

PROJECT ABSTRACT

Project Title: Expanding the Optimizing Aging Collaborative: A National Model for Developing Age-Friendly Health Systems for Underserved Older Adults

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Program Funds Requested: HRSA-19-008

Funding Preference: Underserved populations

Project Period: July 1, 2019 – June 30, 2024

Application Status: Competing continuation

Trainee Types: a) health professions providers; b) health professions trainees; c) social service providers; d) direct care workers; e) community-based organization staff; f) patients, families, and caregivers

Project Partners: Academic: UC Hastings College of Law; Primary Care: UCSF; San Francisco Health Network, San Francisco Community Clinic Consortium, San Francisco Veterans Affairs Medical Center, Contra Costa Health Services, Redwood Community Health Coalition, Native American Health Center-Oakland; Government/Community: San Francisco Department of Aging and Adult Services, San Francisco Department of Public Health, Alameda Department of Public Health, Homebridge, Openhouse, Northern CA/Northern NV Alzheimer's Association

Project Overview: The purpose of the UCSF GWEP is to 1) create reciprocal partnerships between academia, primary care and public health systems, and community-based organizations to raise the floor of geriatrics workforce competence and increase collaboration; 2) address the training needs of individuals who provide care to older adults: health and social service providers, health professions trainees, and community agency staff; 3) integrate geriatrics and primary care to build age-friendly health systems for underserved older adults ; 4) implement community-based programs to address unmet learning and support needs of patients, families, caregivers, and direct care workers; and 5) address the specific needs of each of these groups for education and training on Alzheimer's disease and related dementias (ADRDs).

Project Objectives: Over the five-year funding period, UCSF will: 1) expand the UCSF GWEP to meet Northern California needs and serve as a national model by implementing and disseminating innovative geriatrics education and training via cross-sector partnerships; 2) implement and evaluate geriatrics-primary care integrations in diverse health systems in Northern California to improve care of underserved older adults; 3) partner with government, community, and public health departments to increase the competence of the aging services workforce and build linkages across the spectrum of older adult care; 4) implement and evaluate trainings for interprofessional trainees to provide optimal care for underserved older adults and to promote age-friendly health systems; 5) increase competence in ADRDs by implementing workforce training, resource development, and patient-caregiver education.

Special Populations Targeted: Underserved older adults and patients with dementia

Patient Outcomes Targeted: CMS Merit-Based Incentive Payment System measures

Funding Preference Request: Title VIII, Section 805: to benefit rural and underserved settings, and meet public health nursing needs in local health departments.