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TLSF's Navi4Health Clinical Trial Case Management in *The Monitor*

Austin, TX (August 15, 2010) Texas Life Science Foundation's (TLSF) Navi4Health clinical trial and care case management solution is featured in the August 2010 issue of *The Monitor: The Global Voice of Clinical Research Professionals*. The peer reviewed article, entitled "From Policy to Practice: Understanding and Enhancing Minority Participation in Clinical Trials," describes Navi4Health along with other programs that address the problems associated with recruiting and retaining underrepresented populations in clinical trials.

TLSF's patent pending Navi4Health is one of several technology solutions that TLSF is developing to address diversity, expand access to and support retention for clinical trials. Navi4Health's bi-lingual English and Spanish case management and social networking system grew out of the need to address patient barriers to trials and support patient navigators in their efforts to address barriers. The article includes a description of a joint project of TLSF and Dia de la Mujer Latina (DML) to provide training and support of Promotoras de Salud in five Texas cities funded by Blue Cross Blue Shield of Texas. Working with healthcare and community-based organizations, DML's founder and CEO, Venus Gines, provides a 160-hours Texas state certification course for Promotores/as and Community Health Workers in each of the Texas cities. The trained Promotoras then provide patient navigation during city-wide Health Fiesta for cancer and chronic disease screenings and education::any participants with a diagnosis or health chronic health issue are provided case management and referrals to resources by the community-based Promotoras. Navi4Heath's secure, password protected system is used by the Promotores/as to track participants and ensure follow-up with referrals, including clinical trial opportunities.

"Our DML Promotores/as have needed a way to track their clients and support their navigation efforts, said DML's Gines. Navi4Health allows us to track, notify and communicate easily with our clients. The case management solution not only captures information on our clients' barriers to care, such as medical mistrust and cultural and social barriers, it also creates a record of the time and resources allocated to address those barriers."

TLSF is partnering with other DML projects and proposals , including breast cancer clinical trials, cancer survivorship and other chronic disease areas including diabetes to support the Promotores/as as community based navigators.

About Texas Life Science Foundation (TLSF) www.tlsfoundation.org TLSF is an entrepreneurial nonprofit foundation working to increase access to clinical trials, expand and accelerate recruitment, especially among underserved and minority populations and to support patient communications and retention in trials. Through supporting cancer clinical trial enrollment via personalized patient matching and navigation to trials TLSF will deliver services to Texas cancer patients and their families. More information about TLSF is available at its website. www.TLSTFoundation.org.