

Response Form for the Final Performance Review Report*

1. Name of Grantee: Public Health Management Corporation
2. Year of Grant: 2009 Formula Grant

A. For the overall grant, briefly describe your grant oversight process. How will you ensure that future health research grants and projects are completed and required reports (Annual Reports, Final Progress Reports, Audit Reports, etc.) are submitted to the Department in accordance with Grant Agreements? If any of the research projects contained in the grant received an “unfavorable” rating, please describe how you will ensure the Principal Investigator is more closely monitored (or not funded) when conducting future formula funded health research.

Oversight of health research grants and projects at Philadelphia Health Management Corporation are completed under the supervision of the Vice President of Research and Evaluation, Lynne Kotranski, Ph.D., who ensures that objectives and required reports for each grant are completed and submitted to the Department of Health.

* Please note that for grants ending on or after July 1, 2007, grantees' Final Performance Review Reports, Response Forms, and Final Progress Reports ***will be made publicly available on the CURE Program's Web site.***

Project Number: 0990701
Project Title: The Impact of Masculinity Ideals on HIV Risk among
Black and White Bisexually-Active Men
Investigator: LaPollo, Archana

B. Briefly describe your plans to address each specific weakness and recommendation in Section B using the following format. As you prepare your response please be aware that the Final Performance Review Report, this Response Form, and the Final Progress Report will be made publicly available on the CURE Program's Web site.

Reviewer Comment on Specific Weakness and Recommendation (*Copy and paste from the report the reviewers' comments listed under Section B - Specific Weaknesses and Recommendations*):

Reviewer 1:

1. The work is atheoretical and needs to be reconsidered in relation to a conceptual framing (e.g., syndemics theory).
2. The data need to be analyzed in relation to a conceptual model.
3. The analyses need to be re-examined in relation to the assumption of the General Linear Model.
4. There needs to be a clearly articulated plan for translation and dissemination.
5. The peer-review manuscript needs to be reconsidered in relation to the suggestions provided above.

Reviewer 2:

None

Reviewer 3:

1. Provide evidence of submission of the paper to a journal.
2. Provide a description of how the data can lead to an intervention(s) to reduce HIV risk in the target groups, and describe (briefly) the possible structure or approach of such an intervention.
3. Provide evidence of how infrastructure or the ability to conduct research or interventions has been enhanced.

Generic Recommendations for the Institution

Reviewer 3:

This is nice analysis with some important findings, but the project fails to take the step of translating these findings into recommendations for interventions.

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

Reviewer 1:

This project is a missed opportunity. Syndemics theory is a powerful model for helping to inform HIV prevention. Had the work been nested in this paradigm, the resulting analyses and findings would have been more robust and meaningful. The statistical analyses are also suspect and must be considered in light of the assumptions of the General Linear Model. There is no apparent collaboration or translation, and it is unclear if this work will be leveraged to secure additional funding. Finally, there is no evidence that the peer-reviewed manuscript will be published.

Reviewer 3:

There is no evidence of leveraging of additional funds or of infrastructure enhancement. In addition, there is no evidence that the data analysis has led to the design of prevention or risk reduction programs arising from the data, which is the most important outcome that might be anticipated from this analysis.

Response (Describe your plan to address each specific weakness and recommendation to ensure the feedback provided is utilized to improve ongoing or future research efforts):

The Public Health Management Corporation received \$21,969 in formula funds for this project which aimed to increase the understanding of how factors such as ideals of masculinity may contribute to HIV risk among Black and White men who have sex with men and women (MSMW). This project utilized existing data gathered from 346 Black and White MSMW in Philadelphia. In the text below, I address the recommendations made by the reviewers.

The reviewers provided meaningful feedback related to the need for the analyses to be nested within a theoretical framework to make the findings more robust and meaningful, potential weaknesses in the analyses used, additional information related to plans for translation and dissemination of the findings, and evidence of submission or publication of the manuscript.

Since the Final Report for this grant was submitted, I am pleased to report that a revised and refined version of the manuscript was submitted for consideration for publication in the American Journal of Men's Health on April 1, 2013, and we are awaiting a response from the editors regarding its publication. Whether or not the manuscript is accepted for publication, the comments from the reviewers will be considered carefully during any revisions of the manuscript. For example, the need to frame the analyses within a theoretical framework is noted. The author appreciates the suggestion of Reviewer 1 of considering Syndemics Theory. Another consideration would be to use an Intersectionality framework (Bowleg, 2012) which recognizes the influence of multiple interlocking identities, including racial, sexual, gender, social, and class-related identities as well as experiences of discrimination on behaviors and health outcomes. In addition, the multivariate analysis will be reconsidered in light of the recommendations of the first reviewer. Finally, the manuscript will be revised to discuss how these findings can be translated into HIV prevention interventions and risk reduction strategies

among MSMW and their sexual partners. Translation of these findings into practice is the ultimate goal of this research.

C. If the research project received an “unfavorable” rating, please indicate the steps that you intend to take to address the criteria that the project failed to meet and to modify research project oversight so that future projects will not receive “unfavorable” ratings.

Response:

D. Additional comments in response to the Final Performance Review Report (OPTIONAL):

Response: *Thank you.*