

i. Project Abstract

Project Title: RMCHCS Family Medicine Residency Program

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Proposed Project: Rehoboth McKinley Christian Health Care Services (RMCHCS) will develop an Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME) accredited rural Family Medicine Residency Program (FMRP) to address the region's need for more primary care providers. RMCHCS is located in rural McKinley County, New Mexico, a Healthcare Professional Shortage Area.

The FMRP will train four residents per year, totaling 12 residents in a three-year program, in full-spectrum family medicine with a focus on rural health and Native American communities. RMCHCS will serve as a Single Sponsoring Institution, overseeing the FMRP. The Program Director and RMCHCS' Graduate Medical Education Committee (GMEC), made up of institutional decision makers and community representatives, will develop the FMRP. Residents will train at RMCHCS with rotational experiences at Indian Health Services sites such as Gallup Indian Medical Center, Zuni Comprehensive Community Health Center and Crownpoint Healthcare Facility.

At the end of the project period, RMCHCS will have a fully developed ACGME accredited Family Medicine Residency program and will have hired two full-time core faculty members. A three-year family medicine curriculum will be completed and will include training specific to the needs of the Native American population such as population health, trauma informed care, diabetes and kidney disease, alcohol and substance use disorders and opioid use. A cohort of four residents will have completed their first year of the three-year residency program and a second cohort of four residents will have started their residency. RMCHCS will also have a multi-faceted faculty development plan operational as well as a tracking mechanism in place to determine where residents practice once they have completed their residency.