The Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, Office of Family Planning and Home Visiting Application

Briefly describe the specific project in which the student team will be involved and how you see their role/contribution with the project.

The Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, Office of Family Planning and Home Visiting (OFPHV) intern will support the mission and purpose of the OFPHV which includes the delivery and support of activities that enhance, protect and promote the reproductive health of women and girls and improve the well-being and health of children. The OFPHV manages Maryland's Title V and X programs and an intern would be given specific duties in support of activities related to the work of the OFPHV. The OFPHV interns can expect to work on a variety of projects pertinent to OFPHV’s service and project goals and objectives. Specifically, the graduate intern will assist with the statewide Title V needs assessment activities, data collection and analysis and the development of reports and summary documents. The undergraduate OFPHV intern will assist the Office in understanding barriers to the uptake and integration of Title X in qualified health centers and clinics within our region through a case study research method. Data gathered will be used to develop a case study for the OFPHV and improve statewide Title X service delivery. Both projects will require some understanding of both qualitative and quantitative research and evaluation methods. However, tasks delineated for the graduate intern will require an ability to facilitate focus groups, develop summary reports, develop qualitative and quantitative instruments, gather qualitative and quantitative data, analyze these data in written format and assist in the development of final reports. The undergraduate intern will support qualitative and quantitative data gathering efforts, data entry, and report writing.

List three to five overall project objectives and then describe how you see a student team contributing to achievement of these objectives.

1. During Summer 2014, the OFPHV graduate intern will provide support to and work in collaboration with key staff in assessing MCH needs within Maryland.
2. During Summer 2014, the OFPHV graduate intern will serve as a focus group co-facilitator and gather data from statewide key stakeholders and develop data briefs and other summary documents to be used to inform the final Title V state assessment.
3. During Summer 2014, the OFPHV undergraduate intern will provide support to and work in collaboration with the OFPHV Director in the data collection, analysis and final case study report writing.
4. By August 2014, the OFPHV will have conducted the statewide maternal and child health needs assessment and understand health access and service gaps within the state.
5. By August 2014, the OFPHV will have draft concepts for improving maternal and child healthcare in areas with identified need.
6. By August 2014, the OFPHV will have develop strategies for increasing Title X access statewide based on data findings from the case study.

Provide a brief description of the specific activities that the student team will be engaged in to carry out the project.

1. Conducting and facilitating focus groups and conducting other formative assessment activities such as data abstraction, synthesizing information, surveying, key-informant interviews, and data analysis.
2. Serving as a key member of the OFPHV Title V State Assessment Team.
3. Assisting in the writing of a case study.
4. Reviewing documents and reports and developing summary documents.
Describe the deliverables expected from the student team by the end of the summer (even if the project will be ongoing).

- Four focus groups conducted for the OFPHV Title V State Assessment.
- Up to five key informant interviews with Maryland health care providers, family service workers, and clinic representatives.
- Gather qualitative and quantitative data from Maryland FQHCs and qualifying medical clinics that have successfully integrated Title X and all of its requirements into existing systems that include EHRs.
- Develop a draft case study focusing on describing lessons and good practices in integrating Title X into existing qualifying clinics and FQHCs.