

Call for Concept Papers: QUERI Caregiver Support Program Partnered Evaluation Center

The QUERI Program, in partnership with the Caregiver Support Program, Care Management and Social Work Services (CM/SWS, 10P4C), is accepting concept papers to establish an Evaluation Center (for up to 2 years, and \$400,000 per year) to support the VHA Caregiver Support Program in the evaluation of program components under the Caregivers and Veterans Omnibus Health Services Act of 2010.

The Act established the Program of Comprehensive Assistance for Family Caregivers, which provides a program of support for both the Veteran and the Family Caregiver as well as a series of benefits for the Family Caregiver; and the Program of General Caregiver Support Services was designed to enhance support and services already available to family Caregivers of Veterans including training and education. Oversight of the Partnered Evaluation Center will be shared between the Caregiver Support Program and the QUERI Program.

As part of the Caregiver Support Program's ongoing evaluation efforts, the Center will develop and evaluate Program outcomes including but not limited to: cost-benefit and cost analyses, services utilization, and Veteran and Caregiver outcomes including well-being and quality of life. It is expected that the Center will collaborate with the Caregiver Support Program in the selection of measures and provide written progress reports according to the Program's identified timeline.

Please email concept papers by Friday, December 20th to John Midolo: John.Midolo@va.gov The attached instructions provide additional information on the call for concept papers and formatting requirements.

A conference call to answer questions and provide additional information on the Caregiver Support Program Partnered Evaluation Center will be held **Tuesday December 3rd from 11-12 pm EST** (VANTS line 800-767-1750, access code 82522).

Please contact John Midolo for additional information or questions.