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i. Project Abstract

Project Title: San Diego Imperial Geriatric Education Center

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List all grant program funds requested in the application: \$850,000

A Funding Preference is requested for Section 805 of the PHS Act for a project that will substantially benefit rural and underserved populations. An Additional Award is requested for education and training on Alzheimer's disease and related dementias.

Project Period: July 1, 2015 – June 30, 2018

Collaborating Partners: San Diego State University - School of Nursing, Graduate School of Public Health, School of Social Work, and The Academy for Professional Excellence (SDSU); San Diego County, Health & Human Services Agency, Aging & Independence Services (AIS); University of California at San Diego, Geriatric Medicine (UCSD); Alzheimer's Association – San Diego/Imperial Chapter; Glenner Memory Care Centers; San Diego County Medical Society Foundation (SDCMSF); and Southern Caregiver Resource Centers (SCRC).

Trainee Types: Patients, families, caregivers, direct care workers, primary care providers [MDs, Adult/Geriatric Nurse Practitioners (A/GNPs), and Clinical Social Workers (MSWs)], A/GNP and MSW students, medical residents, faculty, and other community identified people.

San Diego State University, Schools of Nursing, Social Work and Public Health (SDSU), in partnership with San Diego County, Health & Human Services Agency, Aging & Independence Services (AIS), UCSD Geriatric Medicine (UCSD), and community partners (above), propose to establish the San Diego/Imperial Geriatric Education Center (SDIGEC). This project will focus on Alzheimer's disease and related dementias (ADRD), and the chronic conditions that impact memory loss. Over the three years, the initiative will: 1) train at least 60 graduate students, medical residents, and fellows on integrated geriatrics and primary care, interdisciplinary team building, and the prevention, recognition and treatment of memory loss and associated chronic conditions (SDSU and UCSD), 2) expand clinical training environments to provide experiences in integrated geriatrics and primary health care delivery systems for at least 60 students (A/GNPs, MSW's, and medical residents) (SDSU, UCSD, community partners), 3) train at least 1,500 primary care providers and staff on the ADRD screening, diagnostic criteria, and treatment protocols from The Alzheimer's Project, disease and care management, and community resources for people with memory loss (SDCMSF, SDSU, UCSD), 4) train at least 9,000 service providers working with people with memory loss and their families (AIS, Academy for Professional Excellence, Alzheimer's Association, Glenner Memory Care Centers, SCRC), 5) train at least 2,500 caregivers on effective care strategies for themselves and family members (Alzheimer's Association, Glenner Memory Care Centers), 6) develop and conduct a public education campaign on memory loss and ADRD, and 7) conduct a needs assessment in Imperial County for expansion of GEC services.

This county-wide effort builds on an unprecedented regional initiative, The Alzheimer's Project, where AIS brought together community partners to develop plans to address this growing health concern. SDIGEC will build on the strong, multi-sector partnerships established by The Alzheimer's Project to address the education and training needs in San Diego County.