

Mini Grant Final Narrative Example:

Agency Description:

The ABC Medical Clinic is a primary care clinic and serves about 150 patients in Medford, Oregon. This clinic did not previously provide adult immunizations, but has just begun doing so. The majority of our clients fall below the poverty line.

Proposed Activity:

Funding helped cover initial expenses to begin vaccination practices, including purchase of a vaccine refrigerator, temperature tracking device for refrigerator or freezer, and clinical supplies like syringes and band-aids. Funding was also allotted to train staff on adult immunizations and ensured current information.

Partnerships and Community:

Now that our clinic is able to store and administer vaccine, we plan to partner with the Medford Community Center to provide influenza vaccine to community members at weekend flu clinics this season. We will also work with Medford clinics that are not currently offering vaccinations to refer their patients to us.

Methods:

We have incorporated adult immunizations into daily practice, and are putting on vaccination clinics during flu season. Educational materials and notices are now available in the clinic lobby and at the Community Center. We will send mailings to our patients to inform them that we are now provide adult immunizations. All clinic staff have been required to undergo a 2-hour training on immunizations for adults and have demonstrated their knowledge through completion of pre/post testing. A list of key messages has been assembled for use by all staff in responding to client questions.

Evaluation and Outcomes:

1. number of adult vaccines provided in a six month period at ABC clinic
We provided 231 immunizations during the period of 1/1 – 7/1/2011.
2. number of influenza vaccinations provided at weekend clinics
Of the 231 immunizations, 89 were influenza shots at weekend clinics.
3. purchase of clinical equipment and printed documents
We purchased and installed a data-logger device, a lab-grade vaccine storage unit, 500 safety syringes, 500 alcohol pads, 5 boxes of band-aids, 2 sharps

containers, printed 100 copies of each VIS (flu, ppv, tdap, hepatitis), 400 copies of our clinic VAR form, 25 copies of immunization announcement signs, 200 copies of the patient reminder letter, and 30 copies of our new immunization training manual for use in training staff.

4. number of clinics contacted who agree to refer patients for immunization

We have made agreements with 3 local medical providers that don't provide immunizations to refer their clients to us.

By providing adult immunization services, we have increased the availability and convenience for Medford-area adults to receive vaccinations. We are now able to target our current patients that are considered 'high risk' (Diabetes, COPD, HIV+, etc.) for indicated vaccinations per CDC recommendations.

Challenges and Lessons Learned:

It was difficult compiling training materials for so many vaccines into one session. Each vaccine has different contraindications and recommendations. We finally created a document in partnership with the OAIC to help guide clinicians through the Standing Orders for each vaccine available.

We had not anticipated the cost of postage for our client reminder letters, and had dozens returned due to outdated addresses. We may opt to do reminder phone calls for future outreach, or will need to incorporate an address update section of our routine visit forms.

It was surprisingly difficult to convince other medical providers to refer their clients to us. There was suspicion that we were trying to poach clients and only 3 of the 10 we approached agreed to send clients to us for immunizations.

Final Budget:

Final budget and copies of receipts are attached.