Diabetes Self-Management Education Mini-Grant Funding Q&A

The following questions and answers were discussed on the January 21, 2015 Q&A call.

Question 1: Can current staff be used on the project, or must new staff members be hired?

Answer 1: Yes, current staff members may work on the project. However, funds may only be used to pay for temporary staff such as data entry operators.

Question 2: Can partnerships (more than one agency) apply for funding?

Answer 2: Yes, partnerships can apply, provided they meet the requirements within the mini-grant funding availability notice.

Question 3: What certifications are required for individuals providing diabetes self-management education?

Answer 3: According to National Standard 5, at least one of the instructors responsible for designing and planning DSME will be an RN, RD or pharmacist with training and experience pertinent to DSME, or another professional with a certification in diabetes care and education such as a CDE or BC-ADM. Individuals who serve as lay health and community workers and peer counselors or educators may contribute to the provision of DSME instruction if they have received training in diabetes management, the teaching of self-management skills, group facilitation, and emotional support. For these individuals, a system must be in place that ensures supervision of the services they provide by a diabetes educator or other health care professional and professional backup to address clinical problems or questions beyond their training.

Question 4: Can you provide general information regarding DSME and reference sources?

Answer 4: Please review the following resources:

- American Association of Diabetes Educators:
  http://www.diabeteseducator.org/ProfessionalResources/accred/
- National Standards for Diabetes Self-Management Education and Support:
  http://www.diabeteseducator.org/export/sites/aade/_resources/pdf/general/2012NationalStandards.pdf
  http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC2797385/
- National Association of Chronic Disease Directors:
  http://www.chronicdisease.org/?page=DiabetesDSMEresource

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