

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.

GRANT PROPOSAL EFFORTS.

16 new proposals submitted in 2023 (14 federal), total of \$12,175,295 in requested funding

- **12** proposals awarded funding (7 of which were 2022 submissions; 10 Federal awards); total value of \$4,392,131 (profiles below)
- **5** 2023 submissions are still currently under review

NOTABLE EVENTS.

The Center for Home Care Policy & Research celebrated its 30th Anniversary. We celebrated the achievements and contributions of Penny H. Feldman, founding director and Senior Research Scientist, upon her retirement.

NEW RESEARCH AWARDS.

- National Institute on Aging (NIA) R03 (**Burgdorf**) *Effects of Family Caregiver Availability and Capacity on Home Health Care for Older Adults with Alzheimer's Disease and Related Dementias* (\$180,901)
- National Institute of Nursing Research (NINR) R01 (**Topaz/McDonald**): *Using Automated Speech Processing to Improve Identification of Risk for Hospitalizations and Emergency Department Visits in Home Healthcare* (\$1,105,238)
- National Institute on Aging (NIA) K01 (**Burgdorf**): *Supporting Dementia Caregivers During Medicare Home Health: Developing the DECLARE Needs Assessment Intervention* (\$661,663)
- National Heart, Lung, Blood Institute (NHLBI) R01 (Sterling/**Bowles**): *I-TRANSFER-HF: Improving TRansitions AND OutcomeS for Heart FailurE Patients in Home Health CaRe: A Type 1 Hybrid Effectiveness/Implementation Trial* (\$1,140,295)
- National institute of Nursing Research (NINR) K99 (Song/**Topaz**): *"HEAR-HEARTFELT" (Identifying the risk of Hospitalizations or Emergency department visits for patients with HEART Failure in managed long-term care through vErbal communicaTion)* (\$16,666)
- National Institute on Aging (NIA) R03 (**Burgdorf**): *Investigating Disparities in Home Health Access and Quality for Medicare Beneficiaries with Alzheimer's Disease and Related Dementias Following Recent Payment System Revisions* (\$331,464)
- National Institute on Aging (NIA) P30 (**Zolnoori**): *A Speech-Processing Algorithm for Automatic Screening of Patients with Mild Cognitive Impairment and Early Dementia in the Home Healthcare Setting* (\$241,649)
- National Institute on Aging (NIA) Penn Roybal Center on Palliative Care in Dementia Pilot Program (Luth/**Bowles**): *Translating Data Science into Palliative Care Practice for Persons Living with Dementia* (\$44,699)
- National Institute of Minority Health and Health Disparities (NIMHD) RO1 (**Topaz/McDonald**): *Identifying and reducing stigmatizing language in home healthcare: the ENGAGE study* (\$469,788)
- Alzheimer's Association (**Burgdorf**): *Patterns & Preferences of Home-Based Service Use for Persons with Dementia* (\$115,479)
- Pilot Study Award from that National Institutes of Health Pepper Center (**Russell**): *Consumer Directed Personal Care in Home-Based Long-Term Care: Trends in Use and Client Characteristics* (\$49,285)
- VNS Health Intramural Grant (**Oberlink**): *Helping NYC LGBTQ+ Older Adults Age In Place* (\$35,004)

EXTERNALLY FUNDED RESEARCH & EVALUATION STUDIES. **37** active studies in 2023. **28** still active.

PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS & PRESENTATIONS. In **2023**, **46** manuscripts published (**9** since November 2023 committee meeting); **1** additional already in 2024. **10** more currently under review. **22** Presentations

STAFFING UPDATES. Recent New Hires: Ian Spens, Research Assistant and Helena Sanchez, Research Assistant