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NEW GRANTS & PROGRAMS

- **The California Endowment** (Los Angeles) awarded nearly \$8 million in grants to several organizations across California to expand the health care safety net for state residents. Among the grantees are: **The Center to Promote Healthcare Access** (Oakland) – \$500,000 to support a collaborative effort to leverage and improve existing tools and resources to connect uninsured and underinsured families to health and social service programs throughout California; **California Rural Legal Assistance Foundation** (San Francisco) – \$100,000 to ensure that low-income rural residents can maximize benefit and assistance programs and to ensure that stimulus funds are reaching California's rural communities with degraded or nonexistent community public health infrastructures; **Maternal and Child Health Access** (Los Angeles) – \$83,000 to support a collaborative effort to improve access to health and nutrition public benefits for low- to moderate-income individuals and families affected by the economic downturn; and **Para Los Niños** (Los Angeles) – \$50,000 to provide comprehensive, high-quality mental health services to low-income, underserved children and families in Los Angeles. Contact: Jeff Okey, 213.928.8622, jockey@calendow.org.
- **Moses Cone-Wesley Long Community Health Foundation** (Greensboro, NC) recently announced awards of \$2.75 million in nursing scholarships, contributions, and grants to

community partners to continue their work in improving the health status of residents in the greater Greensboro community. Among the grantees are: **Piedmont Health Services and Sickle Cell Agency** (Greensboro) – \$264,878 to support the **Unlimited Potential Project**, which focuses on teen pregnancy and STD prevention, and \$249,075 to support **Safety Counts**, an HIV-prevention program; **Central Carolina Health Network** (Greensboro) – \$200,654 to provide bridge counseling for patients with HIV; **Moses Cone Health System** (Greensboro) – \$200,000 to support its regional cancer center; **Guilford Adult Health** – \$53,300 to address access to health care through the **Guilford Community Care Network**. Contact: Antonia Monk Reeves, 336.832.9555, antonia.reaves@mosescone.com.

- **The George Gund Foundation** (Cleveland, OH) awarded \$4.9 million in grants to 56 organizations that serve residents of metropolitan Cleveland. The foundation awarded \$2 million to **Foundation Fighting Blindness** (Owings Mills, MD) for research on retinal degenerative disease. In addition, a \$50,000 grant was made to the **Center for Community Solutions** (Cleveland, OH) to support the **AIDS Funding Collaborative**. Contact: Deena Epstein, 216.241.3114, depstein@gundfdn.org.
- **The John A. Hartford Foundation, Inc.** (New York, NY) approved two grants totaling \$1.2 million for projects to improve the health of older adults by providing training and education to advance practice nurses and medical students. **American Association of**

GIH NEWS

GIH FEATURED IN UPCOMING HEALTH AFFAIRS ARTICLE

Read GIH's latest work "Foundation Work In Long-Term Care" in the January issue of *Health Affairs* (GrantWatch section). The article discusses different approaches health foundations have taken to improve the financing and delivery of long-term services and supports. (Subscription required to access full text.)

ANNUAL MEETING REMINDERS

- Avoid late fees and register for the meeting by **February 12**.
- Be sure to reserve your room by **February 5** or before the room block is full. Attendees can make reservations by calling 1.888.444.OMNI. Please note that there are no other hotels within walking distance of ChampionsGate; reserve your room early.
- Marketplace participation forms are due by **February 12** in order to take part and be listed in meeting materials. Take advantage of this space to showcase your organization's latest initiatives and publications. For more information, visit www.gih.org.

Visit www.gih.org for the latest Issue Focus and Views from the Field articles.

- Colleges of Nursing** (AACN) (Washington, DC) in collaboration with the **Hartford Institute at New York University** (NY) received a two-year grant for \$647,336 in response to the new uniform, national model for advanced practice nurses. This project will foster the implementation of the recently developed adult-gerontology competencies via learning resources, faculty development opportunities, and new certification exam. In addition, AACN will establish a Web-based resource center and a speaker/consultant bureau to assist faculty in implementing the competencies. The foundation also awarded a renewal grant of \$665,235 over three years to the **American Federation for Aging Research, Inc.** (New York, NY) to support the **Medical Student Training in Aging Research** program and up to 330 new participants. The program is designed to encourage students early in their education to consider careers in academic or clinical geriatrics, or in aging-focused careers in other specialties by providing an intellectually stimulating, supportive, and positive educational experience in geriatric medicine. Contact: Francisco Doll, 212.832.7788, francisco.doll@jhartfound.org.
- **The Healthcare Foundation of New Jersey** (Millburn) awarded approximately \$1.4 million in grants to 12 organizations. Among the grantees are: **Trinitas Health Foundation** (Elizabeth, NJ) – \$150,000 to support the **Trinitas Regional Medical Center Surgical Advancement Project**; **Jewish Service for the Developmentally Disabled of MetroWest** (West Orange, NJ) – \$119,880 to support the agency's plans for expansion; **Children's Specialized Hospital Foundation, Inc.** (Mountainside, NJ) – \$100,000 for renovation of Children's Specialized Hospital; **Legal Services of New Jersey** (Edison) – \$65,000 to provide legal assistance for medical patients; and **Hetrick-Martin Institute, Inc.** (New York, NY) – \$50,000 to support safety, wellness, and educational after-school programs for lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender youth in Newark. For more information, visit www.hfnj.org.
 - **Hogg Foundation for Mental Health** (Austin, TX) awarded \$265,348 toward mental health policy projects. **Texas Network of Youth Services** (Austin) received \$77,780 to help ease the transition to adulthood and independence for runaway, homeless, and foster youth with mental health conditions. The organization will hire and train the youth to interview their peers at eight sites in Texas, prepare a report with recommendations for state and local policymakers, and include youth in advocacy efforts such as testifying before legislative committees. The foundation awarded \$60,799 to **Advocates of Abilene** (TX) to research state and federal employment policies that relate to disability benefits and to produce educational materials in English and Spanish that explain the impact of employment on disability and low-income benefits. Contact: Merrell Foote, 512.471.9142, merrell.foote@austin.utexas.edu.
 - **Kansas Health Foundation** (Wichita) announced the first round of community foundations to participate in the second chapter of the **Giving Resources to Our World Healthy Kansas Initiative** (GROW II). GROW II is focused on strengthening the community foundation field in Kansas and building endowments to underwrite solutions to local health issues. Twelve community foundations across the state have been selected to participate and will be challenged to raise endowment dollars, which will be matched by the foundation. If these communities are successful in their fundraising efforts, more than \$16 million will be raised for the betterment of communities across Kansas. The selected organizations and the endowed amount they are eligible to receive include: **Greater Salina Community Foundation** – \$800,000; **Central Kansas Community Foundation** (Newton) – \$600,000; **Douglas County Community Foundation** (Lawrence) – \$600,000; and **Community Foundation of Southeast Kansas** (Pittsburgh) – \$600,000. Contact: Kathy Manweiler, 316.262.7676, kmanweiler@khf.org.
 - **The Kresge Foundation** (Detroit, MI) awarded a \$10,000 grant to **Heritage Works** (Detroit, MI) to create a 15-week family arts program using arts, culture, and cross-disciplinary collaboration to address health and wellness issues in Detroit's Osborn and Cody-Rouge neighborhoods. The grant is part of more than \$100,000 in funding from the foundation to projects that use various forms of art to address various issues in metropolitan Detroit. Contact: Cynthia Shaw, 248.643.9630, cbsshaw@kresge.org.
 - **Missouri Foundation for Health** (St. Louis) awarded more than \$4.4 million in grants to support Missouri-based nonprofit organizations that work toward improving the health of state residents. **University of Missouri, Columbia** received \$287,915 to help the university establish a 15-credit hour minor degree program in health literacy for undergraduate, nonphysician health professional students. **Catholic Charities Community Services** (St. Louis) was awarded \$221,720 to support the organization's **Health Literacy Project for Older Adults**, which will offer a health literacy curriculum and home visits for area seniors. A \$200,000 grant to **Sullivan County Memorial Hospital** (Milan) will augment recruitment efforts for a primary care physician and a financial assistance coordinator to assist uninsured and underinsured patients. The foundation awarded \$200,000 to **Citizens Memorial Hospital District** (Bolivar) to expand its telemedicine network from 2 to 15 sites and provide additional services for rural patients and long-term care residents. Contact: Julie Johnson, 314.345.5580, jjohnson@mffh.org.
 - **New Hampshire Charitable Foundation** (Concord) announced the establishment of three new funds to benefit area children and young adults. The **Rolfe and Rumford Fund** is a donor advised fund with assets of approximately \$3 million. The fund has a particular emphasis on programs and services for children and young adults in Merrimack County, with a preference for health, welfare, and education. Two scholarship funds will benefit local students: a female student from Concord High School and a student from

Merrimack County. The funds were established resulting from the closing of the Concord-based **Rolfe and Rumford Home**, which supported homeless girls. Contact: Julia Olivares, 603.225.6641, ext. 1244, jfo@nhcf.org.

- **Richmond Memorial Health Foundation** (VA) announced that it has awarded \$140,000 in grants. **Free Clinic of Powhatan** (VA) will receive \$50,000 over two years to support general operating expenses to enhance the clinic's ability to provide medical, dental, and mental health services to the residents of Powhatan County. **CrossOver Ministry** (Richmond, VA) was awarded \$40,000 for one year to support the Cowardin Street Clinic operations. Funds will support program staff salaries to enhance the clinic's ability to provide medical and dental services. **Family Lifeline** (Richmond, VA) was awarded \$30,000 for one year to support the **Elderfriends Program**. Funds will support program staff salaries to increase the organization's capacity to match isolated elders with volunteers and to increase volunteer recruitment. **Goochland Free Clinic and Family Services** (VA) was awarded \$20,000 for one year to support clinic operations. Funds will support program staff salaries to enhance the clinic's ability to provide medical and dental services for women. Contact: John Estes, 804.282.6282, jestes@rmhfoundation.org.
- **The Rhode Island Foundation** (Providence) announced a \$450,000 emergency community grant, which will help provide food, prescription medication, utility and heating assistance, and other necessities to residents in Rhode Island. The grant will be shared by eight **Rhode Island Community Action Programs**, \$250,000; the **Rhode Island Community Food Bank** (Providence), \$100,000; and the **Salvation Army Good Neighbor Energy Fund** (Cranston), \$100,000. Through the foundation's funding, more than 1,300 families will receive utilities and heating assistance; nearly 1,000 will receive emergency housing assistance and critical prescription assistance; and more than 250,000 pounds of food will be made available to families who rely on emergency food pantries and soup kitchens. Contact: Jamie Hull, 401.427.4003, jhull@rifoundation.org.
- **Riverside Community Health Foundation** (CA) awarded more than \$1 million to local nonprofits dedicated to improving the health of Riverside residents. Among the grantees are: **Loma Linda University Children's Hospital** – \$260,000 to purchase five rapid response extracorporeal membrane oxygenation systems, which provide a child's heart and lung function when disease has caused heart and/or lung failure; **Inland Agency** (Riverside) – \$120,000 to fund the **Women's Health Initiative**, which will provide breast cancer screening and treatment for eligible women age 39 and younger residing in the city of Riverside; **Catholic Charities San Bernardino/Riverside** – \$50,000 to provide two clinical therapists that will offer crisis intervention, psychotherapy, support, and education groups; **The Arc of Riverside County** – \$40,000 to provide an on-site licensed vocational nurse at the Brockton Resource Center, a facility that provides services for adults with developmental disabilities. Contact: Ninfa Delgado, 951.788.3471, ninfa@rchf.org.
- **Sisters of Charity Foundation of South Carolina** (Columbia) awarded 23 grants totaling \$248,000 to nonprofit and faith-based organizations across South Carolina. **Healthy Learners** (Columbia) was awarded \$160,000 to provide access to medical services to uninsured children in Allendale, Dillon, Georgetown, Greenwood, Lexington, and Richland counties. A \$15,000 grant to **Family Service Center, Inc.** (Columbia) will help sustain the Children's and Adult Volunteer Dental Clinic, which provides free oral health care services to residents of low-income household in Richland and Lexington counties. **Palmetto Volunteers in Medicine Clinic** (Rock Hill) – \$10,000 for primary office medical care, pharmacy services, and referral services for the uninsured in York County. **Stella Maris St. Vincent de Paul Society** (Sullivan's Island) will use a \$2,500 grant to provide nutritional supplements to elderly homebound residents. The foundation awarded **Rock Hill School District Foundation** \$1,500 to supply nutritious nonperishable food to malnourished students to take home for the weekend. Contact: Brooke Bailey, 803.254.0230, ext.18, bbailey@sistersofcharitysc.com.
- **St. David's Foundation** (Austin, TX) is awarding \$7.2 million in grants to area nonprofit organizations that provide access to health care to residents of central Texas. Among the grantees are: **People's Community Clinic** (Austin) – \$2.3 million to support general operations and special projects, such as the **Tandem Teen Prenatal and Parenting** program; **Lone Star Circle of Care** (Georgetown) – \$1.7 million to support program operations for this organization that provides primary care, particularly to the uninsured and underserved; **Meals on Wheels and More** (Austin) – \$224,847 to support its **Second Meals** program, nutrition services, and **Mike's Place**, which will offer families and populations affected by Alzheimer's, other types of memory loss, and dementia a source of support and an opportunity for caregivers to rest; **Family Eldercare** (Austin) – \$175,000 to support the **Aging in Place** program; and **Austin Groups for the Elderly** – \$160,000 for supportive services that enhance independent living for seniors. Contact: Lisa Trahan, 512.879.6612, ltrahan@stdauidsfoundation.org.
- **Tides Foundation** (San Francisco, CA) awarded a two-year, \$130,000 matching grant to **The Health Trust** (Campbell, CA). Funding will support diverse community partnerships aimed at preventing obesity. The trust will use the funds to award grants to community organizations. The focus will be on making environments more conducive to sustaining efforts toward preventing obesity, such as improving access to healthy food choices. For more information, visit www.healthtrust.org and click on "News and Events."
- **Tufts Health Plan** (Providence, RI) awarded \$50,000 to local high schools through the **Fitness for Your Future**

essay contest. Together with Sports Radio 103.7 WEEI-FM and CVS Caremark, Tufts Health Plan launched the program at the start of the 2009-2010 school year to promote health and physical activity among high school youth. Open to all Rhode Island high schools, including public, private, and parochial, the contest encouraged authorized school officials to submit an essay describing how \$10,000 would be used to create a health, wellness, or fitness-related program to benefit the students of their high school. One school from each of the five counties in Rhode Island was selected among eligible entries to win \$10,000 to institute the program at their school. Recipients are: **Cranston East High School** (Providence County), **West Warwick High School** (Kent County), **East Bay Met School** (Bristol County), **Mt. Hope High School** (Newport County), and **Chariot Regional High School** (Washington County). For more information, visit www.fitnessforyourfutureri.com.

SURVEYS, STUDIES & PUBLICATIONS

- **Robert Wood Johnson Foundation** (Princeton, NJ) released the results of a study that measures Americans' attitudes about the nation's health care system. The *Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Health Care Consumer Confidence Index* reports that one in four (26.5 percent) Americans each month worried that they would lose health care coverage and nearly half (48.3 percent) were concerned that they would not be able to afford future health care needs if they or a family member became seriously ill. The report points to Americans making a connection between health care and a stable economy, with more than 80 percent indicating they believe it was important for President Obama to include health reform plans to address the economy. Contact: Mike Warner, 202.536.8101.
- **W.K. Kellogg Foundation** (Battle Creek, MI) released an assessment of

international and U.S. experiences training and deploying new types of dental health care providers who could be used to help fill gaps in care. *Training Dental Health Providers in the U.S.* suggests that dental therapists, who perform preventive and basic dental services, could provide much-needed care to millions of underserved Americans, working in collaboration with dentists while expanding their reach. Similar to a nurse practitioner or physician assistant, dental therapists are envisioned as members of the dental team that is led by the dentist or dental specialist. The report notes that dental therapists in other countries typically receive two years of training for dental therapy and three years for combined dental therapy and dental hygiene immediately following secondary school. They work in quasi-independent arrangements with dentists, which expand the reach of dentists, allowing them to delegate basic services to therapists and help keep services more affordable and accessible. To read the full report, visit www.wkcf.org. Contact: Sara Knoll, 301.652.1558.

- **MetLife** (New York, NY) released *Caregiving in the U.S.*, a comprehensive examination of caregiving in America. The report reveals that 29 percent of the adult population are caregivers for adults, elderly, and children with special needs, and that 66 percent are female. The report, which was conducted by the National Alliance for Caregiving in collaboration with AARP, found that most caregivers care for a relative (86 percent) – most often a parent – and approximately 70 percent care for someone over the age of 50. It was also reported that caregivers typically provide 20 hours of care per week for an average duration of 4.6 years. Other findings show that both the age of caregivers and the age of those needing care have increased. The report also indicates that caregivers are receiving more help from others than they were five years ago. Contact: Ted Mitchell, 401.827.3236.
- **The Lucile Packard Foundation for Children's Health** (Palo Alto, CA) has commissioned and released the first-ever index of child health and well-

being. *California Index of Child and Youth Well Being* shows a consistent pattern of improvement in how children have fared over the last decade but warns that the present economic recession could undermine and possibly even reverse those gains. The index is based on data from www.kidsdata.org, which recently expanded to offer data on children's health and well-being for all cities, counties, and school districts in California. For more information, visit www.kidsdata.org/index. Contact: Felicity Ayes, 650.724.5778.

ON-LINE

- **The Duke Endowment** (Charlotte, NC) announced the launch of its revamped Web site. The new site gives visitors easy access to information on the foundation's efforts to help vulnerable children, support higher education, strengthen rural churches, and improve health care. The site offers lessons for funders, news for journalists, and insights for policymakers. The site also includes an interactive grants database that houses information on nearly 800 grants. For more information, visit www.dukeendowment.org.

OTHER NEWS

- **Aetna Foundation, Inc.** (Hartford, CT) has partnered with **The George Washington University (GWU) School of Public Health and Health Services** (Washington, DC) to establish the **Aetna Foundation Distinguished Lectureship in Health Policy**. This annual lectureship will provide the opportunity for GWU students, faculty, and alumni to engage in a dialogue around health policy with some of the leading experts in the field. Each lecturer will present a major speech as part of **Public Health Grand Rounds**, a series of broadcasts that addresses public health issues, and will also engage in smaller meetings with students and alumni throughout the week in residence. For more information, visit www.aetna.com/aetna-press/index.html.

- **The Blue Foundation for a Healthy Florida, Inc.** (Jacksonville) honored seven of Florida's top non-profits for their work toward improving the health of Florida's uninsured and underserved residents. The foundation selected two organizations as winners of the **2009 Sapphire Award**, which includes a \$100,000 prize, and one organization to receive its **Award of Distinction**, which includes a \$75,000 prize. The two Sapphire Award winners are: **Ann Storck Center** (Fort Lauderdale), which provides residential, preschool, adult day training, and life-enrichment services for children and adults who have severe developmental disabilities; and **The Education Fund - Plant a Thousand Gardens Collaborative Nutrition Initiative** (Miami-Dade County), which brings a hands-on approach to addressing childhood obesity by teaching children about healthy foods and nutrition via planting, maintaining, and learning about a vegetable garden. The Award of Distinction went to **Comprehensive AIDS Program of Palm Beach County**. In addition, four organizations received **Honorable Mention Awards** of \$25,000 each: **Children's Volunteer Health Network** (Santa Rosa Beach), **Capital Medical Society Foundation We Care Dental Network** (Tallahassee); **Hispanic Health Initiatives** (Casselberry); and **The Sulzbacher Center for the Homeless, Beaches Community Healthcare** (Jacksonville Beach). Contact: Paul Kluding, 904.905.3404, paul.kluding@bcbsfl.com.
- **The Henry J. Kaiser Family Foundation** (Menlo Park, CA) announced that it has updated **Health Reform Side-by-Side** to reflect the current health reform bill that was passed by the Senate on December 24, 2009. Health Reform Side-by-Side is an interactive tool that compares leading health reform proposal across various plan options and components. It includes information on proposals that have been introduced as legislation, as well as those that have been offered as draft proposals or as policy options. For more information, visit www.kff.org/healthreform/sidbyside.cfm.

- **Ronald McDonald House Charities (RMHC)** (Oak Brook, IL) honored four philanthropists for their continued efforts to give back and their advocacy for the children of the communities in which they live and work: McDonald's owner/operators **Jonah and Lynn Kaufman**, NBA All-Star **Alonzo Mourning**, and **Philip A. Pizzo, M.D.** Through supporting RMHC on the local and national levels, the Kaufmans help fund and advocate its mission of improving the health and well-being of children. The Kaufmans founded and continue to support a **Back to School Boutique**, which provides school supplies and backpacks to more than 800 children from low-income families each year. Mr. Mourning, through **Alonzo Mourning Charities** (Coconut Grove, FL) and its program **Zo's Fund for Life**, funds research and education to fight Focal Segmental Glomerulosclerosis (FSGS), the second leading cause of kidney failure in children. Dr. Pizzo has devoted much of his career to the diagnosis, management, prevention, and treatment of childhood cancers, and the infectious complications that occur in children whose immune systems are compromised by cancer and AIDS. He and his research team pioneered the development of new treatments for children with HIV infection, lengthening and improving their quality of life. For more information, visit www.rmhc.org and click on "News and Events."

- **The Rapides Foundation** (Alexandria, LA) announced the statewide expansion of its **Cenla Medication Access Program (CMAP)**, which has been providing free prescriptions to eligible central Louisiana residents since 2001. The foundation formed CMAP after research indicated that a significant number of central Louisiana residents on fixed incomes did not have prescription benefits. CMAP originally served residents in nine of Louisiana's 64 parishes. Thirty more parishes were added in 2008 when CMAP formed a partnership with the Louisiana Bureau of Primary Care and Rural Health. Late last year, the coverage area officially became the entire state. Since its origin, CMAP has helped more than 22,000 people receive free prescrip-

tions. For more information, visit www.rapidesfoundation.org.

- **United Health Foundation's** (Minnetonka, MN) **AARP/Blue Zones Vitality Project** announced that the life expectancy of the citizens of Albert Lea, Minnesota, increased an average of 3.1 years per person during the 10-month citywide project. The foundation-funded project was designed to inspire residents to take charge of their health to improve their quality of life. More than 2,300 residents followed the Vitality Compass®, an interactive tool on www.aarp.org/bluezonesproject that helps measure an individual's projected life expectancy based on current behaviors. As a result of the Vitality Project, important changes were made, including improvements to the community's infrastructure and environment, subtle but intentional changes by residents to encourage healthy eating and physical activity, an emphasis on social circles to reinforce long-term healthy behaviors, and opportunities to give back to the community. Town leaders plan to continue the progress toward a healthier city. *AARP The Magazine* will feature the project in its January/February issue, in addition to returning to Albert Lea in a year to track the progress. Additional information can be found at www.aarp.org/bluezonesproject.

PEOPLE

- **The Colorado Health Foundation** (Denver) elected three new members to its board of directors: **Virgilio Licona, M.D.**, **Donald J. Murphy, M.D.**, and **Stephanie Pierce**. Dr. Licona has nearly 40 years of experience with health care delivery as a family physician, consultant, Medicaid managed care expert, community health center expert, and teacher. He is associate medical director at Fort Lupton-based Plan de Salud Del Valle, Inc. Dr. Murphy is cofounder and coprincipal of Senior Care of Colorado, P.C., a primary care geriatrics practice with 45 clinicians providing care throughout metro Denver. He is also cofounder of Common Sense Medical Management and serves as a clinical

assistant professor of medicine at the University of Colorado Health Sciences Center. Ms. Pierce is an investment management executive with more than 16 years of experience in the asset management and private banking industries. She recently served as a senior vice president for Janus Capital Group's investment division in Denver. Contact: Sara O'Keefe, 303.953.3655.

- **The Colorado Trust** (Denver) announced that **Irene M. Ibarra** has been elected as the 2010 board chair of the Colorado Association of Funders, a statewide group representing a range of foundations, corporate giving programs, and other groups that support nonprofit causes. Ms. Ibarra is president and CEO of the trust and brings more than 25 years experience as a chief executive, public policy leader, and health advocate. She will lead the board at a pivotal time for the association, which has expanded its efforts to advance philanthropy through advocacy, education and research, and community outreach. The group's members also elected four new board members to serve a two-year term. Among them is **Shepard Nevel**, vice president of policy and operations at **The Colorado Health Foundation** (Denver).

- **Northwest Health Foundation** (Portland, OR) added three new members to its governing board: **Vanetta Abdellatif**, **Robbie Law, M.D.**; and **Carl Talton**. Ms. Abdellatif is director of Integrated Clinical Services at the Multnomah County Health Department, leads the county's Electronic Medical Records Implementation team, and is chair of the governing board for the Oregon Primary Care Association. Dr. Law, a board certified family physician, has practiced at Dunes Family Health Center in Reedsport, Oregon, since 1991. He was appointed clinical faculty at Oregon Health Sciences University in 1993 where he teaches medical students and residents. Mr. Talton is CEO and president of Portland Family of Funds Holdings, Inc., and has held executive positions at Portland General Electric and Pacific Power. He recently served as a commissioner with the Oregon Business Development Commission. In addition to the new board appointments, **Mel Kohn, M.D.** was elected board chair. Dr. Kohn is director of the Oregon Public Health Division and has been a member of the foundation's board since 2002. Contact: Chris Palmedo, 503.505.5699, cpalmedo@nwhf.org.

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