

# CONSORTIUM ON LAW AND VALUES

## AWARD REPORT FOR THE 2015-2016 ACADEMIC SCHOOL YEAR

### Introducing Community Lawyering into the Phillips Neighborhood Clinic's Integrated Care Model

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#### Project Summary

During the 2014-2015 academic year, University of Minnesota Law Students in the Community Practice and Policy Development Clinic provided resources to individuals whose medical needs are affected by their legal needs at the Phillip's Neighborhood Clinic (PNC). The purpose of this project was to act as a pilot project for the University of Minnesota Law School to develop a health law clinic. Through the grant, the Community Practice Clinic changed direction to solely focus on the Phillips Neighborhood Clinic. During the 2015-2016 academic year, the clinic expanded from five student to two student directors and five students. Every Monday evening, we provided legal consultation for the PNC patients. The grant supported an updated laptop, printer, printer supplies, and office supplies to efficiently serve the patients at PNC. Once a month, we conducted specialty Law Nights focusing on a particular area of law. While some nights were purely educational, other nights provided direct service such as health insurance sign-up and tax filing. The grant supported interpreters and translation services for the specialties nights.

Because of the grant, the two student directors, Katarina Lee and Allison Rochford, attended the National Medical-Legal Partnership Conference. The conference provided the directors an opportunity to learn best practices from medical-legal partnerships across the country and attend workshops to improve the work at PNC.

#### Financial Summary

Phillips Neighborhood Clinic: Medical Legal Partnership

<u>Type of Expense</u>	<u>Cost Incurred</u>
Laptop	\$749.00
Laptop bag	\$13.19
Printer	\$177.48
10/15/15 Housing Law Night: Translator	\$78.75
10/15/15 Housing Law Night: Refreshments	\$29.75
2/4/16 Housing Law Night: Translator	\$70.00
Refreshments (12/3/15, 2/4/16, 3/10/16)	\$46.78
2/22/16 Conference Airfare - Allison	\$317.20
2/26/16 Conference Registration - Allison	\$275.00
2/22/16 Conference Airfare - Katarina	\$342.20
3/14/16 Conference Registration - Katarina	\$275.00
4/26/16 Conference Expenses - Allison	\$880.84*
4/26/16 Conference Expenses - Katarina	\$170.77
Total Spent	\$3,425.96
Total Budget	\$7,000.00
Remaining Balance	\$3,574.04

\*Note: Allison's conference expenses included the hotel stay for both Allison and Katarina

#### Results

The Community Practice Clinic is now transformed into a legal clinic focused solely on health law now entitled: Community Legal Partnership for Health. This grant created a place for law

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students who are interested in health law to receive experiential training. Community Legal Partnership for Health is now also a component of the Health Law and Bioethics Concentration. Law Students seeking a health law concentration can apply up to three of the five credits towards the concentration.

Link to the course description: <https://www.law.umn.edu/course/7750/community-legal-partnership-health-clinic>

Link to the concentration description (See page 22): <https://www.law.umn.edu/sites/law.umn.edu/files/policy-on-concentrations-w-appendix.pdf>

### **Future Project Plans**

The Clinic will use the remaining funds to support ongoing efforts including law nights and attending the National Medical-Legal Partnership Conference during the 2016-2017 academic school year.