

# DSS-Innovation Grants



# Innovation Grant Awardees

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- Innovation grant projects are focused on testing models that promote better health, improved care, and lower costs related to prenatal care.
- There are three grant awardees: Avera, Center for Family Medicine, and Native Women's Health Care.
- Each grantee was awarded \$333,000 for the implementation of their project.
- Innovation projects run from November of 2019 through May 2022.



# Avera Before Baby

## Summary

- Helps pregnant women in South Dakota diagnosed with gestational diabetes by providing remote blood sugar monitoring, specialized test strips and video visits with a diabetic educator.

## Goal

- Improve access to OB care and treatment of gestational diabetes.
- Reduce the number of c-sections, birth complications, and infant/mother mortality.
- Increase rates of healthy birth weight babies and the number of babies who are delivered at full term

## Innovation

- Testing a non-traditional tele-health model to evaluate the correlation between use of technology for management of gestational diabetes improved birth outcomes.



# Before Baby Q1 Implementation

- Before Baby supports women across South Dakota to self-manage gestational diabetes without the intervention of insulin.
- Hired Clinical Coordinator/Community Liaison to support women utilizing the program, work to expand services to other communities.
- Avera is working to partner with IHS to expand the program to 1-2 IHS locations.
- Due to COVID and the Medicaid flexibilities implemented for telemedicine, Avera has been able to serve women in the Before Baby project who would not have otherwise been eligible to receive support through the program.



# Center for Family Medicine

## Summary

- Provides patients with a birth center/pregnancy health home approach to provide full array of prenatal and postnatal care. This project will also train family medicine resident physicians in innovative, evidence-based prenatal care models.

## Goal

- Improved screening services for those with increased risk for gestational diabetes and preeclampsia.
- Decreased rates of prenatal hospitalization and c-section, pre-term delivery, NICU stays, and other complications.

## Innovation

- Testing if application of health home model and use of technology to deliver patient education results in improved health outcomes.

# CFM Q1 Implementation

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- CFM began utilizing the ride sharing service Lyft to arrange transportation to and from appointments for patients.
- CFM developed an app for completing patient risk assessments.
- Resident physicians have begun developing video content to help educate patients on a variety of prenatal topics.
- CFM has enrolled as a Medicaid Health Home provider and has begun testing pregnancy as a qualifying condition for Health Home services.

# Native Women's Health Care

## Summary

- Helps patients by linking primary and prenatal services to behavioral health services. Leverages comprehensive care team including primary care, behavioral health, and community health workers.

## Goal

- Improved adherence rates for SUD treatment, increased screening, preventive, and primary/prenatal care.
- Increase in the number of women who are accessing prenatal services, wellness checks, and behavioral health services.

## Innovation

- Use of comprehensive care team to manage both physical and behavioral health will improve rates of substance use disorder (SUD) screening and treatment adherence.

# NWHC Q1 Implementation

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- NWHC has enrolled as a community health worker provider.
- Currently working on enrolling behavioral health services in South Dakota Medicaid.
- NWHC is working on obtaining accreditation through the Department of Social Services Division of Behavioral Health for their substance use disorder services.