care Clinic. The project was developed to test both a model of care that would allow one of our providers to address many of the social determinants of health identified with her patients and their families but also test the economic value of providing co-located community resources. Grant funds will support the continuation and evaluation of this model.

## **Healthcare Workforce Development Grantees**

Four Oaks Family and Children's Services (2016-01-39)

Mason City, IA (\$49,434 grant)

Geographic Area Impacted: Cerro Gordo, Hancock, Floyd, Mitchell, Winnebago, Worth counties

Project Title: Regional Trauma Informed Care Workforce Development

<u>Project Summary</u>: This project will bring together diverse community partners to develop and implement a trauma informed care plan for youth across a six county North Central Iowa area. It will also train a minimum of 25 individuals from cross-sector organizations in trauma informed care.

### The Homestead (2016-01-13)

Altoona, IA (\$50,000 grant)

Geographic Area Impacted: Iowa (statewide)

Project Title: Capacity Building for The Homestead's Children's Autism Project (CAP Centers)

<u>Project Summary</u>: Build capacity for providing Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA) services to children with autism by increasing the number of fully credentialed Board Certified Behavior Analysts (BCBAs) in The Homestead's Children's Autism Project (CAP Centers). This will help alleviate the number of children waiting for CAP services - currently more than 200 children are on The Homestead's waiting lists for these critically important services.

#### **Iowa College Student Aid Commission** (2016-01-71)

Des Moines, IA (\$50,000 grant)

Geographic Area Impacted: Wapello, Cerro Gordo counties

Project Title: LCANs for Healthcare Talent

<u>Project Summary</u>: Iowa College Aid will work to increase the number of students, particularly students from rural communities, who enter health professions. Rather than impose a statewide "solution" to the problem, Iowa College Aid proposes a systematic collaborative approach known as collective impact to develop healthcare career pathways programs or other community-based solutions to the healthcare workforce shortage in and Mason City and Ottumwa.

#### State Hygienic Laboratory – University of Iowa (2016-01-33)

Iowa City, IA (\$50,000 grant)

Geographic Area Impacted: *Iowa (statewide)*<u>Project Title</u>: *iExplore Laboratory Science* 

<u>Project Summary</u>: The iExplore Laboratory Science initiative will provide opportunities for middle level (grades 6-8) students in the underserved populations in Iowa to both deepen their content understanding in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) and explore career opportunities in environmental and public health laboratory science, through real-world, hands-on laboratory science experiences. Funding from TCI will be used to: 1) Increase awareness of the variety of STEM career pathways, with a focus on public health laboratory science careers; 2) Increase opportunities to expose students from rural communities to real-world public health laboratory science experiences; and 3) Develop an understanding of the relationship between the school science curriculum and the type of work laboratorians do at the State Hygienic Laboratory (SHL) at the University of Iowa as they engage in public health laboratory science careers.

#### **Health for the Underserved Grantees**

**Great River Medical Center** (2016-01-43)

West Burlington, IA (\$48,279 grant)

Geographic Area Impacted: Des Moines county

Project Title: Dual-Diagnosis Partial Hospital Program

<u>Project Summary</u>: Great River Medical Center is requesting funding to support a Dual-Diagnosis Partial Hospital Program. The Dual-Diagnosis Partial Hospital Program will provide concurrent treatment for individuals with co-occurring mental health and substance abuse disorders in a day hospital setting. Treatment will include intensive group and individual mental health therapy, substance abuse counseling, medication management, as well as nutrition, exercise, recreational, and music therapy.

#### Children & Families of Iowa (2016-01-90)

Des Moines, IA (\$36,450 grant)

Geographic Area Impacted: *Polk, Webster, Clarke counties*<u>Project Title</u>: *Telehealth Services for Underserved Rural Iowans* 

<u>Project Summary</u>: Children & Families of Iowa (CFI) respectfully requests a partnership with the Telligen Community Initiative to provide mental health services to rural Iowan communities through the use of telehealth, under the Telligen Community Initiative's priority of health access for the underserved. With this service, rural Iowans can travel to CFI's Fort Dodge and Osceola facilities to video-conference with psychiatrists located at CFI's Des Moines Family Service Center. Clients are accompanied by certified mental health nurses during these sessions.

#### Iowa Radio Reading Information Service for the Blind and Print Handicapped, Inc. (2016-01-110)

Des Moines, IA (\$6,500 grant)

Geographic Area Impacted: *Iowa (statewide)* 

Project Title: IRIS Connections

<u>Project Summary</u>: This project supports the production of 26 episodes of an IRIS Radio program entitled "Connections". The program will focus on specific topics and resources to empower IRIS listeners with information to prevent and relieve isolation and promote participation in their own care as well as their social communities. The program will also address the different types of abuse that can occur among vulnerable populations – and will offer resources for those who might need to discuss or report mistreatment.

For additional questions or information on the work of Telligen Community Initiative (TCI), please use any of the following ways to reach our staff to learn more:

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