



Buffalo County Community Partners

Diabetes Pathway Model

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The Purpose of the Grant

The vulnerable populations of Buffalo County are at a greater risk to develop poor health outcomes; with community based partnerships and resources a transformation for optimistic health outcomes is possible. The Pathway Model infrastructure developed by the Community Health Access Project sets a course that addresses the principle barriers that enable people to achieve healthy lives. Buffalo County Community Health Partners with the grant support of Catholic Health Initiatives are able to provide to our vulnerable neighbors and those accessing care in Buffalo County the tools, resources and education to change the narrative of their health outcomes.

Ensuring access to healthcare services is a national concern and is included in the objectives for Healthy People 2020. In the 2010 Nebraska Rural health goals and Objectives Progress Report, everyone needs access to high-quality health care services in order to eliminate health disparities and increase the quality and years of healthy life for all people of Nebraska. Without access to high quality healthcare, many of the Healthy People 2020 objectives will not be achieved.

In the past decade research has demonstrated the improved health of diabetic patients and the cost saving benefits when Community Health Advocates have been paired with people experiencing disparities in their lives. The mission of the Community Health Advocate is to connect those at-risk in a timely fashion to a medical provider and other diabetic health professionals. The cornerstone ability of the Community Health Advocate is to identify the at-risk client's disparity and work together to problem solve and find a resolution using a pathways model.

The diabetes model has four comprehensive pathways to include a Medical Home, Insurance, Diabetes Education and Social Services Referral needs. The social needs are a wide range of issues that may include medication access, transportation, housing, utilities and/or other factors that impede a person to care for or manage their diabetes. The pathways model is designed to guide the Community Health Advocate and the client in a course that delivers evidence based practices and accountability of care coordination.

Targeted Population

The target population for the pathways program is aimed at people with diabetes (Type 1, Type 2 or pre-diabetes) who have one or more of the following factors that put them at risk of developing a poor health outcome: low income, low literacy, uninsured, or language or cultural differences. The Clients must be 19 years or older to participate and must receive their care within Buffalo County. Another population of concern is those who use the emergency room as their primary care or have visited the emergency room on a frequent basis. Other barriers that have not been identified may also be included in the target population.

Eligible Agencies

Profit or non-profit organizations that have access to the targeted population or medical organizations are eligible to apply. The Diabetes Pathways Model program calls for Community Health Advocates (CHA), this person must be employed by the organization that is applying, the CHA may be an existing employee or a new hire. The CHA will be employed by the contracted organization and not an employee of Buffalo County Community Health Partners. The CHA will be required to attend Diabetes Pathways Model training, monthly meetings and professional development opportunities as they become available at BCCHP. The *second most* predominantly spoken language in Buffalo County is Spanish. Agencies are strongly encouraged to employ bilingual Community Health Advocates but it is not a requirement. The Diabetes Pathways Model is concentrated in the medical environment hence the Advocate will be supervised by a registered nurse. Community based nurses should hold a bachelors degree of science; clinic nurses are exempt from the requirement.

Disbursements

The infrastructure of the Pathways Model recognizes completed pathways. An initial stipend is granted based on the projected number of unduplicated clients that an organization will serve; a minimum of 15 clients. The pathways payment is based upon three levels of difficulty. Level 1 recognizes the (a) Medical Home and (b) Insurance or payment method for those who have no insurance or are underinsured. Level 2 recognizes diabetes education and other health education. Level 3 recognizes Social issues and challenges the people have and connects them with community resources and services. An emergency fund of five percent of the total is taken out and reserved for clients in need of monetary funds. The funds will be paid upon a review of submitted claims on a biweekly basis on the 15th and 30th of each month. Remittance will only be paid to the organization and not to the CHA.

Initial Payment – 32.5% of the total budget will be paid up front to help support the pathways implementation. Also, an additional \$325.00 will be paid up front for each additional client enrolled after the minimum 15 clients.

Emergency Fund – 5% of the total budget will be set aside as an emergency fund. An additional \$50.00 will be set aside for each client enrolled after the minimum 15 clients.

1. The emergency fund is to be used as one-time expenses with a maximum of \$75.00 per client.
 - a. The emergency fund may be used to assist clients with: Lab fees, transportation (taxi, RYDE, etc.), medical expenses, driver’s license, etc.

Pathways Payments – There are three levels. Each level payout will be paid upon the client’s completion of the pathway/s in that level.

1. Level 1: the total payout will be \$312.50.
 - a. Level 1: This level will payout for two pathways upon their completion. Pathway 1 will pay \$125.00 for each client upon completion and Level 2 will pay \$187.50 for each client upon completion.
2. Level 2: the total payout will be \$187.50 for each client upon their completion of the pathway.
3. Level 3: the total payout will be \$125.00 for each client upon their completion of the pathway.

Total Payout - If all 15 clients finish all four pathways the total amount paid will be \$14,250.00. (\$15,000.00 total minus the \$750.00 emergency fund) For each additional client that completes the pathways the payout will be an additional \$950.00. (\$1000.00 total minus the \$50.00 emergency fund)

Payouts are shown below.

			<u>Payout for 15</u>	<u>Payout for each</u>
<u>Initial Payment</u>			\$4,875.00	\$325.00
<u>Emergency Fund</u>			(-\$750.00)	(-\$50.00)
<u>Level 1</u>	Pathway 1	\$125.00 per client	\$1,875.00	\$125.00
	Pathway 2	\$187.50 per client	\$2,812.50	\$187.50
<u>Level 2</u>	Pathway 3	\$187.50 per client	\$2,812.50	\$187.50
<u>Level 3</u>	Pathway 4	\$125.00 per client	\$1,875.00	\$125.00
<u>Total Payout</u>			\$14,250.00	\$950.00

Level 1:
 Pathway 1 – Medical Home
 Pathway 2 – Insurance

Level 2:
 Pathway 3 – Education

Level 3:
 Pathway 4 – Social



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Grant Application Form

Date: _____

Name of organization: _____

Address _____ Mailing address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Phone Number _____ Fax Number _____

Contact Person _____ Title _____

Please use back of page if additional space is required.

- Is the organization: Non-profit For-Profit FID # _____
- Briefly describe the applicant organization, its programs and population served:

- Based on the population served what is the projected number of diabetic clients the organization can realistically enroll into the Pathways Model. Also explain how the projected number was calculated.

- Please explain what partnerships your organization currently collaborates with that have a medical association.

- What are the responsibilities and the role that a nurse currently has for your organization.

- Who will be responsible for turning in reports and what is their title? Also describe other responsibilities this person has in your organization.

- Briefly describe how your organization has developed a case management system. Also describe how your organization will incorporate the 4 Pathways Model into the existing work load.