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Hi Cindy,

Thanks for considering a letter of support for our grant aspirations.

Thrive Digital (a joint venture of Thrive Peer Support and Dolan Research International), is developing an application for a Fast-track SBIR grant in response to the NIH omnibus solicitation. We will be speaking with program officers as soon as possible to get their feedback and gauge their interest in our specific aims, but at this stage, we think we will be applying to NIAAA.

Thrive and Dolan have expertise in all aspects of peer recovery support services - including the training of peer recovery coaches. There exists a knowledge gap in terms of peer coach training, and very little research has been conducted into the most effective methods for delivering workforce development training to coaches and skills development to those seeking recovery. With peer recovery coaching taking on an ever more important role to fill critical care gaps, we believe it is crucial to research the most effective means of training recovery coaches. Recovery Coach's performance may mean the difference between a person maintaining recovery or relapsing - and the potentially catastrophic consequences relapse precipitates.

We are currently developing our specific aims for this project with that in mind. In phase I, we will likely examine training models that have been studied and found to be effective in other disciplines and run a small pilot testing selected models with peer recovery coaches. In phase II, we will be developing a minimum viable product for a technology platform incorporating what we learned in phase I. Our goal for the platform is to develop a standardized means of disseminating evidence-based peer recovery coach training. Ideally, this will be a two-sided platform that can be leveraged to both train peer coaches (standardized how and what they are taught) and to deliver peer recovery coaching using a standardized curriculum to those seeking recovery in individual and group settings.

Our intention is to collaborate with researchers at an academic institution who have interest and knowledge of these topics, and who would be interested in partnering with us as a subcontractor on this application and contributing to the development of our plan for this proposal and subsequent execution of a pilot study in phases I and II.

What do you think?

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