

INSTITUTE FOR GERIATRIC RESEARCH & TRAINING

Overview

I. Background

- A. Initial vision – research/training center
- B. All day retreat 1993 – Erwin Blonder, Chair – Professional Services Committee
- C. Goals
 - 1. Morse – a thought leader
 - 2. Original research
 - 3. Best practices
 - 4. Formalize teaching/training

II. Fall 2000 – Inst. – formally launched

- A. Designation as teaching nursing home
- B. Fellowship program (University of Miami School of Medicine)
- C. Affiliations – training 13 universities/colleges
- D. 8 Training/Mentor programs – across all disciplines

III. Projects (selected highlights)

- A. Pyxis – description – automated dispensing
 - 1. 1 study in Florida
 - 2. Presentation to Board of Pharmacy & AHCA
 - 3. Data analysis – significant savings on unused narcotic medications – estimated to be several million dollars
 - 4. Results – change in state policy regarding automated dispensing in long term care
 - 5. National – state presentations
- B. Workforce
 - 1. P.R.O.M.I.S.E. program description – Institute provided program evaluation for 2 years (at-risk youths)
 - 2. Extension due to success
 - 3. One of two sites nationally
 - 4. Linking People with Careers
 - a. Lessons from P.R.O.M.I.S.E.
 - b. At-risk population selected zip codes
 - c. Match employers need for new workers with disadvantaged community's need for employment
 - d. 2-year project - \$100k with Workforce Alliance, Inc.
 - e. Extended 1 year - \$65k
 - f. 89% were able to secure employment. 63% currently employed
 - g. Final year of LPC funded \$80k apply lessons from LPC & PROMISE – bonus incentive for 6 months continuous employment.

h. Develop a manual for other facilities

C) Retirement Research Foundation – significance (\$213,000) out of state [Wash., D.C.]

- 1. Attracted to Katz Campus as full service (i.e. many levels of care) research environment**
- 2. In conjunction with FIU**
- 3. Hypothesis – Energy dense supplement to food (tasteless, colorless, odorless) to increase caloric intake**
- 4. Serendipity funding – MOW – What is actually consumed-1st time ever**
- 5. Completed Phase I & II – now looking at MOW clients. Early data this summer**
- 6. National interest in results – plan to submit NIH proposal (Round #2) this summer – in partnership with another facility (minority)**

D) Family Expectations

- 1. Original research from RA/QM at Morse – Presented to board**
- 2. What do families expect at time of admission?**
- 3. Incongruence identified – families expect once admitted will not fall, will improve health – in spite of chronic regressive illness and previous fall history**
- 4. Change in policy – research is on-going**
- 5. Presentations at local, regional, and national meetings**
- 6. Survey instrument developed at Morse – now in use in 10 states**

E) Just Checking! -

- 1. Description enables elderly people with chronic illness to remain independent in their own home**
- 2. Quantum requests Inst. to administer program – program was at risk for termination – (60% clients are Jewish initial funding \$92k in December 2004 – funding to include 15% for administration**
- 3. Program**
 - a. Presently 156 enrolled clients**
 - b. Yearly goal 340**
 - c. Continues relationship with Barry University School of Social Work – MSW students as interns**
 - d. Academic appointment at Barry University**
 - e. Effective April 1, 2005 sliding scale for clients who can afford**
 - f. New programs to be added: relocation services, targeted assisted living**
 - g. December 2004 – February 2005 – staff transitions to Morse’s Institute – no interruption of service**
 - h. Quantum allocates \$370k for a 2-year period awaiting word on the Picower Foundation re-entering as funding source.**

F. Technology (in development)

- 1. In partnership with MARC (Medical Automation Research Center) at the University of Virginia. This partnership will provide tele-medicine monitoring for frail seniors and provide quantifiable research to effectively reduce hospital/medical costs and improve caregiver efficiency.**

IV. Summary/Conclusions

A) - Total Grants--18

B) - Grant dollars- \$12million +

C) - Funding sources—12 different sources