

**Consortium on Law and Values in Health, Environment & the Life Sciences
2014-15 Student Proposal Cover Page**

Applicant Information

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Project title: Introducing community lawyering into the Phillips Neighborhood Clinic's integrated care model.

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How did you hear about this funding opportunity?

Consortium e-mail

Funding

Total amount of funding requested: **\$ 7,000.00**

Executive summary (maximum 200 words)

We are requesting \$7000.00 in order that we can further develop a lawyering clinic at Phillips Neighborhood Clinic (PNC). We hope to continue the work that has been completed in the 2014-2015 academic school year into the future. Currently, University of Minnesota Law Students in the Community Practice and Policy Development Clinic with Nancy Cook have been providing resources to individuals whose medical needs are affected by their legal needs at PNC. The purpose of this project is to act as a pilot project for the University of Minnesota Law School to develop a health law clinic.

Approvals

Check all appropriate approvals required for your proposal. Approvals must be obtained prior to receipt of funding. If you have applied for approval but have not yet received it, indicate that below.

IRB NA

Other NA

Checklist

- The proposal is 1000 words or less excluding budget, biographies, references and citations.
- The proposal includes a work plan with a specific timeline using months or quarters to identify work to be done and completion dates.
- The proposal includes a 1-2 paragraph biography of the applicant and all co-investigators.
- The budget form is complete including the funds sought for this project, other pending applications for this project, and the amount/source of matching or other funds.
- The applicant's faculty advisor is copied on the application email. Professional students w/o advisors check NA.
- All necessary approvals are pending or received.

Proposal:

We are seeking to fund a medical-legal clinic, which would operate within the existing structure of the Phillips Neighborhood Clinic (PNC). PNC is a community health clinic run by University of Minnesota medical, nursing, pharmacy, physical therapy, public health, and dental students. The clinic provides a range of free services, and patients are accepted on a walk-in basis without residency, income, insurance, or immigration status requirements. The funding provided by this grant would allow us to continue and to expand our work at PNC, which would benefit both PNC patients and Law School students who are interested in the intersection of health care and the law. We are in the process of expanding our current clinic into a larger clinic structure for the 2015-2016 academic year with Catherine Ellis, Michael Laird, Katarina Lee and Allison Rochford acting as student directors.

Background:

Our group has been providing services to patients at PNC throughout the 2014-2015 academic year. We have worked on-site and with the PNC Board of Directors to identify patient legal needs, develop resources for our group and PNC's existing social service workers, and integrate into the PNC medical examination process. PNC is open to patients biweekly, and our group has staffed the clinic with 1-2 law students each night. We have assisted patients with a range of needs, from insurance application issues to referrals for criminal law questions. During the Spring 2015 semester we are offering three "Law Nights" at PNC to cover particular topic areas: advance care medical directives, housing & insurance, and taxes. Each Law Night will be staffed both by our group and by lawyers and advocates from the community. We also presented a poster at the 2015 Student-Run Free Clinics Conference in Atlanta, Georgia.

Our plans for the future include proposing a medical-legal clinic to the Law School. This clinic would enroll up to eight 2L students, along with the four 3L student directors listed above. Students would continue to staff PNC, with one student director and one 2L student attending each night the clinic is open. We would also offer several skills training sessions to students in the clinic through partnerships with area community lawyering organizations, as well as training in particular topic areas such as housing, insurance, taxes, and family law. Additionally, we are planning to petition the PNC Board of Directors to make the Law School an official contributing school, resulting in a permanent Law School position on the board.

Our goal is to develop a long-term relationship at PNC. We believe such a clinic would serve two major purposes: (1) To provide needed legal resources to the vulnerable, low-income population that PNC primarily serves, and (2) to provide hands-on opportunities for the growing number of Law School students who are interested in practicing in the area of Health Law. We believe that nurturing a relationship with a long-standing medical clinic is the best foundation for the University of Minnesota Law School to develop a health law clinic. We also believe that this clinic would be an appropriate complement to the Health Law and Bioethics concentration currently offered.

Work Timeline:**May 15th – September 8th, 2015:**

Plan and finalize the syllabus and projects to be completed through the 2015-2016 academic school year.

Purchase computer and printer

September 9th 2015th - May 20th, 2015

Host future Law Nights at PNC

Biweekly attendance at PNC

Host appropriate skill sessions

January 2016: Total 2 hours

Conference attendance at the Society of Student-Run Free Clinics Conference in Phoenix - Catherine Ellis, Michael Laird, Katarina Lee

Biography:

Catherine Ellis is a second year law student and a first year of Master’s of Public Health student at the University of Minnesota. She has a prior background in health care particularly in insurance and insurance provider relations. Michael Laird is a second year law student at the University of Minnesota with a background in state policy. Katarina Lee is a second year law student at the University of Minnesota Law School, she received a Master’s of Bioethics prior to attending law school. Allison Rochford is a second year law student with a background in federal health policy primarily in insurance and public health.

Budget:

Introducing community lawyering into the Phillips Neighborhood Clinic integrated care model

Instructions: Provide justification along with costs.			Requested funding	Matching/other funding	
	Category	Description & justification	Amount	Amount	Source
1	Your stipend	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
2	Speaker honoraria	Minnesota legal service experts for training workshops with experts in the field of community working.	\$1500.00	n/a	n/a
3	Supplies & Services	Translator Services = \$1000 Printer Supplies = \$150	\$ 1150.00	n/a	n/a
4	Equipment	Wireless hotspot = \$1250 with two year contract and hotspot New laptop computer = \$1000 Wireless printer = \$150	\$ 2400.00	n/a	n/a
5	Travel	Conference attendance at the Society of Student-Run Free Clinics Conference in Phoenix late Jan 2016 - Catherine Ellis, Michael Laird, Katarina Lee	\$1950.00	n/a	n/a
Subtotal research expenses (2-6)			\$7000.00	\$0	
TOTAL BUDGET			\$ 7000.00	\$0	