CALL FOR CENTER FOR INNOVATION AND RESEARCH SUPPORT

LETTER OF INTENT ANNOUNCEMENT

The Michigan State University/Sparrow Health System’s Center for Innovation and Research calls upon all investigators to submit Letter of Intent for Innovative research projects in the areas of NEUROSCIENCE, NURSING, AND PRIMARY CARE

Letters of Intent should support the Mission and Vision of the Center (see below) and be consistent with the priority areas.

Priority Areas of Interest are:
- Over-prescribing and over-ordering procedures (Choosing Wisely).
- Patient-Centered Medical Home.
- Readmission reduction.
- Coordination of Care.
- Medication Reconciliation.
- Discharge planning/Care transitions.
- Timing of palliative care referrals.
- Electronic communication with patients and families.
- Communication with family and patients to foster understanding of unmet needs.
- Engagement of patients and families as partners in care.
- Safe care by reducing harm from care delivery.
- Reduction of disparities in care access.

If basic biological or development of device research - description of importance to the priorities must be convincing. We expect the studies to be interdisciplinary partnerships with members from both Sparrow and MSU making up the research team.

Letters of Intent will be due January 24, 2013.

The Center for Innovation and Research’s Advisory Board and Governing Board will review the Letters of Intent and make selections for requests for Full Proposals. Invited applicants will submit Full Proposals approximately 6 weeks after the invitation.

Letters of Intent must be submitted electronically in WORD format.
For more information or questions, please contact The Center for Innovation and Research by email at: Sharon.Baer@Sparrow.Org or by calling 517-364-5730.

Mission Statement of the Center for Innovation and Research

To collaboratively transform the delivery of health care through implementation and evaluation of research promoting innovative approaches to high quality, safe care, improved patient outcomes, and lower costs.

Vision Statement of the Center for Innovation and Research

The Center will engage in nationally funded projects for the implementation and evaluation of innovative approaches for the delivery of quality, safe care. Within five years, the Center will be nationally recognized for the pursuit of a new innovative paradigm of patient care delivery.
Guidelines for Letter of Intent for MSU/Sparrow Center for Innovation and Research for Innovative Research Support.

**Letters of Intent (1-2 pages) should contain:**

Reviewed for Relevance to Mission and Vision and Priority Areas.
1. Aims.
2. Description of study.
3. Significance of study.
4. **Why is it innovative?**
5. What is the relevance to the Mission and Vision of the Center for Innovation and Research? What is the relationship to patient care delivery, quality, safety, outcomes, and cost?
6. **Speaks to gaps in current knowledge, potential to transform care? (Relevance to patient care delivery, safety, quality, outcomes, and cost.)**
7. One-year proposal timeline.
8. List of research team and affiliation.
9. Budget Estimate – not to exceed $75K. (There are no indirects.)
10. **Likelihood to lead to another proposal at Federal level. (Include PA #, RFA #, priority lists)**

The study should have potential impact beyond Sparrow to the larger Health Care System.

**Please electronically submit Letters of Intent to:** Sharon.Baer@Sparrow.org

**Receipt of all documents will be confirmed via e-mail.** If no response has been received within two days after the application deadline, send an e-mail to: Sharon.Baer@Sparrow.org or call 517-364-5730.

- **Documents that are incomplete or not prepared according to the instructions will not be reviewed and will be returned.**

**Priority Criteria for Review**

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**Guiding Statements for the Selection of Priorities for Research Projects**

**National Priorities**
The Institute of Medicine (IOM) acknowledges that:
- There is inadequate evidence to guide care
- There is poor health despite excessive health care spending
- The health care system needs expanded capacity
- New knowledge is needed to translate care through use of information technology (IT), systems for continuous quality improvement (QI), and patient engagement for better outcomes that can be achieved through shared decisions.

Institute of Medicine of the National Academies (2011, Institute of Medicine) The Learning Health System and its Innovation Collaboratives, 12-15

**CMS Center for Innovation Priorities**
- Indicates we need to test models of care that deliver better health care, better health at reduced cost.
- The IOM domains of quality are safety, effectiveness, patient centeredness, timeliness, efficiency, and equity.