



MEDTAPP Project Progress Report

Project Title: LifeBio Pilot Study		Project #	
<p>Project Information: The LifeBio Pilot Study will look at the efficacy of an intervention to improve Person-Centered Care (PCC). The Government Resource Center will collaborate with the Benjamin Rose Institute on Aging (BRIA), LifeBio.com (LifeBio), and the Universal Health Care Action Network of Ohio (UHCAN) on this project.</p> <p>Using data from the Long-Term Care Minimum Data Set (MDS), BRIA is to develop detailed study protocol and analysis strategies to evaluate the impact of participation in LifeBio Pilot Study. BRIA will develop and implement an outreach strategy to recruit nursing facilities (NF) to participate in the LifeBio Pilot Study and will assist in assessing the feasibility of using volunteers to develop a plan to sustain and expand the LifeBio program to other NFs in Ohio. BRIA will lead the development of a final report.</p> <p>LifeBio is to develop and implement an outreach strategy to recruit, train and assist NFs participating in the LifeBio Pilot Study. LifeBio will develop the Life Story Booklet and a one-page Life Story Summary as well as coordinate their distribution, display, and usage in treatment planning and PCC. LifeBio will collect performance data to monitor the implementation process and lessons learned in the Pilot Study and participate in the development of a final report.</p> <p>Universal Health Care Action Network (UHCAN) is to work with volunteers to recruit and collect bibliographical data from NF Residents as part of the LifeBio Pilot Study. UHCAN will assist in assessing the feasibility of using volunteers to develop a plan to sustain and expand the LifeBio program to other NFs in Ohio. UHCAN will contribute to the development of a final report.</p>			
Submission Date: July 7, 2017			
Description of Accomplishments: GRC coordinated Biweekly group meetings with all subcontractors in addition to separate meetings with each contractor on weeks opposite of the group meeting. GRC coordinated an advisory committee for the project, including subject matter experts from the Ohio Department of Medicaid, Ohio Department of Aging, Leading Age Ohio, Academy of Health Sciences, Ohio Health Care Association, and Area Agency on Aging.			
Emerging/Pending Issues:			
Action Steps for Scope of Work/ Deliverables	Status and Description (C= completed, P = progress, NP = no progress)	Target Date	Completion Date
Submit IRB	C	5/5/2017	6/13/2017



<p>BRIA developed a sophisticated method for conducting stratified random sampling of NFs in Ashtabula (rural) and Cuyahoga (urban/suburban) counties. First, Nursing Home Compare data from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) were downloaded. Next, NFs that only served short-stay Medicare residents were excluded, given the focus of the project on long-term, Medicaid residents. Subsequently, an initial stratified sampling plan was developed to match NFs based on county, quality star ratings, auspice, and similar numbers of residents in order to randomly assign one NF in each matched pair to an intervention and a control group.</p>	C	5/30/2017	4/25/2017
<p>UHCAN identified volunteer organizations and sources of volunteers in Cuyahoga and Ashabula counties.</p>	P	7/31/2017	
<p>Version 2 of Getting Started Training for Nursing Facilities PowerPoint is in progress with LifeBio making changes based on GRC feedback.</p>	P	7/31/2017	
<p>LifeBio has completed the second draft of the LifeBio Connect Volunteer Training materials in Word Format. Awaiting feedback from GRC/UHCANOhio</p>	P	7/31/2017	
<p>LifeBio has completed the first draft of the LifeBio Connect Volunteer Training materials in PowerPoint format. Awaiting feedback from GRC/UHCANOhio</p>	P	7/31/2017	
<p>Draft of the About Me Journal is being reviewed by LifeBio and by GRC. This will be a simple way for volunteers to gather key info for nursing facilities.</p>	P	7/31/2017	



LifeBio will provide training to a minimum of five people at each NF, including at least three direct care staff, the activity director, and the organization's administrator.	NP	8/31/2017	
In collaboration with each NF, identify one main contact from each participating organization who will take responsibility for communication with participating LifeBio staff, BRIA, UHCAN, and GRC (as required).	NP	8/31/2017	
Sent a draft DUA to BRIA to obtain relevant necessary MDS data.	P	9/1/2017	
Recruit, train, coordinate, and supervise volunteers to collect biographical information using the LifeBio "About Me" interview protocol with residents and family members.	P	1/30/2018	
Questions regarding the sustainability of the project with the use of volunteers to create life stories of NF residents were added to the administrative staff questionnaire	P	1/30/2018	
BRIA included questions in the volunteer questionnaire to assess volunteer attitudes and experiences with implementing the LifeBio program to develop NF residents' life stories. Questions were also added to the administrative staff questionnaire on the feasibility of using volunteers to sustain and expand the LifeBio program.	P	12/1/2018	
<input type="checkbox"/> Documents Attached (describe):			
Recommended Changes to Project Plan:			
<input type="checkbox"/> Schedule <input type="checkbox"/> Deliverables <input type="checkbox"/> Resource Allocation <input type="checkbox"/> Other			
Description:			
Approved by:		Date:	