

Culturally Responsive Collaborative of Queens (CRCQ) Receives \$700,000 Innovation Grant from OneCity Health

(New York, NY — June 13, 2018) – South Asian Council for Social Services (SACSS) announced today that it has received a \$700,000 grant from the **OneCity Health Innovation Fund** to implement its project, **Culturally Responsive Collaborative of Queens (CRCQ)**. In collaboration with **Voces Latinas, Polonians Organized to Minister to Our Community (POMOC), The Young Women’s Christian Association of Queens, Inc. (YWCA)** the grant funding will serve the diverse needs of hard-to-reach populations to increase health literacy outcomes and connection to critical healthcare services.

Community partnerships are an essential component of enrollment efforts to serve the geographically, culturally and economically isolated immigrant communities. With this in mind, the CRCQ Project is uniquely designed to decrease the inequities in healthcare access and health by providing information and services that is culturally and linguistically appropriate to the target populations. This collaborative effort aims to bridge the health disparities by promoting health literacy and increase access to healthcare by connecting individuals to health insurance or culturally competent primary care provider.

“We are thrilled with this award that will ensure the health and well being of our communities. We believe that this encouragement from OneCity Health will serve as a strong step towards the realization of the DSRIP mission.”
Sudha Acharya, Executive Director of South Asian Council for Social Services

OneCity Health, the NYC Health + Hospitals Performing Provider System under New York State’s Delivery System Reform Incentive Payment (DSRIP) program, selected eight community partners to receive funding from its \$5 million Innovation Fund to implement programs that will reduce avoidable hospitalizations, improve community health outcomes, and address social determinants of health, like food security and health literacy.

The \$5M Innovation Fund was open to all OneCity Health partners, which includes more than 160 community-based organizations, hospitals, physician practices, pharmacies, behavioral health practitioners and others. OneCity Health encouraged partners to collaborate and submit joint applications, and ultimately received 41 applications from 55 partners.

“Congratulations to our partners for submitting creative ideas that cover a range of topics, from opioid dependency to improving connections to care. Their innovations will help improve the health of our patients,” said Israel Rocha, CEO, OneCity Health. “Each project represents two important aspects of the DSRIP program, innovation and community collaboration. These innovative solutions help to bridge the gap to a value-based payment environment, and the collaborations between our community partners demonstrate a holistic approach to creating an integrated delivery system. We look forward to helping to foster these programs over the next year and seeing their results.”

The \$5M fund was one of the largest allocations set aside by a Performing Provider System across the State to support more community collaborations, innovations, and best practices.

About South Asian Council for Social Services (SACSS)

SACSS is a community based nonprofit organization addressing the diverse needs of the South Asian community. Its mission is to empower and integrate underserved South Asians and other immigrants into the civic and economic life of New York. Individuals and families are assisted in the areas of healthcare access and awareness, food pantry, senior support services, civic engagement and advocacy efforts for social justice causes. All of SACSS' programs are free and provided by culturally competent staff members who speak over 11 South Asian languages in addition to Creole and Spanish.

About OneCity Health

OneCity Health is the [NYC Health + Hospitals](#)-sponsored Performing Provider System, formed under the auspices of the New York State Delivery System Reform Incentive Payment (DSRIP) program. Comprising hundreds of healthcare providers, community-based organizations, and health systems, OneCity Health is the largest Performing Provider System in New York City.



CRCQ partners at OneCity Health Innovation Fund Ceremony on June 12th, 2018

From left to right:

Rehan Mehmood, Director Health Services, SACSS; Israel Rocha Jr., CEO, OneCity Health; Peggy Chan, DSRIP Program Director, New York State Department of Health; Sudha Acharya, Executive Director, SACSS; Eva Kornacka, Executive Director, POMOC; Nathaly Rubio-Torio, Executive Director, Voces Latinas; Magnolia Franco, Associate Director of Programs at YWCA

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