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GRANT APPLICATION. Due Dates April 15th and November 1st

Date: October 29, 2013

Name of Organization (must match IRS 501(c)(3) designation) Southwest Health Center, Inc.

Address 1400 East Side Rd

City, State, Zip Platteville, WI 53818

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Person Responsible for the Grant Terri Slapak-Fugate, RN

Position in the Organization Emergency/Urgent Care Manager

Organization's Purpose The mission of Southwest Health Center (SHC) is caring for the lives of individuals seeking services and programs through the organization. The vision of SHC is the creation of a healthier southwest Wisconsin. SHC also values responsibility, humandignity, and a promise to help individuals.

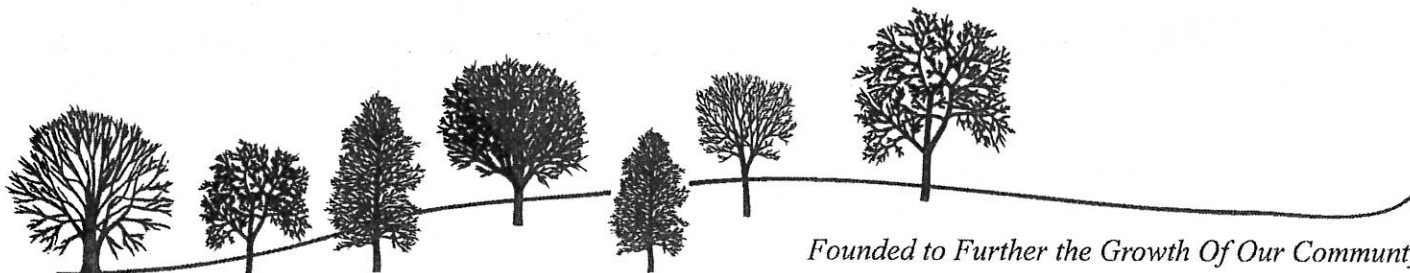
This application must include your organization's latest IRS Letter of Determination showing exemption and public support status. (Not required for units of Government & public schools).

Grant Request \$ 3,000⁰⁰

Describe the reason for this grant request in the space below:

Southwest Health Center is seeking funding to support the expansion of a Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner (SANE) program. The SANE program trains nurses to provide comprehensive psychological, medical, and forensic services for sexual assault victims. As a non-profit, healthcare facility Southwest Health Center is requesting assistance from the Elmer G Biddick Charitable Foundation to assist in the training of an additional SANE nurse to advocate and provide professional resources for victims of sexual assault.

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Attachments to this grant that we find useful in considering your grant request.

A. Supporting information.

1. Specific use of grant.
2. Time schedule.
3. Other sources of funding.
4. Describe the effect of postponing your request to another time.
5. Describe who, when, how and where will the effects of this grant be felt.

B. Your organization's history, activities, services, and composition. (Videos are of limited use.)

After years of healthcare delivery by horse and buggy, the first Platteville-area hospital opened on February 12, 1900, with an expansion completed in 1914. The 25-bed hospital served southwest Wisconsin until 1950 when Platteville Municipal Hospital opened. By the late 1970s, it became increasingly difficult for the organization to invest in facility infrastructure. Action needed to be taken to reduce operational costs and provide a method of acquiring the new technology and equipment that was becoming vital to delivering high quality care. At the same time, Cuba City Medical Center faced a similar challenge. The two hospital boards developed a plan to consolidate their facilities — the origin of Southwest Health Center (SHC) as we know it today. In 1985, the boards streamlined operations by housing acute care services in Platteville and long-term care services in Cuba City. The hospital began a multi-phase remodeling plan that was completed in 1991. In 2004, the board determined the community's best interest would be served by constructing a new hospital in the location it is today, adjacent to the new Highway 151. SHC has an extensive number of services with the primary programs including: Emergency Services, Urgent Care, Rehabilitation Programs, Cardiac Rehabilitation, Sleep Lab, Senior Services, Diagnostic Services, Diabetes Care, Outpatient Procedures, Audiology, Colonoscopy, Surgery, Telestroke, and In-Patient Services. SHC currently employs approximately 400 individuals and is advised by a group of volunteer Board Members.

Applications are considered in June and December of each year. The corresponding deadlines are April 15th and November 1st. Concise grants that address the needed information are appreciated.

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1. Specific use of the grant.

National epidemiological data suggest that at least 18% of women will be sexually assaulted in their adult lifetimes (Black et al., 2011; Tjaden, & Thoennes, 2006); however, most victims/survivors do not report to law enforcement (Bureau of Justice Statistics, 2007). Even when victims do contact the police, previous studies indicate that only 18%-44% of all reported incidents are referred to prosecutors; of those referred reports, prosecutors issue warrants in 46%-72% of the cases (Campbell, 2008b). On average, approximately 18% of reported sexual assaults are prosecuted (Campbell, 2008b; Lonsway & Archambault, 2012; Spohn, 2012). To address the under-reporting and under-prosecution of adult sexual assaults, Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner (SANE) programs are being created throughout the United States. These programs are being created to implement multidisciplinary interventions to improve post-assault care for victims and the criminal justice system response.

SANE programs train nurses to provide comprehensive psychological, medical, and forensic services for sexual assault victims. Should a case go to trial, SANE nurses are available to testify. Southwest Health Center (SHC) is a regional leader in developing and partnering with local entities to provide a comprehensive SANE program that will benefit individuals throughout Grant, Iowa, Crawford and Lafayette Counties. Southwest Health Center has offered to be a resource for other medical facilities that may not be able to train and maintain certifications for SANE nurses. Many facilities and nurses are apprehensive about providing SANE services because if legal procedures are not exactly followed, perpetrators may not be prosecuted for these violent acts. Yet, most importantly SHC feels that the compassion, empathy, and advocacy for victims is the most important aspect of SANE and the presence of Family Advocates in Platteville is an essential resource. SANE nurses need the support of other entities and fortunately, Platteville has an outstanding group of coordinated sexual assault response teams (SART) or programs designed to ensure that victims have a broad range of care and services to help victims of sexual assault. Numerous case studies suggest that SANE nurses are a vital resource to police and prosecutors (see Campbell, Patterson, & Lichy, 2005 for a review) and two National Institute of Justice-funded, quasi-experimental pre-post studies found that prosecution rates significantly increased after the implementation of SANE programs (Campbell, Bybee, Ford, Patterson, & Ferrell, 2009; Crandall & Helitzer, 2003). It is also important to recognize that the presence of a State University in Platteville and Southwest Technical College only 26 miles from the SHC facility significantly increasing sexual assault

issues. In a study by the U.S. Centers for Disease control of 5,000 college students at over 100 colleges, 20% of women answered "yes" to the question "In your lifetime have you been forced to submit to sexual intercourse against your will?" Thus, one in five college women has been raped at some point in her lifetime - Douglas, K. A. et al. "Results From the 1995 National College Health Risk Behavior Survey." *Journal of American College Health* 46 (1997): 55-66.

Currently, SHC has four nurses who have completed the SANE training. These nurses are called upon to respond to sexual assault situations 24 hours a day seven days a week. To ensure that SHC has a team of nurses that can be called upon to address sexual assault situations for the tri-county region, SHC feels it is vital to have an additional nurse trained. SHC is requesting that the Elmer G Biddick Foundation provide a grant for \$3,000 to train an additional SANE nurse. The training requires educational materials, travel, lodging and salaries to achieve full certification. SANE training is held at various locations throughout the state, and SHC has offered to be a training site. Yet, SANE training is typically held in larger metropolitan areas, but unfortunately sexual assault is not an issue that only occurs in metropolitan areas. The rural communities of Southwest Wisconsin are also facing this terrible injustice.

2. Time schedule

The identified nurse would participate in the spring SANE training in Appleton, Wisconsin. The entire SANE training takes one week to complete. This training includes a classroom component which would be conducted from Monday through Friday. The nurse would then travel to Dane County to complete a day long, second level of training on Saturday. The SANE nurse would then shadow other certified SANE nurses at SHC to acquire the competencies needed to have the knowledge, confidence, and resources to address various sexual assault circumstances facing the victims brought to SHC.

3. Other sources of funding.

Southwest Health Center would provide funding to offset costs associated with the training, including the vehicle used to transport nurses to training and the continuing education needed to maintain SANE certification. SHC would also incur all costs of continued meetings with other key stakeholders including Family Advocates, law enforcement, and judicial partners. All development of resources including staff time and materials to continue building strong advocates would be the responsibility of SHC. To date, SHC has dedicated over \$12,000 to establish and maintain the current SANE program.

4. Describe the effect of postponing your request to another time.

SHC currently has four SANE nurses. The challenge is having enough SANE nurses to ensure that delays in response times are limited. The emergency room is open 24 hours and day seven days a week and the nurses who volunteer to participate in the SANE program have many obligations (typically, the individuals who volunteer to be SANE nurse are the same individuals who volunteer as Emergency Medical Technicians). Every moment a victim waits to have the resources and expertise they need and deserve, we are failing them. SHC is looking to the Elmer G Biddick Charitable Foundation to be a partner in being the best prepared to help victims in this very difficult time. SHC could wait and delay the response time of SANE nurses but doing this is an incredible disservice to our community members. Most importantly, the delay may result in victims remaining silent or not seeking care because their perception is that, there are limited resources to help them.

5. Describe who, when, how and where will the effects of the grant be felt.

This grant would accomplish two vital aspects of sexual assault. The first aspect is providing a much needed service for victims of sexual assault. The second service is the public awareness this funding would provide. SHC would publicly announce receiving funding from the Elmer G Biddick Charitable Foundation, making community members aware of the expanded availability of this service. As previously stated there is a significant amount of under-reporting that occurs related to sexual assault. When SHC is able to announce to the community the success and support it has for the SANE program, community members are reminded of this essential service. Perhaps one more victim and their loved ones will seek help through SHC when and if, this terrible tragedy faces them.