

Board of Health for Madison and Dane County

Resolution #2018 – 15

Authorization to Enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with the University of Wisconsin-Madison School of Medicine and Public Health Department of Population Health Sciences to Collaborate on a Prevention Research Grant

Public Health-Madison and Dane County (PHMDC) is a local public health agency at the forefront of the national movement to shift public health practice to ‘Public Health 3.0’—where the focus of the work goes beyond disease prevention and control. In Public Health 3.0, public health serves as a convener of community and stakeholders who can collaboratively work to affect root causes of poor health outcomes. Maternal and child health is a key focus area of PHMDC’s Community Health Division and through community initiatives that address breastfeeding inequities, and health services such as home visiting programs and WIC nutrition programs, PHMDC aims to address maternal and child health with a systems perspective, consistent with Public Health 3.0.

In this work, PHMDC seeks to collaborate with the University of Wisconsin Prevention Research Center in their grant proposal being submitted to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention by the University of Wisconsin-Madison School of Medicine and Public Health Department of Population Health Sciences and entitled “Expanding the Evidence-base for Prevention Strategies to Improve the Health of Women, Infants, and Families.”

Should the grant be funded, the role of PHMDC would be to appoint a staff member to participate on the Translational Partners Panel, a group of organizational entities that are poised to take research into practice, and can advise prevention researchers from the start regarding designing for dissemination and implementation. The Panel would be composed of representatives of organizations with expertise working with low-income women, infants and families and would meet quarterly either in person or virtually. If this grant is funded, it is expected to have a five-year funding cycle beginning in September 2019.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Health for Madison and Dane County, authorizes the Director to sign a Memorandum of Understanding with the University of Wisconsin-Madison School of Medicine and Public Health Department of Population Health Sciences to collaborate on a prevention research grant proposal and participate in the implementation of this grant, should it be awarded.

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