



**Precision Medicine &  
Health Disparities Collaborative**

# Funding Opportunity Informational Session: Pilot Project Awards

**Friday, June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2017**

8-9 AM CENTRAL

Meharry Vanderbilt Alliance Building: 1999 Meharry Blvd (and via webinar)

# Agenda

- **Welcome & Overview**
- **Purpose of RFA**
- **Eligibility**
- **Key Dates & Available Funding**
- **Review Process**



# Overview: The Collaborative's Mission & Goals

- What is Precision Medicine?
  - It is the approach to disease detection, prevention and treatment based on people's individual differences
- Mission
  - Combine research expertise, resources, and community engagement to understand and alleviate known health disparities in African Americans and Latinos/Hispanics using precision medicine techniques
- Goals
  - Develop regional partnerships to improve minority health
  - Find new ways to use social, cultural, environmental and biological information to improve health
  - The right medicine for right patient at the right time
  - Meaningfully engage stakeholders throughout the Collaborative's work



# Overview: Center of Excellence



*Principal Investigators*

<b>Roy Weiss, MD, PhD</b>	<b>Nancy Cox, PhD</b>	<b>Consuelo Hopkins Wilkins, MD</b>	<b>Maria Lima, PhD</b>
Univ. of Miami Miller School of Medicine	Vanderbilt University Medical Center	Meharry-Vanderbilt Alliance	Meharry Medical College
Miami, Florida	Nashville, Tennessee	Nashville, Tennessee	Nashville, Tennessee



# Purpose of RFA

- Pilot projects leverage Precision Medicine (PM) to:
  - Enhance understanding of health conditions that disproportionately impact health outcomes in African-American and Hispanic/Latino populations (“health disparities”)
  - Develop individually-tailored PM based detection, prevention, and / or treatment strategies to reduce health disparities (HD)



# Eligibility

- Any faculty member or full-time employee at:
  - PMHDC grantee institution (Meharry Medical College, University of Miami, University of Mississippi Medical Center, Vanderbilt University, Vanderbilt University Medical Center)
  - Organizations represented on the PMHDC Advisory or Ethics Advisory Boards



# Ethics Advisory Board Members

Name	Organization
Keith King	Community Relations Manager - Alive Hospice
Sanique Olkuch, ARNP-BC	Associate Medical Director for Special Projects – Care Resource
Juan Carlos Arriola, MBA	Chief Strategy & Research Officer – Latinvisa Interamericas
Elizabeth Heitman, PhD	Professor – Program in Ethics in Science & Medicine – UT Southwestern Medical Center
Kimberlee Wyche-Etheridge, MD	Assistant Director & Assistant Professor – Division of Public Health Practice; Assistant Professor of Pediatrics at Meharry Medical College
Claudia Barajas	Chief Health Educator – Vanderbilt-Ingram Cancer Center
Rosario Isasi, JD, MPH	Research Assistant Professor – University of Miami Miller School of Medicine



# Advisory Members

Name	Organization
Heather Morris	OneFlorida Clinical Research Consortium University of FL
Medina Tipton	Southeast Health Equity Council (SHEC), National Partnership for Action (NPA)
Mark Williams	<i>Department of Internal Medicine, and Center for Health Services Research, University of Kentucky</i>
Diana Ramirez	Nashville Latino Health Coalition (NLHC)
Mark Everett	School of Health Services, Miami Dade College-Medical Campus
Katina Beard	Nashville Health Disparities Coalition (NHDC) AND Safety Net Consortium of Middle Tennessee, Matthew Walker Comprehensive Health Center and Consortium
Lisa Hamilton	Florida Community Health Worker Coalition (FLCHW Coalition)
Alisha Haddock	C.E. McGruder Family Resource Center
Tracye Henderson	Matthew Walker Comprehensive Health Center
Tene Hamilton Franklin	Office of Minority Health and Disparities Elimination
Margaret DeBon	Baptist Memorial Health Care (BMHC)





# Key Dates & Funding

- Dates
  - Application due: Jul. 15<sup>th</sup>, 2017 at 6pm EST (5pm CST)
    - Yes, that is Saturday.
    - Tentative project start date: Oct. 1<sup>st</sup>
- Funding
  - 3 awards will be awarded at \$50k each for 1 year period
    - Cannot duplicate aims of current or previous funded awards



# Review Process

- Applications reviewed first for responsiveness to the RFA
  - Please adhere to instructions & review criteria in the RFA
  - Applications not responsive will not be reviewed further
  - Examples include: applications without one of the required parts; research proposed with no relevance to populations served.

## APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

**Submission Format:** The application should be submitted as a single pdf file. Applicants must use PHS 398 continuation page format.

[https://grants.nih.gov/grants/funding/phs398/398\\_labels.docx](https://grants.nih.gov/grants/funding/phs398/398_labels.docx)

Margins must be no less than 0.5 inches and text must be in Arial 11 point font size or larger.

The application must be emailed to: Ms. Brendaly Rodríguez at brodriguez@med.miami.edu.

Applications should include the following components:

1) **Cover page (one page)**

- a) Project Title
- b) Principal Investigator (Name and Title)
- c) Organization/Institution
- d) Address, Phone and Email
- e) Requested Amount
- f) Lay abstract: A short abstract, not to exceed 200 words, for release to the general public should this application be chosen for funding.

2) **Project Summary: (one page):** Please provide a scientific abstract of no more than 400 words that concisely summarizes the proposed work including aims, research design and methods. Include relevance of the project to HD and PM.

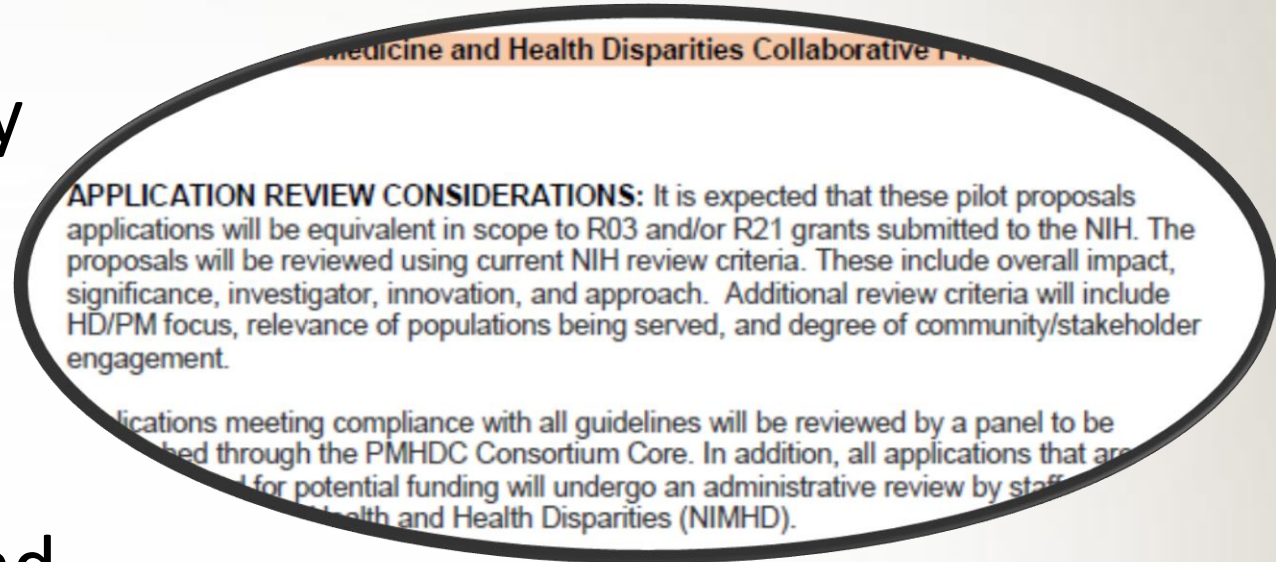
3) **Bio-sketch: (Use NIH format, up to 5 pages each):** Include bio for the principal investigator and up to one additional key investigator or project personnel (if needed).  
<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/forms/biosketch.htm>

4) **Specific Aims (1 page):** Concisely state the goals of the proposed research and expected outcome(s). In this section also briefly summarize plans for subsequent research project based on project's results and the impact that the research may have on HD and PM research and/or clinical practice.



# Review Process

- Each application will be scored by 4 individuals
- 3 scientific reviewers and 1 community reviewer
- Using NIH-style review criteria and scoring
- Results expected by mid-August (exact date TBD)



**Please heed Review Considerations in the RFA**



# Questions?

After this session, you may contact Brendaly Rodriguez, MA ([brodriguez@med.Miami.edu](mailto:brodriguez@med.Miami.edu)) or 305-243-8433 for additional assistance

