About the Organization:
Access Community Health Centers and the University of Wisconsin, Department of Family Medicine have partnered since July 2009 to operate Wingra Family Medical Center. This clinic is a family medicine residency training site, and welcomes students in medicine, nursing, social work, pharmacy and psychology. Clinicians include faculty physicians, resident physicians and physician assistants. Residents are doctors who have finished medical school and are training as specialists in Family Medicine.

Project Opportunity 2016

Racial Disparities in Dane County
Dane County repeatedly ranks near the bottom in national studies on the extent of racial disparities in health, education, justice and child welfare systems. Recent reports by the Wisconsin Council on Families and Children and the Annie E. Casey Foundation show that Wisconsin and Dane County, in particular, have some of the worst racial disparities with African Americans in the entire nation.

This project is a follow up to our Qualitative Analysis Project from 2015 that examined the patient experience for African American citizens living in Madison/Dane County using the local health care system. We asked, “What do our doctors do well? What would you like to see more of?” Citizens answered that relationship, competency, equality, and honest concern made for outstanding interactions. Several groups and individuals requested that we provide services directly to the community. We hope to determine what non-traditional model of care will work best for our population.

Activities of the project include:
1. Literature review and collection of evidence of successful models of community-based care.
2. Development of a community-based, participatory program that synergistic with the assets of African American citizens and organizations from Madison/Dane County.
3. Implementation of a program that meets the needs and desires of the community.
4. Data collection and analysis to evaluate and improve the program.

Student must have the skills and ability to assist and/or facilitate group discussion. Student will assist with compiling, organizing and interpreting qualitative and quantitative data. A student with the ability to work and communicate effectively with a diverse range of patients, community members, and health care providers is the ideal candidate for this project experience. The student should also have strong written and verbal skills, be highly organized and self-directed.

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