"One Tale of Successful Grant Writing: From Idea to Funding to Clinical Nursing Research"

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Objectives

The participant will be able to describe:
2. Resources.
3. How to select the right team.
4. How to avoid the obstacles and continue to be optimistic.
Types of Grants

Project: small pilot or preliminary work

Career Development: provide mostly salary support (75-100%)

http://www.hrsa.dhhs.gov/bhpr/
click on “what’s new” go to nursing.
Our Story

- The patient population.
- The problem that needed focus.
- Attending relevant conferences.
- Presenting
- Doing a QI project.
- Publishing the results.
Publishing: Benefits

Nurses and other professionals read your work.

I was invited to be part of a Task Force which was multi-disciplinary and international.

STT International Research Congress

Patients and their significant others also contacted me.
General Clinical Research Center

Offered a $5000 grant for novice clinical researchers.

I applied twice and was turned down twice.

Free reviews each time and incorporated the changes each time.
Nursing Research Council

Faculty who is our part time Clinical Nurse Researcher continuously looks for grant opportunities.

Clinical Librarian sits on the NRC now.

Cerner/American Nurses Foundation grant. Short window of time.
Celebration

Dr. Lynne Connelly (CNR) looked at the criteria and helped me with the on-line application.

Received the $5000. grant in 2008.

Received Human Subjects Approval.

Began the study.
Forming a Team

How to decide?

Crucial members include: Bio-statistician, Researcher, and others who will lend support or expertise, don’t forget grad students.
Common Elements

- Title: Main idea
- Abstract: usually 500 words
- Goals and Aim: Basic purpose
- Literature Review
- Methodology or plan: steps
- Budget
- Evaluation or Data Analysis: how will you measure your outcomes?
- Dissemination Plan: Publications/Presentations
Resources

- Look into your own Professional Organization: clinical focus
- Sigma Theta Tau
- American Nurses Foundation
- Librarians want to help you find money
Reources/Mentors

ONS: research@ons.org
grantwriting education mentorship available.

The foundation Center: http://www.fdncenter.org
national nonprofit organization established in 1956.
Free proposal writing course

http://fdncenter.org/onlib/shortcourse/prop1html

Courtesy of The Foundation Center-San Francisco

Obstacles

- Does the organization value research?
- Does your Director understand and value your idea?
- Educational level: do you need more?
- Time Management skills and patience are needed.
References


Thank you

For coming and for your attention.

Enjoy the rest of your day.

Any comments, questions, stories, jokes are welcome.