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Texas Child Mental
Health Care Consortium

New and Emerging Children's Mental Health Researchers (NECMHR) Initiative

New and Emerging Children's Mental Health Researchers

- FY28/29 awards are contingent on legislative funding.
- This initiative focuses on advancing the knowledge and evidence base in the prevention and treatment of childhood mental illness and supporting the training and research of new and emerging researchers.
- NECMHR research must be related to improving the children/perinatal mental health system and/or children/perinatal mental health services in Texas. It also may include gaining an understanding of the causes of childhood psychiatric disorders.
- Basic bench research and pharmaceutical clinical trials are **NOT** eligible for NECMHR funding.
- Once promising and evidence-informed practices are identified, findings will be disseminated to inform providers, policy makers, advocates, and families about specific types of treatment approaches that can minimize the symptoms of childhood mental illness, promote recovery, and help all Texas children thrive.

Types of Grants

1. Research Career Development
2. Post-doctoral Fellow and Trainee
3. Research Project



Eligibility

- Only those affiliated with one of TCMHCC's participating HRIs are eligible to apply.
- Principal investigators may partner with Texas-based investigators at non-TCMHCC institutions as needed.
- Prioritization will be given to applicants who have never been an NIH R-01 grant principal investigator and are at the rank of associate professor or lower.
- Trainees (including clinical and research fellows) are eligible and encouraged to apply.
- Proposals that include more than one TCMHCC institution are encouraged.

Research Priorities

Like last year, we have incorporated research priorities with input from the following agencies and groups:

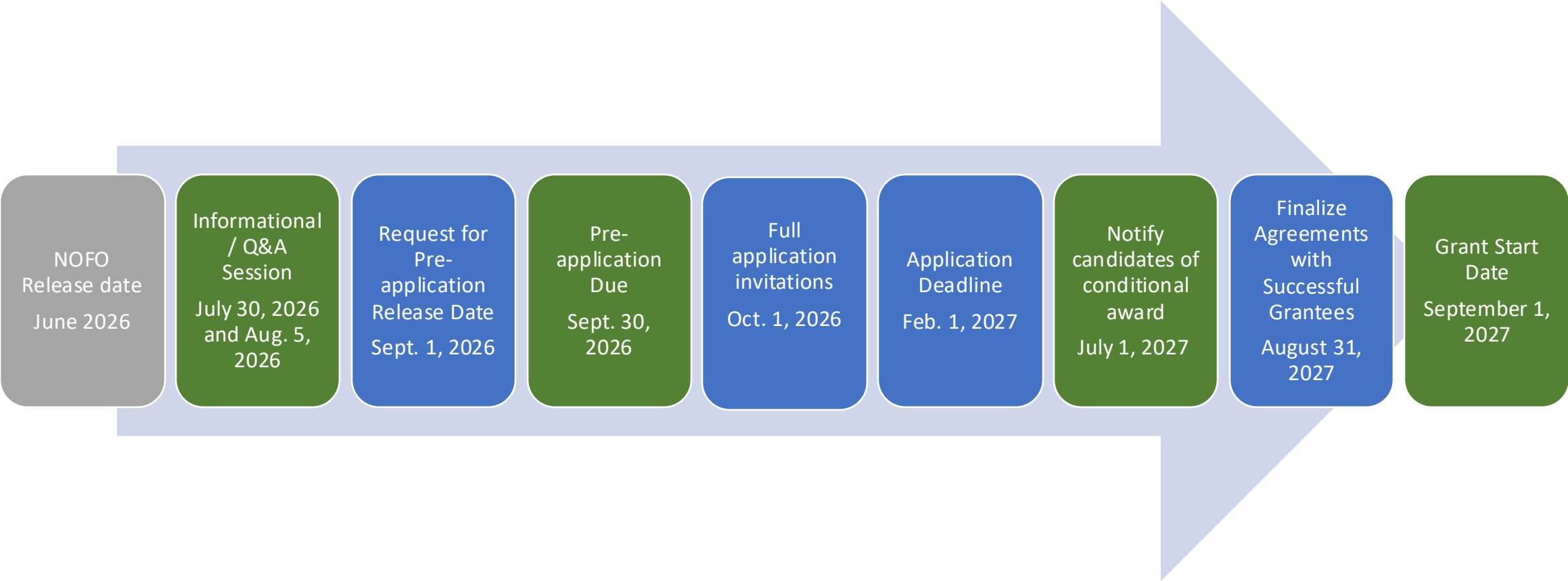
- Texas Health and Human Services Commission
- Texas Department of State Health Services
- Texas Department of Family Protective Services
- Texas Juvenile Justice Department
- Texas Council of Community Centers
- Hogg Foundation
- Texas Child Mental Health Care Consortium (program medical directors and evaluation priorities)



Cross Institutional Mentorships

- Senior faculty at TCMHCC HRIs can provide mentorship to any applicant from any TCMHCC HRI.
- As part of mentorship, mentors are required to provide input to the researcher related to their proposals.
- If the researcher is awarded the grant and the mentor is identified as a mentor for their grant, they will assist the researcher and guide them along their research and publication of findings.
- Mentors can be provided salary support (based on the 2027 NIH cap) if they were included on the applicant's proposal.
- TCMHCC has received mentorship interest from 8 senior faculty/clinicians.

Draft Timeline



Discussion Items

- If TCMHCC can increase research dollars next session:
 - What should be the priorities?
 - Would a program modeled after the NIH T-32 program be beneficial?
 - If so, would this be a different application process from NECMHR and how do we make sure it is fair to all TCMHCC institutions?
 - What changes do you recommend in the NECMHR program?