

The Center for Home Care Policy & Research, established in 1993, conducts scientifically rigorous research to promote the delivery of high-quality, cost-effective care in the home and community. To date, the Center has been awarded over \$59 million in federal and private grant and contract funding, evolving into a multi-functional scientific research and evaluation team informing VNS Health, local, national, & international health policy, science & evidence-based practice.

STAFFING UPDATES: New Hires: Stephanie Dunson, Research Assistant

NEW AND NOTABLE:

- Research Scientist **Julia Burgdorf** received a Notice of Award for a National Institute on Aging (NIA) K01 Grant: *Supporting Dementia Caregivers During Medicare Home Health: Developing the DECLARE Needs Assessment Intervention* (\$661,663)
- Research Project Manager Sonia J. Cheruvillil successfully defended her dissertation for her Doctorate in Public Health degree from CUNY School of Public Health Policy, Department of Community Health and Social Science
- VP and Director Kathryn Bowles presented the LaVerne Gallman Distinguished Lectureship in Nursing at the University of Texas at the Austin School of Nursing on April 5th, 2023
- Major infrastructure build: VNS Health IT group in collaboration with the Research team completed an important build of a cloud-based server for use with CMS claims data

NEW PROPOSAL SUBMISSIONS since February 2023 committee meeting:

- National Institute on Aging (NIA) P30 (Luth/**Bowles**) *Center Pilot: Translating Data Science into Palliative Care Practice for Persons Living with Dementia* (\$44,699)
- National Institute on Aging (NIA) R01 (Massimo/**Riegel**) *Improving Self-Care in Caregivers of Persons with Frontotemporal Degeneration* (\$223,150)
- National Institute on Aging (NIA) R01 (Zhang/**Ryvicker**) *Characterizing and Predicting Patient Trajectories After Hospice Live Discharge among Older Adults with Alzheimer's Disease and Related Dementias* (\$534,427)
- National Institute on Minority Health and Disparities (NIMHD) R01 (Resubmission) (**Topaz/McDonald**) *Identifying and Reducing Stigmatizing Language in Home Healthcare: the ENGAGE Study* (\$469,788)
- National Institute on Aging (NIA) R01 (**Ryvicker/Topaz**) *ADScreen-Home: A randomized trial of a home-based care coordination intervention to address racial/ethnic disparities in diagnostic and support services for Alzheimer's Disease and Related Dementias* (\$4,189,465)
- Alzheimer's Association (**Burgdorf**) *Patterns & Preferences of Home-Based Service Use for Persons with Dementia* (\$115,479)
- National Institute on Aging (NIA) R01 (Arbaje/**Bowles/McDonald**) *Optimizing care transition quality for older adults receiving home health services after hospital discharge: Expanding the "Coming Home Intervention"* (\$1,230,173)

GRANT PROPOSAL EFFORTS:

- 7 new proposal submissions in 2023, \$7,036,495 in total requested funding
- 5 proposals from 2022 still under review, \$2,166,120 in total requested funding

ONGOING EXTERNALLY FUNDED RESEARCH & EVALUATION STUDIES: **24** active studies in 2023

PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS & PRESENTATIONS: **20** manuscripts published, w/ **10** more under review. **6** Presentations