**Nebraska Healthcare Collaborative**

**2024 Call for Data Requests**

**Introduction & Purpose**

The Nebraska Healthcare Collaborative (Collaborative) is a nonprofit organization focused on improving population health through research and program evaluation. We bridge the gap between data and insights, driving research, policy, and practice alignment. The Collaborative aims to facilitate projects through access to longitudinal health data for population health research.

As a method to drive meaningful, innovative projects, the Collaborative invites requests to support research that focuses on one of the following topics at this time:

* Maternal and Child Health
* Behavioral and Mental Health
* Chronic Disease and Aging

The Collaborative will support up to five (5) proposals that use available data to address population health. The Collaborative will provide successful applicants access to data sets and support. Data sets may have associated costs. Successful applicants will also receive up to five (5) hours of project mentorship from Collaborative team members to support research design and data translation. No financial award will be given as part of acceptance. As a condition of acceptance, the researchers will commit to sharing meaningful results through presentations at professional conferences, publishing manuscripts in high-impact journals, and/or submitting future proposals for extramural funding.

**Eligibility & Evaluation Criteria**

Applicant organizations must be public entities or nonprofit organizations that are tax-exempt under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. Data use is limited to noncommercial purposes and must have Institutional Review Board (IRB) approval prior to use.

Proposed projects must use de-identified or limited data sets, and accepted projects will be guided by a Data Use Agreement (DUA). The proposal scope should accommodate a one (1) year award timeframe.

Priority will be given to projects from CyncHealth partners and academic affiliations.

A panel of internal and external experts, including our Board of Directors, will review proposals. Proposals also must receive approval from the Data Governance Committee, indicating appropriate use of data, data quality and completeness, and availability of data. Minimally, two (2) experts will review each proposal for merit based on:

* Expertise of investigators;
* Potential innovation and significance; and
* Quality of methodology and success likelihood

**Proposal Guidance**

The Nebraska Healthcare Collaborative will share information and updates via the Nebraska Healthcare Collaborative website and social media.

The Collaborative will host a one (1) hour, optional webinar to review the data sources and types, proposal submission, and review processes.

Proposals should include:

1. Title
2. Investigators and affiliations
3. Brief narrative
4. Objectives and aims
5. Significance and innovation
6. Methodology, including proposed data elements
7. Timeline
8. References
9. Dissemination plan
10. Contact information

Final proposals must be submitted electronically by the due date using 1” margins and Arial 11-point font, not to exceed ten (10) pages, not including references.

**Key Dates & Deadlines**

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| March 18, 2024 | Release Call for Proposal |
| April 10, 2024 | Attend Applicant Webinar (Optional) |
| June 21, 2024 | Submit Proposals |
| September 10, 2024 | Notify Applicants of Status |
| September 18, 2024 | Meet with Collaborative Team |
| October 5, 2024 | Complete Agreements |
| November 6, 2024 | Begin Project |
| January 2025 | Submit Status Report |
| March 2025 | Project Closure |

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