

# Lantana Awarded National Institutes of Health Contract

**East Thetford, VT (April 26, 2021)** – The National Institutes of Health (NIH) awarded Lantana Consulting Group a two-year contract working with the *Eunice Kennedy Shriver* National Institute of Child Health and Human Development (NICHD). This project, funded by the Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation (ASPE) Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Trust Fund (PCOR-TF), will promote the study of severe maternal morbidity and mortality using clinical data extracted from electronic health record (EHR) and health information exchange (HIE) systems.

Derived directly from the health care service delivery process, these clinical data are removed from the distortion introduced when data are developed for different purposes such as reimbursement or administrative management.

“This project offers the opportunity to identify and address the barriers that have limited the use of this significant resource and to work with a large and diverse body of stakeholders and experts to promote greater researcher access to the clinical record of care. We are thrilled to work with NIH on this opportunity,” says Lantana’s Chief Operating Officer, Courtney Panaia-Rodi, who will lead the project as Project Executive.

Lantana will work with NICHD to engage both the communities of researchers, public health experts and health care providers, and the OS-PCORTF Maternal Health Consortium in discussions and decisions aimed at harmonizing information requirements and definitions to provide access to these data through the Fast Healthcare Interoperable Resources (FHIR®) application programming interface (API). As part of this project, Lantana will facilitate the Maternal Health Consortium that includes OS-PCORTF funded projects teams engaged in work that will study data via the interoperability specification. The Consortium will share activities on their projects and find opportunities for learning and collaboration.

This \$807,000 contract is Lantana’s first with NIH and first under the General Services Administration (GSA) vehicle SIN 54151HEAL: Health Information Technology Services.

## About Lantana

Lantana Consulting Group is a leader in health data quality and integration, which increases access to health information across the spectrum of care delivery and management.

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