



Tuesday, October 22, 2013

Karen Petticrew
Research Coordinator
Mach-Gaensslen Foundation of Canada

RE: 2013 Report - Mach Gaensslen Foundation Grants – CHEO

Development and Evaluation of a Brief Group Intervention for Youth Presenting to the ED with Mild to Moderate Suicidal Ideation

Dear Ms. Petticrew,

Mental Health Research at CHEO is grateful for the ongoing financial support provided by the Mach-Gaensslen Foundation and is pleased to provide you with a summary of our recent progress.

Status and Activities:

Research assistant:

A part-time research assistant continues to provide stable infrastructure and support to help move the project ahead. Additional funding has also been obtained from the CHAMO AFP to further support this individual and co-fund the pilot project.

Study Status:

- The treatment Manual has been completed and is ready for the intervention
- The study protocol has been completed and submitted to the Children's Hospital of Eastern Ontario's REB for review. The REB meeting is scheduled for November 6th.
- Please see attached study poster which provides an overview of study development. The poster was recently presented at CHEO's Research Week (October 21-25) and generated a lot of interest.

Other Items:

-We were awarded a summer studentship from the CHEO RI for the project and were able to provide a student from McGill University with a summer placement.

-A University of Ottawa Medical Student will be joining us in November for a research placement. She will be working on the study and gaining valuable research experience.

-Our study Research Assistant (Mr. Warren Caldwell) is applying for a doctorate in Clinical Psychology at the University of Ottawa and will be using our pilot data to further refine and validate the treatment. We are very pleased with this possibility.

Next Steps:

- Address the feedback from the REB meeting
- Hire and train clinical staff for the intervention
- Run the pilot



Children's Hospital of Eastern Ontario
Centre hospitalier pour enfants de l'est de l'Ontario

We have found the support of the Mach-Gaensslen Foundation to be invaluable. We look forward to sharing the results of our innovative intervention with you in the future.

Sincerely,

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