FELLOWSHIP DESCRIPTION
This information will be made available to all fellowship applicants.
Please type or paste responses directly into boxes below. Boxes will expand to fit.

Organization Name: ClinicNET
Location (City/State): Aurora, Colorado

☐ Yearlong Fellowship (June 2015-May 2016) ☑ Summer Fellowship (June-August 2015)

ABOUT THE FELLOWSHIP

Title of PIFP Fellow: Safety Net Clinic Week 2015 Coordinator

Primary Responsibilities of PIFP Fellow:
In an effort to raise awareness of Colorado’s health care safety net providers, ClinicNET and the Colorado Rural Health Center (CRHC) will sponsor the sixth annual Safety Net Clinic Week August 17-21, 2015. This week is devoted to educating the public and policy makers about these important health care clinics – Community Safety Net Clinics (CSNCs) and federally certified Rural Health Clinics (RHCs). The Safety Net Clinic Week Coordinator will be responsible for the execution of Safety Net Clinic Week 2015. Specific responsibilities include:

- Create work plan and mechanisms for project management.
- Engage clinics and provide support for their participation in Safety Net Clinic Week 2015.
- Identify and utilize clinic activities to leverage interest and engagement in Safety Net Clinic Week 2015.
- Update, create and disseminate materials and information including, but not limited to fact sheets, logos, letter to the editor and op-ed templates, press releases, website, newsletter and social media content.
- Identify and invite federal and state policy makers and other community leaders to visit clinics; schedule site-visits; prepare clinics; attend site-visits and open houses; and document activities with photographs and video.
- Conduct media and social media outreach.
- Encourage and track clinics’ independent involvement in Safety Net Clinic Week 2015 and use of content provided.
• Prepare and present Safety Net Clinic Week 2015 report.

**How Fellow Will Contribute to Capacity-Building/Systemic Change:**
ClinicNET’s mission is to strengthen Colorado’s health care safety net by empowering organizations that serve vulnerable populations. The Affordable Care Act coverage expansion will not eliminate the need for community safety net clinics and rural health clinics, but instead will expose their enduring value. Safety Net Clinic Week 2015 will provide a great opportunity for ClinicNET, CRHC and the clinics to highlight their work and demonstrate their value in the community through participation in open houses, site-visits with policy makers, and other outreach efforts. Having a PIPF Fellow has been an indispensable asset in executing a successful Safety Net Clinic Week.

**Training & Networking Opportunities for Fellow:**
ClinicNET will support a Fellow in developing skills, knowledge and relationships that will be helpful in his or her role as Safety Net Clinic Week Coordinator. Potential opportunities include:
- Contact with clinic staff, policy makers and other community leaders
- One-on-one educational sessions about the health care safety net
- Administrative and technology training provided by ClinicNET staff

**Supervision of PIFP Fellow:**
Supervised by ClinicNET Program Manager and Program Assistant.

**Qualifications Sought in Fellow:**
**Required:**
- Professional
- Interested in access to health for low-income at-risk populations
- Good organizational skills, including good computer skills (Microsoft Office)
- Good communication skills, including social media skills

**Preferred:**
- Self-starter
- Understanding the basic constructs of government and nonprofits

**Beneficial:**
- Creative
- Understanding the health care safety net in Colorado

**Skills/Experience Sought in Fellow:**
- [ ] Activism
- [ ] Finance/business
- [ ] Politics
ClinicNET’s mission is to strengthen Colorado’s health care safety net by empowering organizations that serve vulnerable populations.

Advocacy, Education and Outreach
ClinicNET works on behalf of Colorado’s Community Safety Net Clinics (CSNCs) to:

- Increase recognition of the clinics as key safety net providers;
- Support the clinics participation in strategic patient care initiatives;
- Inform health policy and administration;
- Provide education, resources, and technical assistance;
- Improve clinic HIT/HIE capacity;
- Facilitate data collection;
- Engage in community outreach; and
• Foster relationships and communication.

ClinicNET’s work includes regular communication and interaction with the Governor’s Office, state agencies, legislators, funders, and policy professionals and organizations to enhance their knowledge of our affiliated clinics. ClinicNET stays engaged to ensure that state budget limitations, proposed legislation and regulations do not disadvantage our affiliate clinics.

Efforts on behalf of affiliate clinics are increasing, and August 18-22, 2014 ClinicNET and the Colorado Rural Health Center (CRHC) sponsored the fifth annual Safety Net Clinic Week. Policy makers visited clinics throughout the week to learn about the vital role clinics serve in their communities throughout Colorado. Our recent Colorado College Fellow conducted a number of activities to expand the impact of Safety Net Clinic Week. The role of the CC Fellow as Safety Net Clinic Week Coordinator has been indispensable to the success of Safety Net Clinic Week.

Affiliate Support
ClinicNET offers a variety of technical assistance and general support to our approximately 40 affiliated clinics. ClinicNET is not technically a membership organization and does not require financial contributions from the clinics it serves. However, we do ask affiliates for a financial contribution every year in recognition of ClinicNET’s work on their behalf.

Number of Staff: 3 FTE

Organization’s Non-Discrimination Policy Statement:
ClinicNET shall follow the spirit and intent of all federal, state and local anti-discrimination laws and is committed to equal employment opportunity. To that end, the Board of Directors and Executive Director will not discriminate against any employee or applicant in a manner that violates the law.

ClinicNET is committed to providing equal opportunity for all employees and applicant without regard to race, color, religion, national origin, sex, age, marital status, sexual orientation, gender expression, disability, political affiliation, personal appearance, family responsibility, or any other characteristic protected under federal, state, or local law.

Is there anything else a fellow should know about the organization?
ClinicNET advocates for an improved safety net system of care and increased access to care for vulnerable Coloradans. By supporting the work of approximately 40 Community Safety Net Clinics (CSNCs) and enhancing their capacity, more Coloradans participate in and are well served by clinics that promote healthy individuals living in health communities.

CSNCs serve low income, vulnerable, at-risk Coloradans who are uninsured,
underinsured or insured through public programs like Medicare, Medicaid or subsidized health plans purchased through Connect for Health Colorado. Annually, CSNCs serve approximately 152,000 Coloradans and provide 478,000 visits. Patients who do not qualify for government insurance programs or subsidies are often asked to pay for services at a flat fee or on a sliding fee scale. Clinics will not turn patients away based on an inability to pay and some clinics provide services completely free of charge.

CSNCs are very diverse in their models and include free clinics (predominantly faith-based), community clinics (including school-based health clinics and mobile units), hospital residency clinics and some private practice providers. Many of the CSNCs fund their operations through grants, patient revenue and/or in-kind donations and their clinic staffing models often include a significant number of volunteer providers and support staff.