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NEW GRANTS & PROGRAMS

- **Aetna Foundation** (Hartford, CT) and **Hartford Foundation for Public Giving** (CT) awarded approximately \$720,000 to fund two obesity awareness and prevention programs at **Connecticut Children's Medical Center** (Farmington). A three-year, \$427,650 grant from the Hartford Foundation for Public Giving will provide core support for the work of the **Hartford Childhood Obesity Coalition**, a 31-member group of medical, academic, government, and community representatives based at the medical center. The Aetna Foundation's three-year, \$299,353 grant will support **Helping Children Grow Up Healthy**, a pilot program aimed at increasing communication between pediatricians and parents and their children about the dangers of obesity. For more information, visit www.connecticutchildrens.org.
- **Austin-Bailey Health and Wellness Foundation** (Canton, OH) awarded approximately \$200,000 to organizations that address health concerns for residents of Holmes, Stark, Tuscarawas, and Wayne counties in northeastern Ohio. Among the grantees are: **Prescription Assistance Network** (Canton) – \$50,000 to support prescription drug access and assistance for low-income individuals; **Tuscarawas Clinic for the Working Uninsured** (Dover) – \$15,000 to provide access to free primary health care to working uninsured individuals residing in Tuscarawas County; **Pathway Caring for Children** (Canton) – \$13,580 to purchase supplies and obtain resources to launch a path-to-

fitness program for children in foster care; and **Pomerene Hospital** (Millersburg) – \$3,000 to provide supplies and equipment to support a diabetes education program. For more information, visit www.foundationcenter.org/grantmaker/austinbailey.

- **The Boston Foundation** (MA) awarded approximately \$2.8 million in grants to address critical issues for area residents. Among the Boston-based grantees with health programs are: **Health Resources in Action** – \$75,000 to support the **Mass in Motion Municipal Wellness and Leadership** grants program, a state program of the Massachusetts Department of Public Health to support efforts in the foundation's geographic service area; **Boston Food Council, Office of the Mayor, City of Boston** – \$50,000 for research and other costs for the council to ensure access to healthy food and to expand resources for local residents and businesses; **Massachusetts League of Community Health Centers** – \$25,000 for the first year of a three-year grant for the **Patient-Centered Medical Home Initiative**, which seeks to transform community health centers into patient-centered medical homes. For more information, visit www.tbf.org.
- **Connecticut Health Foundation** (New Britain) awarded a two-year grant to the **Yale Program for Recovery and Community Health** (New Haven) to implement a new training model designed to improve the effectiveness of care in meeting the mental health needs of people from diverse racial, ethnic, and cultural groups. The Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services'

GIH NEWS

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Office of Multicultural Affairs and Connecticut Mental Health Center will partner with Yale on this project that will study the impact of cultural competence training and technical assistance on mental health providers. It will also examine organizational effectiveness in working with diverse groups. Contact: Maryland Grier, 860.224.2200, ext. 32 Maryland@cthealth.org.

■ **Consumer Health Foundation**

(Washington, DC) awarded grants totaling more than \$1.8 million to 61 local organizations working to improve the health of Greater Washington residents. Among the grantees are: **Maryland Citizens' Health Initiative** (Baltimore) – \$40,000 to conduct a Medicaid outreach and enrollment campaign in Prince George's County; **Washington AIDS Partnership** (Washington, DC) – \$35,000 to fund HIV/AIDS prevention, public policy, medical morale, and social support service programs, and to provide technical assistance to nonprofit AIDS service organizations; and **DC Primary Care Association** (Washington, DC) – \$30,000 to facilitate the work of the DC Mental Health Integration Task Force, a group of providers, advocates, academicians, and policymakers working to develop policies and regulations that will advance the integration of mental health and primary care locally. For more information, visit www.consumerhealthfdn.org or call 202.939.3390.

■ **Foundation for Community Health**

(Sharon, CT) awarded nearly \$600,000 to local health organizations serving the needs of people living in northeastern Dutchess and southeastern Columbia counties in New York and northwestern Litchfield County in Connecticut. Among the grantees are: **Hudson River HealthCare** (Peekskill, NY) – \$90,000 to support a third year of funding of a dental van serving Dutchess County; **NW Connecticut Council of Governments** (Warren, CT) – \$60,600, **Dutchess County Community Action Partnership** (Dover, NY) – \$75,750, and **Columbia County Community Healthcare Consortium** (Hudson, NY) – \$13,650 to fund the Foundation for Community

Health's **Pharmaceutical Assistance Fund; Geer Adult Day Center** (Canaan, CT) – \$34,000 for ongoing transportation support of nonemergency medical appointments in northwestern Connecticut; and **Universal Health Care Foundation of Connecticut** (Meriden, CT) – \$50,000 for a second year of support to optimize activities promoting a policy proposal for health care reform that would provide comprehensive quality and affordable health coverage for Connecticut residents. Contact: Gertrude O'Sullivan, 860.364.5157.

■ **Greater Rochester Health Foundation**

(NY) has announced that it is accepting applications for the **2010 Community Mini-Grant Program**. The grants range from \$500 to \$7,500, and their intent is to engage diverse organizations and seed opportunities for children ages 2-12 to be physically active and eat healthy foods where they live, play, and come together in the community. Former grantees have included organized neighborhood groups, Parent Teacher Associations, schools and afterschool programs, childcare centers, faith-based groups, and recreation centers. For more information and the on-line application, visit www.thegrhf.org. Applications are due April 30. Contact: Lynette Loomis, 585.258.1717, Lloomis@thegrhf.org.

■ **John A. Hartford Foundation**

(New York, NY) awarded a three-year grant to the **Association of Directors of Geriatric Academic Programs (ADGAP)** (New York, NY) to continue to develop and sustain the leadership skills of geriatric academic program directors. This effort will provide training in many specific skills; identify issues suitable for collective action for ADGAP members; and incorporate the three essential elements the foundation has observed in other successful programs: mentoring, networking, and problem solving. Contact: Francisco Doll, 212.832.7788, francisco.doll@jhartfound.org.

■ **Health Care Foundation of Greater Kansas City**

(MO) announced a \$400,000 grant to **Aim4Peace** (Kansas City, MO) to decrease the negative

health consequences of crime in the city's urban core. The violence prevention program will receive \$300,000 from the foundation and an additional \$100,000 as a match grant. **Aim 4 Peace** is an evidence-based public health approach administered by the City of Kansas City, Missouri, and modeled after the **CeaseFire** program in Chicago. The program is a violence prevention effort that offers community mediation and a comprehensive public health strategy. The foundation is encouraging other community partners to join in supporting Aim4Peace and will match contributions dollar for dollar, up to the additional \$100,000. Contact: Jennifer Sykes, 816.241.7006.

■ **The Healthcare Foundation of New Jersey**

(Millburn) awarded approximately \$1.2 million to 11 organizations that address health issues for greater Newark, New Jersey residents and the Jewish community of MetroWest. Among the grantees are: **Foundation of the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey** (Newark) – \$130,000 to support **New Jersey Children's Health Project Mobile Health; American Cancer Society** (West Orange, NJ) – \$91,580 to support **Volunteer Navigation Services** in the Greater Newark area; **Newark Beth Israel Medical Center Foundation** (NJ) – \$90,800 in the form of a matching grant to purchase fluoroscopy equipment; **The Apostles House** (Newark, NJ) – \$89,125 to support its wellness program; **Newark Beth Israel Medical Center Foundation** (NJ) – \$75,000 to support the Pediatric Health Center; **Community Hope** (Parsippany, NJ) – \$60,100 for year two of the **Healthy Transitions Discharge Planning Project; The Community Food Bank of New Jersey** (Hillside, NJ) – \$55,000 to support child feeding programs in Newark; and **Essex County Court Appointed Special Advocate** (Newark, NJ) – \$31,5000 to support the **Healthcare Advocacy Initiative**. For more information, visit www.hfnj.org and click on "Grants Awarded."

■ **The Health Foundation of Central Massachusetts, Inc.** (Worcester) announced intended funding of approxi-

mately \$200,000 through its **Activation Fund**. The Activation Fund supports discrete, one-year projects that demonstrate creative and innovative approaches to deal with community health concerns; move an organization to its next level of capacity and effectiveness that can be sustained beyond the term of the grant; and exploration in emerging health challenges and opportunities. Individual grants range from \$10,000 to \$99,000, with the average grant being \$50,000. For more information, visit www.hfcm.org.

- **W.K. Kellogg Foundation** (Battle Creek, MI) awarded a \$1.8 million grant to the **American Public Health Association** (APHA) (Washington, DC) to support school, health, and education policy. Under the two-year grant, APHA will operate the **School-Based Health Care Policy Program**, an initiative begun by the foundation in 2003 seeking to stabilize and secure the financing of school-based health care through federal, state, and local policy. Previous accomplishments of the program include adoption of school-based health care as a safety net provider in the 2009 Child Health Insurance Reauthorization Program. Contact: Patricia Warin, 202.777.2511, patricia.warin@apha.org.
- **Missouri Foundation for Health** (St. Louis) – awarded nearly \$5.8 million to assist Missouri-based organizations working to improve the health of state residents. Among the grantees are: **Agape Christian Counseling Services** (St. Louis) – \$75,000 to support the organization’s efforts to improve access to affordable, professional mental health services, especially for the uninsured and underserved; **American Red Cross St. Louis Chapter** – \$75,000 to support efforts to provide crisis assistance and educate Missourians about healthy lifestyle choices; **Charleston Nutrition Center Inc.** – \$75,000 to help the center provide nutritious meals and health education to seniors in southeast Missouri; **Health and Dental Care for Kids** (St. Louis) – \$75,000 to provide a medical and dental care home for at-risk children. Contact: Julie Johnson, 314.345.5580, jjohnson@mffh.org.
- **Palm Healthcare Foundation** (West Palm Beach, FL) awarded \$50,000 to **Oakwood Center** (West Palm Beach, FL) for its **Coping with Economic Stress** program. Funding will support this community mental health center’s program to provide individuals with the coping skills necessary to deal with negative implications due to the current economy. Through a series of five free workshops participants will engage in activities, including group discussions, education, and role play designed to identify stressors, increase resilience, improve coping skills, improve family communications, and strengthen ties to the community. Individual and family therapy will also be offered to maximize the benefits of the workshop. For more information, visit www.palmhealthcare.org.
- **The Pew Charitable Trusts** (Philadelphia, PA) announced that it will provide \$8.7 million over the next three years to 47 organizations in the Philadelphia area serving some of the region’s most vulnerable children and their families. Among the grantees with health programs are: **Drexel University** – \$225,000 for continued support of the **Grow Clinic** to provide behavioral health services to children who suffer from malnutrition; **Public Health Management Corporation** – \$187,000 to expand the identification of homeless children at risk of developmental delay and link them to needed services; **Temple University** – \$167,000 for continued support of the **Prevention Project** to reduce behavioral and emotional problems in young children in North Philadelphia; **Food Trust** – \$140,000 for continued support to provide nutrition education services to children in three low-income neighborhoods of Philadelphia; and **Children’s Village** – \$120,000 for continued support to provide developmental assessments, referrals, and follow-up for young children. Contact: Emily Cheramie Walz, 215.575.4809.
- **St. Luke’s Health Initiatives** (Phoenix, AZ), **Virginia G. Piper Charitable Trust** (Scottsdale, AZ), **Nina Mason Pulliam Charitable Trust** (Phoenix, AZ), and eight other Arizona-based funding organizations have formed a collaborative for the second consecutive year to help meet critical emergency housing and food needs in Maricopa County. The organizations created a fund of more than \$1 million that will support 15 nonprofit agencies that continue to provide critical services during this time of economic concern. The funded agencies are: **Association of Arizona Food Banks** (Phoenix) – \$150,000; **Central Arizona Shelter Services** (Phoenix) – \$125,000; **The Salvation Army** (Phoenix) – \$95,000; **UMOM Day Centers, Inc.** (Phoenix) – \$95,000; **The Society of Vincent de Paul** (Phoenix) – \$90,000; **A New Leaf** (Mesa) – \$85,000; **Lodestar Day Resource Center** (Phoenix) – \$55,000; **Community Information and Referral** (Phoenix) – \$50,000; **Sojourner Center** (Phoenix) – \$50,000; **Tumbleweed Center for Youth Development** (Phoenix) – \$40,000; **Chrysalis** (Phoenix and Scottsdale) – \$35,000; **Catholic Charities Community Services** (Phoenix) – \$25,000; and **Chicanos Por La Causa, Inc.** (Phoenix) – \$20,000. Contact: Jane Ferguson, Virginia G. Piper Charitable Trust, 480.556.7125.

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Adolescent Health (OAH)

(Rockville, MD) announced intended funding of \$75 million from a new teen pregnancy prevention initiative. The purpose of this round of funding is to replicate evidence-based programs that have been proven through rigorous evaluation to reduce teenage pregnancy, behavioral risks underlying teenage pregnancy, or other associated risk factors. The office is making available a list of programs eligible for replication with this funding. OAH also plans to make an additional \$25 million available for promising programs and innovative strategies at a later date. Contact: Michelle Alletto, 202.775.0436, malletto@amchp.org.

- **Washington Square Health Foundation, Inc.** (Chicago, IL) approved nearly \$300,000 to Chicago-based organizations to promote and

maintain access to adequate health care for people in the Chicagoland area. Funding included a \$26,000 grant to the **Old Irving Park Community Clinic**, a new free clinic in Chicago, for an expansion of services by hiring a new part-time staff nurse and providing dental and mental health care. **Indian American Medical Association Charitable Foundation** received \$12,500 to fund a part-time clinic coordinator to allow the clinic to increase its hours. A \$15,890 grant to the **Howard Area Community Center** will increase access to dental care by expanding the capacity of the center's dental clinic and increasing the number of days and hours that the dental clinic is open, enabling the clinic to serve an additional 220 uninsured and underinsured adult patients. Contact: Catherine Baginski, 312.664.6488, baginski@wshf.org.

- **Williamsburg Community Health Foundation** (VA) approved a total of \$733,925 grants for two local programs to promote community wellness. The **Williamsburg-James City County School System** was awarded \$553,996 to support the **School Health Initiative Program** (SHIP). Funding will support various SHIP projects that provide after-school activities for students to increase their physical activity and learn more about nutrition, as well as a program that instructs teachers on how to incorporate movement into lesson plans. The **Colonial Services Board** (Williamsburg) will administer a \$179,929 grant that will help establish the **Greater Williamsburg Child Assessment Center**. The center will be staffed by a licensed mental health professional who will offer behavioral assessment and referral services for children, youth, and their families. For more information, visit www.wchf.org.

SURVEYS, STUDIES & PUBLICATIONS

- **The California Endowment** (Los Angeles) and **The California Wellness Foundation** (Woodland Hills) funded a

study that analyzed the increase in the number of uninsured individuals in California. According to the study, nearly 2 million Californians lost their health insurance during 2008 and 2009, bringing the total number of the state's uninsured to 8 million. According to the policy brief *Number of Uninsured Jumped to More than Eight Million from 2007 to 2009*, this number represents a 25 percent increase since 2007. Although data appear to indicate that the number of uninsured likely increased across all groups, working adults were the hardest hit, seemingly due to unemployment rates more than doubling from 5.4 percent in 2007 to 12.3 percent in 2009. Further, public coverage among Californians increased modestly, from 15 percent in 2007 to 16 percent in 2009. The study was conducted by University of California at Los Angeles Center for Healthy Policy Research. The report is available on-line at www.calendow.org. Contact: Jeff Okey, 213.928.8622, jokey@calendow.org.

- **California HealthCare Foundation (CHCF)** (Oakland) released two publications that provide an overview and analysis of CHCF-commissioned projects designed to stimulate adoption of management engineering principles within California's safety net system. Management engineering is a systematic process for diagnosing and correcting problems in the delivery of care. It can improve care by increasing productivity, controlling costs, and reducing wait times for patients. *Improving Efficiency in the Safety Net: Management Engineering Practice and Cases* looks at the benefits of applying management engineering processes through demonstration projects in 12 California safety net hospitals. It describes the keys to a successful intervention, the potential impact, and lessons learned. The primer *Operations Improvement Methods: Choosing a Path for Hospitals and Clinics* outlines improvement methods that have been successfully employed in the health care sector. For more information or to download the documents, visit www.chcf.org and select "Publications."

ON-LINE

- **The Commonwealth Fund** (New York, NY) has created the timelines **Health Care Reform Implementation: Health Insurance Provisions, Health Care Reform Implementation: System and Delivery Reform Provisions, and Health Care Reform Implementation: Revenue Provisions** to help navigate provisions in The Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act and The Health Care and Education Affordability Reconciliation Act signed into law last month. The fund also provides interactive tables for side-by-side comparisons of the system reforms and insurance coverage provisions in all of the congressional health reform bills. Visit www.commonwealthfund.org for more information.

Funders Concerned About AIDS

(FCAA) (Arlington, VA) recently launched its redesigned Web site and announced the establishment of a new Facebook page and Twitter account. This improved on-line profile offers a new platform to highlight and share work being done by the AIDS philanthropic community. The redesigned site offers improved navigation and several new features, including an improved resource tracking section with a top funder lists and a publications section that catalogues resources by publication type and date. For more information, visit www.fcaids.org.

- **The Henry J. Kaiser Family Foundation** (Palo Alto, CA) has prepared a timeline that outlines when specific provisions of the recently enacted health reform legislation are scheduled to take effect. The timeline lists several key provisions taking effect later this year and continues into 2014 when many of the major reforms to expand health care access are scheduled to be fully implemented. The timeline can be accessed at www.kff.org/healthreform/8060.cfm. In addition, the foundation has updated its interactive side-by-side health reform comparison tool to reflect these reforms. The on-line tool is available at

www.kff.org/healthreform/sidebyside.cfm. The foundation has also issued several other new and updated resources that explain key elements of the new law, including a summary of health coverage provisions; a brief on the Medicare drug benefit's coverage gap; and an interactive calculator that helps illustrate the financial assistance that people would be eligible for, based on their income, if they do not have employer coverage and are not eligible for Medicaid or Medicare. For more information, visit www.kff.org and select "Resources on the New Health Reform Law."

MEETINGS

Sustainable Agricultural & Food Systems Funders (Santa Barbara, CA) will convene its annual forum on June 15-18, 2010, in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. *Shaking it Up, Making It Last* is the theme of this year's event, which will feature the plenary session "Refocusing the National Food System," focusing on the link between health and the food system, and the importance of developing a national food system that is accessible, affordable, high-quality, and conducive to good health. Panelists will discuss the unique opportunity to build on the groundswell of consumer enthusiasm, government interest, economic and environmental necessity, and health care reform to transform the U.S. food system into a positive driver toward population health. The event will also feature workshops, a series of site visits, and opportunities to network. For more information, visit www.safsf.org.

OTHER NEWS

- **Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Louisiana Foundation** (Baton Rouge) issued its annual call for nominations for the **Angel Award**, which recognizes Louisianans who are performing extraordinary volunteer work to improve the lives of the state's at-risk children. Honorees are selected by a panel of past recipients based on their efforts to

enhance a child's life – physically, mentally, emotionally or spiritually. The prize includes a \$20,000 grant from the foundation for each honoree's charity. Since its creation in 1995, the Angel Award program has helped identify and honor more than 100 individuals and given more than \$1 million to their designated charities throughout the state. This year the foundation will honor eight individuals. The deadline for nominations is May 14. For more information, visit www.bcbsla.com/ and click on "Community."

- **Healthcare Georgia Foundation** (Atlanta) announced the 2010 recipients of the **Joseph D. Green Community Service Award**. The foundation selected five individuals and two community collaboratives for their volunteer work and commitment to advancing health and health care across Georgia. The individual honorees are: **Greg Block**, founder of First Step, a nonprofit organization whose mission is to significantly reduce homelessness by helping individuals find paths to self-sufficiency; **Eleanor (Lee) Frances Brown, R.N., C.N.P.** (retired), volunteer for the American Cancer Society where much of her work focuses on breast cancer awareness; **Bill Cohen**, Center for the Visually Impaired where he welcomes clients to the Low Vision Clinic and serves on the board of trustees and the advisory committee; **Susan Greene, R.N., M.S.N., G.N.P.** Healthy Feet of Fannin County, Inc. where she provides a free monthly foot clinic at the Georgia Senior Center and Polk County Senior Center; and **Alana Shepherd**, Shepherd Center, which she cofounded with her husband and son to offer high-quality specialized rehabilitation care. Collaborative recipients are: **Chatham County Safety Net Planning Council** (Savannah), established in 2004 to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of the local health care delivery system; and **Morehouse School of Medicine Prevention Research Center Partnership** (Atlanta), established in 1998 to advance scientific knowledge in the field of prevention in African-American and other minority communities and to disseminate new information and strategies of prevention.

Contact: Toni Almas, 404.688.9005, toni@getavatar.com.

PEOPLE

- **Claude Worthington Benedum Foundation** (Pittsburgh, PA) has hired **Kimberly Barber Tieman** as program officer. She will join the foundation on June 1, 2010, and will oversee grants programs in health, human services, and early childhood. Ms. Tieman currently is the executive director of the West Virginia Commission for National and Community Service, also known as Volunteer West Virginia. Her prior experience includes serving as senior program officer of **The Greater Kanawha Valley Foundation** (Charleston, WV); program director of the Community Council of Kanawha Valley; and West Virginia director of quality assurance for 19 intermediate care facilities for adults with mental retardation and developmental disabilities. In addition, for the past 14 years, Ms. Tieman has been an adjunct faculty member at the West Virginia University School of Social Work. Contact: William Getty, 412.246.3642.
- **The Cleveland Foundation** (OH) announced that **Robert E. Eckardt** has been named the **Council on Foundations' Distinguished Grantmaker for 2010**. Mr. Eckardt is senior vice president for programs and evaluation for the foundation where he has worked for the past 28 years. Mr. Eckardt played a pivotal part in Cleveland's response to the AIDS epidemic by securing funding and leaders to create a concerted public campaign to promote and coordinate services, treatment, advocacy, and prevention efforts. More recently, Mr. Eckardt has led the foundation's response to the ongoing economic downturn. Nationally Mr. Eckardt has been a pioneer in the creation and development of professional associations to help philanthropic organizations share expertise and resources, set standards, and speak with louder collective voices. Mr. Eckardt is a former board member of Grantmakers In Health (GIH) and a past recipient of GIH's **Terrance**

Keenan Leadership Award in Health Philanthropy. Contact: Scott Tennant, 216.615.7153, stennant@clevelandfn.org.

- **Blue Shield of California Foundation** (San Francisco) announced the addition of two new staff members: **Cecilia Oregón Echeverría, M.P.H., M.P.P.** and **Christine Maulhardt**. Ms. Echeverría has joined the foundation's Health Care and Coverage team as the program officer managing the portfolio of grants focused on strengthening the safety net, including **Clinic Leadership Institute** and the **Clinic Core Support Initiative**. She previously worked for **The California Endowment** (Los Angeles) where she was a senior program officer advancing their health

and human services strategy across California. Before that she served as a policy analyst at the **California HealthCare Foundation** (Oakland). Ms. Maulhardt fills the position of public affairs associate where her focus will be external relations. She brings a blend of policy research and advocacy experience to her new role, having spent the last few years as research associate at Harder + Company Community Research in Sacramento, managing and evaluating health and social services programs for government and philanthropy clients. Before Harder, Ms. Maulhardt directed a statewide obesity prevention initiative at the **California Medical Association Foundation**. Contact: Virginia Witt, 415.229.6080, virginia.witt@blueshieldcafoundation.org.

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