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Quality/Equality



Robert Wood Johnson Foundation

Aligning Forces for Quality: The Regional Market Project

To support grants and technical assistance to community coalitions to work toward high-quality, patient-centered and equitable care.

Program Sites

- **Alliance for Health**
GRAND RAPIDS, MI
\$1,315,378 — (3 years). ID 64085
- **Community Health Alliance of Humboldt-Del Norte**
EUREKA, CA
\$1,394,979 — (3 years). ID 64090
- **Greater Detroit Area Health Council Inc.**
DETROIT, MI
\$1,159,303 — (3 years). ID 64076
- **Health Improvement Collaborative of Greater Cincinnati**
CINCINNATI, OH
\$1,356,916 — (3 years). ID 64078
- **Health Research & Educational Trust of New Jersey**
PRINCETON, NJ
\$199,502 — (6 months). ID 64414
- **Healthy Memphis Common Table**
GERMANTOWN, TN
\$1,400,978 — (3 years). ID 64077
- **Kansas City Quality Improvement Consortium**
KANSAS CITY, MO
\$1,379,437 — (3 years). ID 64082
- **MetroHealth System**
CLEVELAND, OH
\$1,395,064 — (3 years). ID 64079

- **MN Community Measurement**
MINNEAPOLIS, MN

\$1,352,343 — (3 years). ID 64089

- **New Mexico Medical Review Association**

ALBUQUERQUE, NM

\$164,083 — (6 months). ID 64412

- **Oregon Health Care Quality Corporation**

PORTLAND, OR

\$1,383,826 — (3 years). ID 64084

- **P2 Collaborative of Western New York Inc.**

WILLIAMSVILLE, NY

\$1,399,095 — (3 years). ID 64083

- **Puget Sound Health Alliance**

SEATTLE, WA

\$1,252,118 — (3 years). ID 64088

- **Quality Counts**

MANCHESTER, ME

\$1,408,707 — (3 years). ID 64087

- **WellSpan Health**

YORK, PA

\$1,429,497 — (3 years). ID 64080

- **Wisconsin Collaborative for Healthcare Quality, Inc.**

MADISON, WI

\$1,476,861 — (3 years). ID 64086

Other Program Activities

- **Center for Health Improvement**

SACRAMENTO, CA

\$1,497,933 — Consulting for technical assistance for RWJF's Regional Quality Strategy program (1 year). ID 64417

- **Drexel University School of Public Health**

PHILADELPHIA, PA

\$43,554 — Advancing the objectives of the regional quality initiative through data analysis (5 months). ID 64825

- **George Washington University School of Public Health and Health Services**

WASHINGTON, DC

\$5,560,096 — Technical assistance and direction for RWJF's Regional Quality Strategy program (1 year). ID 63687

\$1,773,601 — Aligning Forces for Quality: The Regional Market Project (9 months). ID 64798

- **Pennsylvania State University Department of Health Policy and Administration**

UNIVERSITY PARK, PA

\$7,492,046 — Evaluation of RWJF's Regional Quality Strategy program (42 months). ID 64072

- **Systems Research and Applications Corporation**

FAIRFAX, VA

\$26,874 — Administrative support services for Aligning Forces for Quality program expansion (5 months). ID 65157

- **American Academy of Nursing Inc.**

WASHINGTON, DC

\$99,668 — Identifying potential technological solutions to improve the nurse work environment on medical/surgical units (7 months). ID 64255

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American Board of Medical Specialties Research and Education Foundation

EVANSTON, IL

\$1,617,528 — Preparing the physician workforce to improve performance in practice: Phase III (2 years). ID 63429

Center for Health Improvement

SACRAMENTO, CA

\$6,405,333 — Testing the Prometheus payment model by using evidence-informed case rates to reimburse providers, meet each patient's needs and coordinate care (3 years). ID 58918

Center for Health Value Innovation

ST. LOUIS, MO

\$30,000 — Improving community health in Battle Creek, Mich., using employer-based incentives for diabetes patients (18 months). ID 65258

Communications Support for the Quality/Equality Program Area

To manage strategic communications for RWJF's Quality/Equality program area to produce high-quality, consistent, timely products and messages that help increase impact.

■ Alliance for Health

GRAND RAPIDS, MI

\$50,000 — Tactical communications support of Aligning Forces for Quality sites (1 year). ID 64483

■ Communications Project

MULTIPLE CONTRACTORS

\$3,200,000 — Developing messages and communications strategies to engage physicians and consumers about measuring and reporting on health care (1 year). ID 63739

■ Community Health Alliance of Humboldt-Del Norte

EUREKA, CA

\$50,000 — Improving the medical and self care of patients with diabetes in Humboldt County, Calif. (1 year). ID 64463

■ Greater Detroit Area Health Council Inc.

DETROIT, MI

\$50,000 — Launching an online site that provides public performance reports to consumers (1 year). ID 64482

■ Health Improvement Collaborative of Greater Cincinnati

CINCINNATI, OH

\$50,000 — Implementing the Cincinnati Aligning Forces for Quality communications plan (1 year). ID 64553

■ Healthy Memphis Common Table

GERMANTOWN, TN

\$50,000 — Expanding the use of electronic health records and implementing patient-centered medical homes to provide primary care and coordinate other care (8 months). ID 64485

■ Kansas City Quality Improvement Consortium

KANSAS CITY, MO

\$50,000 — Achieving advances in performance measurement and public reporting using a shared partnership of responsibility framing (1 year). ID 64461

■ MetroHealth System

CLEVELAND, OH

\$50,000 — Advancing health care quality indicator awareness and provider/patient partnerships for health improvement in chronic condition patients in northeast Ohio (1 year). ID 64460

■ MN Community Measurement

MINNEAPOLIS, MN

\$50,000 — Promoting increased partnership between patients and providers to achieve the D5 standard of optimal diabetes care (1 year). ID 64464

■ Oregon Health Care Quality Corporation

PORTLAND, OR

\$50,000 — Communication plan structured around a customizable and expandable health care quality packet (1 year). ID 64457

■ P2 Collaborative of Western New York Inc.

WILLIAMSVILLE, NY

\$50,000 — Implementing the existing Western New York Aligning Forces for Quality communication plan and establishing new activities to enhance and support it (1 year). ID 64486

■ Puget Sound Health Alliance

SEATTLE, WA

\$50,000 — Developing communication activities to ensure a successful launch and broad use of a public report on health care quality (1 year). ID 64462

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■ Quality Counts

MANCHESTER, ME

\$49,850 — Increasing local understanding and support of the Maine Aligning Forces for Quality messaging and identifying stakeholder tools (1 year). ID 64484

■ WellSpan Health

YORK, PA

\$50,000 — Communications plan to support engagement of initial stakeholders and engage a broader range of consumer groups (1 year). ID 64458

■ Wisconsin Collaborative for Healthcare Quality, Inc.

MADISON, WI

\$50,000 — Implementation of the Ask Me 3 health literacy program (1 year). ID 64459

Drexel University

School of Public Health

PHILADELPHIA, PA

\$50,000 — Sixth national conference on quality health care for culturally diverse populations (1 year). ID 64399

Emergency Medicine Foundation

DALLAS, TX

\$40,700 — Developing standards for training medical and emergency personnel in responding to all-hazards disasters (1 year). ID 65195

Expecting Success:

Excellence in Cardiac Care

To undertake a hospital quality improvement collaborative to improve cardiac care for African Americans and Latinos.

■ George Washington University School of Public Health and Health Services

WASHINGTON, DC

\$774,457 — Consulting by RWJF's Expecting Success program to provide technical assistance to RWJF's Aligning Forces for Quality program (10 months). ID 64126

Finding Answers:

Disparities Research for Change

To test hypothetical solutions for reducing racial and ethnic disparities in health care settings and actual disparity reduction outcomes in ongoing programs.

Program Sites

■ University of Arizona Department of Psychiatry

TUCSON, AZ

\$275,000 — Telepsychiatry treatment for depression in underserved Hispanics (2 years). ID 64305

■ Baylor College of Medicine

HOUSTON, TX

\$275,000 — Using pay-for-performance incentives to affect the quality of hypertension care for African-American patients (2 years). ID 64273

■ University of California, Los Angeles

LOS ANGELES, CA

\$274,821 — Evaluating the efficacy of a community engagement method to improve providers' depression management skills and adoption of quality improvement (2 years). ID 64244

■ Duke University Medical Center

DURHAM, NC

\$274,662 — Using telecommunication to prevent cardiovascular outcomes in African Americans with diabetes (2 years). ID 64254

■ East Carolina Health, Inc.

GREENVILLE, NC

\$249,126 — Redesigning diabetes care in rural fee-for-service practices (2 years). ID 64252

■ Hudson Health Plan

TARRYTOWN, NY

\$197,456 — Addressing disparities in diabetes care with pay for performance (20 months). ID 64250

■ Indiana University School of Medicine

INDIANAPOLIS, IN

\$256,835 — Communicating health risk information to Hispanic patients with type 2 diabetes using computer technology (2 years). ID 64257

■ Mobile County Health Department

MOBILE, AL

\$274,967 — Real-time telemonitoring of glucose as adjunct to the management of type 2 diabetes in primary care clinics (2 years). ID 64247

■ University of Pennsylvania

PHILADELPHIA, PA

\$274,997 — Providing peer and health educator support for cardiovascular health in African-American primary care patients (2 years). ID 64274

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■ **University of Texas**
M. D. Anderson Cancer Center
HOUSTON, TX
\$274,891 — Using interactive technology to identify and treat depression in underserved African-American and Latino patients with cancer (2 years). ID 64272

Other Program Activities

■ **University of Chicago,**
The Pritzker School of Medicine
CHICAGO, IL
\$989,244 — Technical assistance and direction for Finding Answers (1 year). ID 55277

■ **Urban Institute**
WASHINGTON, DC
\$200,000 — Evaluating Finding Answers (1 year). ID 64419

General Hospital Corporation–
Massachusetts General Hospital
BOSTON, MA
\$663,706 — Measuring the adoption of health information technology in the United States to reduce health care disparities and improve health care quality (21 months). ID 63431

George Washington University
Center for Health Services
Research and Policy
WASHINGTON, DC
\$156,091 — Legal barriers to using quality and disparities data (6 months). ID 63560

George Washington University
School of Medicine and
Health Sciences
WASHINGTON, DC
\$359,625 — Planning a national nursing quality and safety alliance (1 year). ID 64663

Health e-Technologies:
Building the Science of eHealth
To support systematic research in the evaluation of interactive e-health applications for health behavior change and chronic disease management.

■ **Brigham and Women's**
Hospital Inc.
BOSTON, MA
\$422,153 — Technical assistance and direction for Health e-Technologies (1 year). ID 63764

Frances M. Murphy, M.D., M.P.H.
SILVER SPRING, MD
\$52,640 — Consulting for RWJF's Quality/Equality program area and Regional Quality Strategy activities (1 year). ID 64596

National Quality Forum
WASHINGTON, DC
\$749,376 — Developing national priorities for improving the quality of health care (9 months). ID 63997

\$2,500,000 — Multiyear support for the National Quality Forum (5 years). ID 65040

New Health Partnerships:
Improving Care by Engaging Patients
To support pilot testing of innovations to overcome barriers to patients managing their chronic conditions, including an online collaborative, a virtual learning community for providers, and a virtual learning community for patients and families.

■ **Institute for Healthcare**
Improvement
CAMBRIDGE, MA
\$98,214 — Continuing dissemination of patient self-management techniques to providers and patients through the New Health Partnerships program (9 months). ID 64669

Pittsburgh Regional Healthcare
Initiative d/b/a Pittsburgh Regional
Health Initiative
PITTSBURGH, PA
\$70,000 — Creating payment systems to accelerate value-driven health care: 2008 Network for Regional Healthcare Improvement Summit (4 months). ID 64389

Rutgers, The State University,
The Center for State Health Policy
NEW BRUNSWICK, NJ
\$50,000 — Integrating EMS into broader health services research: a conference to encourage understanding of quality throughout the entire health care episode (1 year). ID 64525

Speaking Together:
National Language Services Network
To support hospitals in improving the quality and availability of health care language services for patients with limited English proficiency.

■ **Cambridge Health Alliance**
CAMBRIDGE, MA
\$211,097 — Developing a model for assessing the cost-effectiveness of language services at the Cambridge Health Alliance (15 months). ID 55881

■ **George Washington University**
School of Public Health and
Health Services
WASHINGTON, DC
\$716,851 — Using quality improvement techniques to improve the quality and availability of language services to patients with limited English proficiency (8 months). ID 55865

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Strategy for the Quality Alliance Steering Committee

To provide support to an alliance of health care organizations that promotes more transparent health care systems across outpatient and inpatient settings.

- **Communications Project**

- MULTIPLE CONTRACTORS**

- \$271,000** — Communications support for RWJF's Quality Alliance Steering Committee (QASC) initiative (14 months). ID 63740

Targeted Quality Solicitation of Regional Technical Assessment

To fund strategic assessments of the effectiveness of the different technical assistance approaches utilized under the Regional Quality Strategy.

- **Association for the Study and Development of Community**

- GAITHERSBURG, MD**

- \$249,932** — Assessment of consumer engagement technical assistance by the National Partnership for Women and Families (17 months). ID 63956

- **Georgetown University, Health Policy Institute**

- WASHINGTON, DC**

- \$125,000** — Assessing the impact of the Consumer-Purchaser Disclosure Project on health care quality and efficiency (6 months). ID 64455

Targeted Quality Solicitation on Equity and Patient-Centeredness

To identify and support projects that will expand the Foundation's understanding of equity and patient-centeredness and their role in promoting quality.

Program Sites

- **American Institutes for Research in the Behavioral Sciences**

- PALO ALTO, CA**

- \$100,000** — Development and use of scenarios to investigate difference in responses to Consumer Assessment of Healthcare Providers and Systems (CAHPS) items by Hispanic ethnicity and language (1 year). ID 63835

- **University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences College of Public Health**

- LITTLE ROCK, AR**

- \$66,431** — Influence of health attitudes and health status on ethnic/racial disparities in consumer assessments of health care (1 year). ID 63834

- **University of California, Los Angeles, David Geffen School of Medicine**

- LOS ANGELES, CA**

- \$299,631** — Improving diabetes care with patient decision aids: a randomized controlled trial in community-based primary care (2 years). ID 63828

- **Dartmouth Institute for Health Policy and Clinical Practice**

- LEBANON, NH**

- \$149,993** — Testing a design strategy for studying shared decision-making in diverse orthopedic patient populations (2 years). ID 63833

- **Dartmouth Medical School**

- HANOVER, NH**

- \$99,938** — Care experience survey instruments (10 months). ID 63831

- **General Hospital Corporation**

- BOSTON, MA**

- \$100,000** — Understanding racial/ethnic differences in Consumer Assessment of Healthcare Providers and Systems (CAHPS) ratings (1 year). ID 63843

- **Human Services Research Institute**

- CAMBRIDGE, MA**

- \$100,000** — Effects of perceived cultural responsiveness and technical quality of care on perceived overall quality of care (1 year). ID 63832

- **University of Illinois at Chicago College of Medicine**

- CHICAGO, IL**

- \$98,847** — Experience of care and patient-physician value fit in Hispanic, African-American and Caucasian populations (1 year). ID 63821

- **University of Illinois at Chicago College of Urban Planning and Public Affairs**

- CHICAGO, IL**

- \$99,940** — Cultural variability in patient responding to survey measures (1 year). ID 63842

- **Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations**

- OAKBROOK TERRACE, IL**

- \$199,194** — Exploring consumer understanding and use of electronic hospital quality information (18 months). ID 63838

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- **University of Massachusetts Medical School**
WORCESTER, MA
\$149,998 — Patient decision-making and personalized, multifactorial risk information (2 years). ID 63824
\$198,684 — Patient e-health tools to guide treatment choices and assess outcome (2 years). ID 63839
- **Mathematica Policy Research, Inc.**
PRINCETON, NJ
\$92,822 — Assessing cultural perspectives on the quality of care (10 months). ID 63841
- **New York University School of Medicine**
NEW YORK, NY
\$149,971 — Studying and overcoming barriers faced by vulnerable patients in using hospital quality data to guide decision-making (2 years). ID 63829
- **University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center College of Public Health**
OKLAHOMA CITY, OK
\$99,351 — Consumer assessment of health care providers' and systems' validation and cultural adaptation in the Native American population with diabetes mellitus (1 year). ID 63844
- **University of Oregon Department of Planning, Public Policy and Management**
EUGENE, OR
\$199,966 — Development and testing of a framework for reporting quality data to consumers (18 months). ID 63840

- **San Diego State University Graduate School of Public Health**
SAN DIEGO, CA
\$299,996 — Shared decision-making when an interpreter is needed: a case study with Latino men at risk for prostate cancer (2 years). ID 63830

Targeted Research to Inform the Quality Team's Consumer Demand Strategy

To support a project that solicits background papers summarizing what we know about the potential for consumers to move markets and change their individual health care; convenes experts, researchers and stakeholders to identify current best practices/tools to facilitate consumer engagement/activation and prioritize an agenda for targeted research to fill key gaps in this literature/field; and funds projects to fill these gaps and improve our ability to make wise investments.

- **Center for the Advancement of Health**
WASHINGTON, DC
\$125,979 — Determining what can be learned from the developing, marketing, dissemination and use of tools from other sectors that may be useful in health care (1 year). ID 64665
- **Visiting Nurse Service of New York**
NEW YORK, NY
\$136,180 — Promoting patient-centered care by identifying and providing recommendations to overcome patient-related barriers to self-management (15 months). ID 64666

Targeted Solicitation on Quality Improvement and Performance Measurement

To support two Quality/Equality batched solicitations that will help guide the work of the communities engaged in the regional quality efforts as it pertains to making care more patient-centered and reducing racial and ethnic care disparities.

- **American Institutes for Research**
CHAPEL HILL, NC
\$399,997 — Evaluating Maryland's quality-based reimbursement program for hospitals (3 years). ID 65463
- **Association of Asian-Pacific Community Health Organizations**
OAKLAND, CA
\$400,000 — Evaluating how incentivizing health care processes affects outcomes in patients treated at federally qualified health centers in Hawaii (3 years). ID 65484
- **BHCAG Foundation**
BLOOMINGTON, MN
\$126,351 — Understanding issues involved with the use and non-use of clinical data for measurement and reporting by Minnesota medical practices (1 year). ID 65451
- **University of California, San Francisco**
SAN FRANCISCO, CA
\$400,000 — Measuring the impact of California's Medicaid health plan pay for performance on quality and disparities (3 years). ID 65459
- **Emory University School of Medicine**
ATLANTA, GA
\$196,918 — Understanding the impact of pay for performance on safety net facilities (2 years). ID 65456

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■ Harvard University School of Public Health

BOSTON, MA

\$399,727 — Impact of the Premier pay-for-performance program on racial and ethnic disparities in process quality of care, outcomes and access of care (2 years). ID 65460

■ Montefiore Medical Center

BRONX, NY

\$200,000 — Measuring the effect of a pay-for-performance initiative on health care quality (2 years). ID 65449

■ Rand Corporation

PITTSBURGH, PA

\$199,871 — Evaluating the impact of HealthPlus' primary care physician reports on the selection of a primary care physician by new commercial HMO plan members (18 months). ID 65447

■ Rand Corporation

SANTA MONICA, CA

\$399,167 — Examining pay-for-performance effects on disparities, what factors affect addressing disparities and how programs can minimize redistributions (2 years). ID 65462

■ University of Southern Maine, Edmund S. Muskie School of Public Service

PORTLAND, ME

\$200,000 — Improving the impact of public performance reports and the quality of primary care (1 year). ID 65461

Transforming Care at the Bedside

To create, test and spread prototype hospital nursing unit-level strategies to improve the work environment and quality of care.

■ University of California, Los Angeles, School of Public Health

LOS ANGELES, CA

\$250,000 — Evaluation of Transforming Care at the Bedside: Phase III (9 months). ID 64052

■ GYMR LLC

WASHINGTON, DC

\$65,419 — Transforming Care at the Bedside Virtual Resource Center (7 months). ID 64064

■ Institute for Healthcare Improvement

CAMBRIDGE, MA

\$108,250 — Writing and publishing how-to guides with practical guidance for applying high-leverage changes from the Transforming Care at the Bedside program (9 months). ID 63754

\$746,725 — Scholarships for rural and public hospital teams to attend the Leadership and Transforming Care at the Bedside Learning and Innovation Communities (1 year). ID 65153

United States Public Health Service, Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality

ROCKVILLE, MD

\$1,880,000 — Testing and spreading innovations from three RWJF national programs: Transforming Care at the Bedside, Urgent Matters, and Finding Answers (4 years). ID 58700

Urgent Matters

Program to support the development and implementation of best practices to relieve emergency department overcrowding, and help communities understand the interdependence between the health care safety net and the rest of the delivery system.

■ George Washington University School of Public Health and Health Services

WASHINGTON, DC

\$2,316,877 — Technical assistance for Urgent Matters program sites that are participating in the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality research network (3 years). ID 63453