The Center for Home Care Policy & Research, established in 1993, conducts scientifically rigorous research to promote the delivery of high-quality, cost-effective care in the home and community. To date, the Center has been awarded over $59 million in federal and private grant and contract funding, evolving into a multi-functional scientific research and evaluation team informing VNSNY, local, national, & international health policy, science & evidence-based practice.

NEW HIRES. Julia Burgdorf, Research Scientist; Sonia Cheruvillil, Project Manager; Greg Horton, Business Manager; and Felix Vasquez, Research Assistant

SCIENTIFIC ACCOLADES & ACHIEVEMENTS

- **2021 American Medical Informatics Association’s New Investigator Award**: Max Topaz is the first nurse to receive this award. This award recognizes Max for his early informatics contributions and significant scholarly contributions based on scientific merit and research excellence.

- **2021 Doris Schwartz Gerontological Nursing Research Award**: Kathryn Bowles. This award is presented by the Nursing Care of Older Adults Interest Group of the Gerontological Society of America (GSA) in recognition of outstanding and sustained contribution to geriatric nursing research.


SCIENTIFIC FOCUS on COVID-19

- Agency for Health Care Research and Quality R03 (Arbaje & Bowles/McDonald) Making health care safer for older adults receiving skilled home health care services after hospital discharge – COVID-19 ($305,143)

- Altman Foundation Grant (Feldman/Russell/McDonald) Ensuring Safety of the Home Health Aide Workforce and the Continuation of Essential Patient Care through Sustainable Pandemic Preparedness ($75,000)

- Missouri University Intramural Grant (Chase & Bowles) Family caregiving in home health care during the COVID-19 pandemic: A qualitative descriptive study ($2,200)

- **NEW AWARD since last meeting**: National Institute of Nursing Research R01 (Aldridge & McDonald) The Impact of COVID-19 on End-of-Life Care for Vulnerable Populations ($151,939)

NEW RESEARCH AWARDS since June 2021 committee meeting = 6 (including the study detailed above)

- Agency for Health Care Research and Quality R01 (Shang & McDonald) Dis-Infection in HHC ($868,580)

- National Institute on Aging (Phongtankuel & Shah) Developing and Pilot Testing Culturally Based Educational Videos for Puerto Rican and African American Home Hospice Caregivers ($56,456)

- National Institute of Health Pepper Center (Reckrey & Russell) HHA Continuity Among Home-based Long-Term Care Clients and Its Relationship with Health Outcomes ($30,000)

- National Institute of Nursing Research R01 (Ryvicker) Gender affirmation, quality of life, and access to care: A Mixed-method longitudinal investigation ($3,465,853)

- National Institute of Nursing Research R21 (Applebaum & McDonald) A pragmatic randomized control trial of nurse-delivered brief meaning centered psychotherapy for homebound palliative care patients ($152,667)

GRANT PROPOSAL EFFORTS. 16 proposals awarded funding (6 of which were 2020 submissions; 8 Federal awards); total value of $5,980,473

- 15 new proposal submissions in 2021, $2,708,546 in total requested funding

- 4 proposals still under consideration, $1,591,064 in total pending funding

ONGOING EXTERNALLY FUNDED RESEARCH & EVALUATION STUDIES. 33 active studies in 2021.

PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS & PRESENTATIONS. 29 manuscripts published, w/ 9 more under review. 9 Presentations.