



GRANT APPLICATION

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Amount Requested: \$23,000.00	Date Submitted: 02/29/12	Date funds are needed: 04/01/12
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For the Foundation to consider your grant request, all four questions listed below must be answered.

<p>Summary of Grant Request: Please give summary below and attach supporting document if needed:</p> <p>1) How the funds will be used by the grantee organization e.g. “Access to Health Care,” “Education,” “Health Promotion,” “Community Improvement,” etc.?</p> <p>2) Who will benefit from the proposed grant e.g. Children, Women, Minorities, Disabled, Community, etc.?</p> <p>3) How will you evaluate and measure the success of the project?</p> <p>4) How will you communicate the program and its accomplishments to the community and the general public, including how the Foundation will be acknowledged for its support?</p> <p>1. How will the funds be used by the grantee organization e.g. “Access to Health Care,” “Education,” “Health Promotion,” Community Improvement,” etc.?</p> <p>The One Stop Shop (OSS) project came about through discussions with the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council (CJCC) in Sedgwick County, Kansas. After having multiple discussions regarding difficulties with patients experiencing mental health issues and presenting them at several locations throughout town, the CJCC created a secondary committee called the One Stop Shop to focus on methods to more efficiently address these mental health needs. The OSS committee has representation from COMCARE of Sedgwick County (community mental health center), Robert J. Dole Department of Veterans Affairs, Via-Christi Hospital (providing local inpatient psychiatric beds), National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) Wichita, Substance Abuse Center of Kansas (SACK), Wichita Police Department, and the Sedgwick County Sheriff’s Office.</p> <p>The funds will be used for planning activities in developing a OSS for mental health needs. These activities include contracting with Wichita State University School of Community Affairs to collect and analyze cost avoidance data, the costs to begin Phase I of Architectural/Engineering(schematic floor plan design layout and estimated construction costs), to accommodate all entities in this collaboration, and contracting with the Kansas Small Business Administration on the development of a business plan.</p> <p>OSS discussions initially came about due to the need to develop a centralized location for assessment, triage and referral of those experiencing a behavioral health crisis. COMCARE is equipped to handle behavioral health crisis, but oftentimes a client will be experiencing both mental and physical symptoms. Some of the situations we might encounter, that prove the need for a OSS, are listed below:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A client provides a history of multiple physical illnesses • A client provides a history of acute medical systems, such as high blood pressure or diabetes • A client exhibits symptoms of delirium • A client exhibits symptoms of being intoxicated or signs of illegal drug usage, or • Our staff has any concern for the client’s physical well being. <p>The overall goal of OSS is to have a setting where law enforcement and the general public can bring individuals who are in</p>

crisis to be assessed in a less costly environment and avoiding the emergency department whenever possible. We believe such a facility would make our local system of care as effective and efficient as possible while addressing the unique needs of mentally ill individuals who frequent emergency services in the hospital and at our community mental health center.

The advantages of the having a One Stop Shop include collaboration of several entities, coordination of services when transitioning from one service to another, and getting people/patients to the right place the first time. It is imperative to have the ability to triage for medical needs in addition to mental health needs, and to have the ability to transport someone quickly if needed.

2. Who will benefit from the proposed grant, e.g. Children, Women, Minorities, Disabled, Community, etc.?

First and foremost, individuals experiencing a behavioral health crisis, as well as physical health concerns, will benefit from the creation of an OSS. Their mental health needs will be met in a more efficient way resulting in better and more consistent outcomes. Law Enforcement Officers will have benefit from having a centralized location to bring individuals experiencing a mental health crisis thus avoiding the use of an emergency room and/or hospital, which creates many unneeded costs. And finally, family members with questions and concerns regarding loved ones will have central facility to approach and visit.

3. How will you evaluate and measure the success of the project?

This grant request will be used to fund project evaluation looking at the actual cost avoidance dollars that can be saved by this centralized approach rather than having individuals be seen in various settings throughout the community. In addition, specially trained CIT law enforcement officers will be able to show how they saved time by having a central location to utilize when dealing with individuals in a mental health crisis. We believe that the OSS model will be more cost efficient, more effective for individuals approaching the system, and will help us to become more clinically effective. We need to have the data to demonstrate this so we can proceed with funding and development activities to make this facility a reality.

4. How will you communicate the program and its accomplishments to the community and general public, including how the Foundation will be acknowledged for its support?

COMCARE of Sedgwick County is a county agency so there will be many opportunities to present the grant and recognize the Amerigroup Foundation at the Board of County Commissioners (BoCC) meetings, as well as at the community Criminal Justice Coordination Council. The BoCC meetings are televised so the community will also hear about the grant publicly. In addition, we will submit a press release announcing the grant and the beginning phase of the One Stop Shop project.

For the Foundation to consider your grant request, all three questions listed below must be answered.

Does the organization have federal tax-exempt status under IRS Code Section 501(c)(3)? <i>If yes, please attach the organization's IRS tax exemption determination letter.</i>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Will the organization be able to acknowledge the full amount of the charitable contribution, stating that no goods or services were received in return for the charitable contribution?	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
Does the organization have a policy that states that it does not discriminate on the basis of age, race, religion, color, disability, sex, national origin or other protected classification?	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
Please note that this request is not conditioned upon or otherwise directly or indirectly linked to the referral or retention of Health Plan members by the grant recipient.	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>

	Tim Norton - Chair, Board of County Commissioners
Signature of Requestor	Print Name/Title
COMCARE of Sedgwick County	
Requestor's Organization	Date

