

Strengthening the Care Continuum Project Midterm Evaluation- RFA Questions

1. Is there a template for the budget statement?

No, there is not a specific template, but the proposed budget should reflect the following major spending categories: staffing and LOE, materials, infrastructure, travel, per diem, etc.

2. Do we focus more on **ability to carry out your set objectives** or we should focus on **our capability to collect data**?

Applications should cover both your capability to contribute to the design of tools and methods that respond to the study objectives, as well as your capability to collect the types of data we are expecting. You might consider including examples of prior work, a staffing plan, and/or an operational plan for how you would carry out the study, manage data collection, data management, and data cleaning.

3. Phase I is described to be collaborative process with MEASURE Evaluation. With this in mind, what level of detail is expected for the overall study design and level of detail for data collection tools for the application due on January 20, 2018?

The application does not need to include a high amount of detail on study design or data collection tools. An application should include the type of information you think it would be important to collect, and/or any particular scales or measures that you would use. Final decisions about study design and data collection tools will be made collaboratively between MEASURE and the local research partner, after the award is made.

4. This is described as a mid-term evaluation and baseline data collection. Are we assuming correctly that the baseline data collection is specifically for Result 2 and is the first evaluation of this particular topic?

This study was originally planned as a baseline evaluation, but a baseline was not able to be collected. The reference to the baseline in the RFA was an error.

3. Are results from the initial evaluation (Result 1) available?

See above. A baseline was not conducted.

5. Are client and provider lists readily available or will one of the tasks for the evaluation involve development of recruitment rosters? Is a list of service providers available or is compiling a list part of the evaluation?

Yes, client and provider lists are available to be obtained from the Care Continuum project.

6. Does MEASURE expect data collection on patients to occur in the healthcare setting or in the community/home setting?

Data collection will take place in a mutually agreeable location, or electronically, as appropriate.

6. Can you confirm if our reading of the approximate sample size is as follows?

- Patients - Platform FSW = 388
- Patients - Platform MSM = 388
- Patients - Case Managed FSW = 388
- Patients - Case managed MSM = 388
- Providers = 388
- Mystery call - N not provided
- Staff labor/time survey = N not provided

This is correct. A sample size has not yet been determined for the mystery calls, and will depend on the feasibility and number and types of caller scenarios developed. The staff number will be a total of all project staff. You may plan for about 60 staff.