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NEW GRANTS & PROGRAMS

- **American Legacy Foundation's Schroeder Institute for Tobacco Research and Policy** (Washington, DC) received a \$977,346 grant from the **National Institutes of Health** (Bethesda, MD) under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009. The institute will use the funds to study the effectiveness of Internet-based mobile phone support for the DC Tobacco Quitline. The project will test the efficacy of a system that uses mobile phones to improve quit rates at three-month intervals, relative to the standard phone-based care already provided by the DC Tobacco Quitline. Under the standard model, relatively infrequent, periodic support is provided to smokers who want to quit and seek out the services. The new system will complement that effort by increasing the quality, frequency, and accessibility of quit smoking support, when and where the smoker needs it most. The study will be conducted in collaboration with several Washington, DC-based organizations. Contact: Patricia McLaughlin, 202.454.5560, pmclaughlin@americanlegacy.org.
- **California HealthCare Foundation** (Oakland) has appropriated \$3.2 million toward a partnership with **University of Southern California (USC) Annenberg School for Communication** (Los Angeles) to provide in-depth, nonpartisan reporting on health policy issues that are important to Californians. Both entities will team up with journalists of traditional and emerging media to report

on health care issues facing the state, such as quality, access, and cost. Leading the center will be USC professor **Michael Parks**, a Pulitzer Prize-winning former *Los Angeles Times* editor who recently completed a seven-year term as director of the journalism school at USC Annenberg. Mr. Parks will chair the center's board of advisors and direct the center's development. A nationwide search is under way for an editor-in-chief and a staff of journalists. The staff will be based primarily in Los Angeles, in addition to one Sacramento-based reporter who will cover health policy-related issues. Contact: Spencer Sherman, 510.587.3111, ssherman@chcf.org.

- **CareFirst BlueCross BlueShield** (Owings Mills, MD) announced intended funding of up to \$1 million in grants for programs aimed at improving maternal and child health in Northern Virginia. CareFirst is making the funds available as part of its efforts to address health care disparities throughout the region and support Governor Timothy M. Kaine's major efforts to reduce the Commonwealth's infant mortality rate. Funding will be awarded to one or more programs showing promise toward significantly improving maternal and infant health in the region. Ideal projects will be sustainable over time with potential for expansion or replication in surrounding communities. Funded projects will focus on improving maternal and infant health through three key stages, including prepregnancy, during pregnancy, and post-pregnancy. Contact: Kevin Kane, 800.914.6397, kevin.kane@carefirst.com.
- **Endowment for Health** (Concord, NH) has partnered with **NCB Capital**

GIH NEWS

GIH FALL FORUM PROVIDES INSIDER'S VIEW ON HEALTH POLICY DEVELOPMENTS

The 2009 GIH Fall Forum on November 5-6 in Washington, DC, will feature the plenary "Taking Stock of Health Policy Developments Over the Last Year: Reflections and Prognostications." Panelists Jackie Judd (moderator) of The Henry J. Kaiser Family Foundation, Jonathan Capehart of *The Washington Post*, Mary Agnes Carey of Kaiser Health News, and Jonathan Cohn of *The New Republic* will provide insight on national health policy developments.

The meeting also features the two Issue Dialogues **Where Do We Go From Here? Combating Health Care Disparities in an Era of Reform and Health and Justice: Health Care for People Involved in the Justice System.**

Register by Friday, October 23.

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Impact (Arlington, VA) to establish the **Mission Related Investment** program, which will provide loans to a targeted group of nonprofit community health centers, community mental health centers, and independent oral health centers that need lines of credit and working capital. The program is intended to address the unique needs of safety-net providers who care for the uninsured and underinsured, and who often face delays in reimbursement from government sources such as Medicaid. The fund will make available a total of \$3 million over the next five years, with individual loans ranging from \$50,000 to \$500,000. The program offers expedited loan processing and approval at below-market rates. Contact: Karen Ager, 603.228.2448, ext. 31, kager@endowmentforhealth.org.

The Ethel & James Flinn

Foundation (Detroit, MI) awarded \$2.6 million in grants to organizations that work toward improving mental health services for residents of southeast Michigan. Among the grantees are: **Henry Ford Health System** (Detroit, MI) – \$175,000 to integrate mental health services into seven school-based health centers within Detroit Public Schools that serve more than 5,000 students; **Wayne State University Department of Internal Medicine** (Detroit, MI) – \$150,000 to integrate mental health services within the **Wayne State University Detroit Medical Center Health Source Primary Clinic**, which serves 900 adults; **Community Care Services** (Lincoln Park, MI) – \$125,000 to provide an illness management recovery program to adolescent consumers; and **Regents of the University of Michigan** (Ann Arbor) – \$100,000 to develop a sustainable funding model for a depression disease management program. Contact: Andrea Cole, 313.309.3436.

- **The John A. Hartford Foundation, Inc.** (New York, NY) approved four grants for projects to improve the health of older adults. **Mount Sinai Medical Center** (New York, NY) will use funding to support the **Center to Advance Palliative Care** efforts to take the palliative care field from a subspecialty to

mainstream medical practice in order to ensure that palliative care is fully integrated into health care nationally. The foundation approved a grant to **American Federation for Aging Research, Inc.** (New York, NY) to develop and manage a new Centers of Excellence National Program Office, which will consolidate existing and newly proposed programmatic and financial operations under one roof. **American Geriatrics Society, Inc.** (New York, NY) received a grant from the foundation to expand geriatrics expertise in surgery and related medical fields through education, research, leadership development, and the institutionalization of new training requirements. Funding awarded to the **Gerontological Society of America** (Washington, DC) will support the **Hartford Geriatric Social Work Faculty Scholars Program and National Network**. This grant will support 27 additional scholars and provide overall coordination of the **Hartford Geriatric Social Work Initiative**. Contact: Francisco Doll, 212.832.7788, francisco.doll@jhartfound.org.

- **Health Care Foundation of Greater Kansas City** (MO) has awarded Truman Medical Centers (TMC) a \$338,872 grant to develop a new approach to improve services to its vulnerable patient population. The grant will support a demonstration project to design and implement Guided Chronic Care, a new approach to chronic care. In partnership with the University of Missouri-Kansas City School of Medicine, Guided Chronic Care will include an organized, interdisciplinary team, guided by an electronic medical record, to assure that medical care is based on recognized, evidence-based guidelines and to work proactively with patients and their families to address family, social, and community support issues. During the first year of testing and implementation, TMC will enroll 100 patients with a primary diagnosis of heart failure. The project and patient outcomes will be monitored weekly over the next five years. Contact: Jennifer Sykes, 816.241.7006.
- **Highmark Foundation** (Pittsburgh, PA) awarded more than \$1 million in

grants to three nonprofit organizations across Pennsylvania. **Capital Region Health System at Hamilton Health Center** (Harrisburg) received \$515,000 to continue its support of school-based health center sites and improve the quality of life for students in Dauphin County by providing them with access to comprehensive medical and dental services. The foundation also awarded **Mel Blount Youth Home of Washington County, Inc.** (Claysville) \$275,000 through **Highmark Healthy High 5** to support **Back '2' the Basics-Lighting the Path '4' a Healthy Future**, a program implemented in partnership with the Allegheny County Department of Human Services, Office of Children Youth and Families to improve self-esteem, strengthen families, and help prevent the displacement of at-risk youth from their families. A \$231,938 grant to **Holy Family Social Services** (Pittsburgh) through Highmark Healthy High 5 will support development of the **FitChoice Partnership**, a healthy lifestyle program for 145 youth in residential care that focuses on improving healthy eating and physical activity behaviors. Contact: Kaitlin O'Brien, 412.544.6006, kaitlin.obrien@highmark.com.

- **Illinois Children's Healthcare Foundation** (Oak Brook) announced a multimillion-dollar initiative to improve children's mental health services in Illinois. **Community Mental Health Initiative: Building Systems of Care, Community by Community** will support several communities throughout the state by investing in resources needed to build mental health systems of care for children. The foundation is currently seeking community and evaluation teams to submit proposals for funding. Strongest consideration will be given to creative and innovative programs that are developed by community-based collaboratives and build upon existing service systems and programs. In addition, the foundation has released a request for qualifications for an evaluation team to provide technical assistance and consultation during the development and planning phase of the initiative. Contact: Tammy Lemke, 630.571.2555, tammylemke@ilchf.org.

- **Jewish Healthcare Foundation** (JHF) (Pittsburgh, PA) is launching a three-year initiative, the **Caregiver Champions Program**, which is designed to help hundreds of caregivers of frail, older adults in southwestern Pennsylvania provide better care for their loved ones. The project is funded by a \$300,000 grant from the **Harry and Jeanette Weinberg Foundation** (Owings Mills, MD). JHF is currently seeking experienced family and informal caregivers to participate in the program. Selected candidates will participate in a facilitator training that will empower them to become a resource of information and support within their communities. Once trained, the “caregiver champions” will coordinate forums in their communities that offer a relaxed, informal setting for small groups of caregivers and potential caregivers to learn, share ideas, and prepare themselves for the experiences that lie ahead. Contact: Bridget McNie, 412.594.2588.
- **Kaiser Permanente** (Oakland, CA) awarded \$1 million to assist nonprofit organizations in northern California as they help those most adversely affected by the economic downturn. The grants, in amounts of \$50,000 and \$75,000, were awarded to 17 organizations that offer essential services ranging from food and shelter, to debt management counseling and health services. The recipients are based in geographic areas that are disproportionately affected by the recession, which were identified through an analysis of economic health indicators, including unemployment, poverty, and foreclosure rates. Funding will allow “one-stop” agencies to enhance critical services to clients most in need of food, housing, medical care, and crisis counseling, among other necessities. Among the grantees are: **Glide Memorial** (San Francisco) for its comprehensive service system that provides case management, health services, food, and shelter in the city’s Tenderloin neighborhood; and **Bay Area Rescue Mission** (San Pablo and Richmond) whose on-site and mobile outreach programs bring necessities to homeless individuals and families, including food, clothing, hygiene, and medical care. Contact: Edwin Garcia, 916.614.4507, edwin.m.garcia@kp.org.
- **W.K. Kellogg Foundation** (Battle Creek, MI) approved approximately \$8 million in grants for projects and initiatives that address health, education, and other issues. Among the grantees are: **Sisters of Mercy Health System** (Chesterfield, MO) – \$799,916 to provide parents with resources for health care advocacy on behalf of their children by combining data collection, evaluation, and stories of the people to inform policy-makers and health providers; **University of Akron Foundation** (OH) – approximately \$1 million to improve the oral health of low-income pregnant women, mothers, and children and identify policy, workforce, and practice barriers to dental care; and **URU the Right to Be, Inc.** (West Haven, CT) – \$100,000 to dismantle practices and structures that sustain disparities in health care based on race and ethnic background by educating parents through a film and leadership program. For more information visit www.wkkf.org.
- **Northern Virginia Health Foundation** (Alexandria) announced its fall grant awards totaling \$515,000. Among the grantees are: **Northern Virginia Family Services** (Oakton) – two grants of \$45,000 each to support a part-time administrative coordinator for the **Multicultural Human Services** program and a part-time position to develop quality assurance protocols and evaluate the oral health program; **Alexandria Neighborhood Health Services** (VA) – \$45,000 to fund the new position of pediatric nurse navigator; **Nova ScriptsCentral** (Reston, VA) – \$45,000 to develop and test a pilot program to provide access to medication at a significantly reduced cost to qualified patients seen by private health care providers; and **Consumer Health Foundation** (Washington, DC) – \$32,500 to continue support of the **Regional Primary Care Coalition** and the **Northern Virginia Health Services Coalition**. Contact: Julia Howard, 703.486.5691.
- **Osteopathic Heritage Foundation** (Columbus, OH) announced the approval of capacity building grants and osteopathic research and education grants totaling \$2.2 million. The largest award, a four-year, \$2 million matching grant, will support infrastructure development and extend the national **Osteopathic Research Center’s** clinical and basic science research, expanding its capabilities in new research areas, osteopathic research training, and national and international research conferencing, all designed to advance the quality and evidence base of osteopathic medical care. The **University of North Texas Health Science Center at Fort Worth** and **Texas College of Osteopathic Medicine** (Fort Worth) will provide the required matching funds. Contact: Terri Donlin Huesman, 614.737.4359, tdonlin@ohf-ohio.org.
- **Virginia G. Piper Charitable Trust** (Phoenix, AZ) awarded nearly \$4.3 million in grants to nonprofits in Maricopa County, Arizona. A \$60,000 grant to **VisionQuest 20/20** (Mesa) will help make vision-screening tools more accessible to area schools. In addition, the trust awarded \$44,000 to **About Care, Inc.** (Chandler) to support volunteer development and outreach to frail older adults, as well as physically challenged and chronically ill homebound adults, in Chandler and Gilbert, Arizona. Contact: Jane Ferguson, 480.556.7125, jferguson@pipertrust.org.
- **The Rapides Foundation** (Alexandria, LA) announced the establishment of the **Cancer Screening Project**, which is bringing free cancer screenings to eligible Central Louisiana residents by way of a mobile unit. The unit is a partnership between the foundation and the **Partners in Wellness Program** at Feist-Weiller Cancer Center at Louisiana State University-Shreveport and offers free clinical breast exams, mammograms, Pap tests, pelvic exams, and colorectal cancer screenings to qualified individuals. The Cancer Screening Project is administered through the foundation’s **Cenla Medication Access Program**, which since 2001 has provided free medications to thousands of residents who are unable to afford them. Contact: Trayce Snow, 318.767.3027.
- **REACH Healthcare Foundation** (Kansas City, MO) and **Healthcare Foundation of Greater Kansas**

- City** (MO) have provided \$700,000 to support a coordinated effort by five safety-net clinics to make after-hours care available around the metropolitan area. The grant will cover staffing and other expenses to operate the clinics for extended hours on weekdays and weekends. Participating clinics are located throughout the metropolitan area and include **Health Partnership Clinic of Johnson County** (Overland Park, KS) and **Southwest Boulevard Family Health Care** (Kansas City, KS). Contact: Pattie Mansur, 913.432.4196.
- **Sisters of Charity Foundation of South Carolina** (Columbia) awarded 17 grants totaling \$81,000 to nonprofit and faith-based organizations across South Carolina. Among the grantees are: **Columbia Free Medical Clinic** – \$15,000 to support the provision of health care to low-income and uninsured area residents; **Catholic Charities Coastal Deanery** (Mt. Pleasant) – \$3,000 for dental assistance for low-income and homeless senior citizens; **Friendship Medical Clinic** (Conway) – \$3,000 for medicine for low-income and indigent patients; and **Orangeburg Calhoun Free Medical Clinic** – \$3,000 for medical care for the uninsured poor. Contact: Brooke Bailey, 803.254.0230, ext. 18, bbailey@sistersofcharitysc.com.
 - **Tufts Health Plan** (Providence, RI) announced plans to donate \$50,000 to local schools. In partnership with sports radio station 103.7 WEEL-FM and with support from CVS Caremark, Tufts has launched **Fitness for Your Future**, an essay contest that will award \$50,000 in total donations to Rhode Island high schools to promote health and physical activity among high school youths. Open to all Rhode Island high schools, Fitness for Your Future encourages 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 will be selected among eligible entries to win \$10,000 to institute the program. In addition, students are encouraged to participate by taking the monthly health quiz on www.fitness-foryourfutureri.com and submitting videos on the site by sharing ideas on what they believe their school can do to keep kids fit. For more information, visit www.fitnessforyourfutureri.com.
 - **VNA Foundation** (Chicago, IL) approved 13 grants for \$441,635 to organizations that address health concerns for area residents. The following Chicago-based organizations received funding: **Centro de Salud Esperanza** – \$50,000 toward the salary of a nurse at this primary health care center for the medically underserved in southwest Chicago; **The Night Ministry** – \$50,000 – to support the nursing staff on the agency’s outreach bus that provides medical care to homeless and at-risk individuals in six Chicago neighborhoods; **Ingalls Memorial Hospital** – \$40,000 to improve health outcomes of babies and their young mothers by increasing access to existing programs and services underutilized by this population; and **Chicago Lights** – \$25,000 to support **Healthy Heart for Women**, a culturally sensitive health promotion and disease prevention program for low-income African-American women. For more information, visit www.vnafoundation.net/newgrants.php.
- ## SURVEYS, STUDIES & PUBLICATIONS
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- **Milbank Memorial Fund** (New York, NY) published the new report *Better Health, Not Just Better Health Care: A Prescription for Progress from the Big Cities Health Coalition*. The report was produced in partnership with the Big Cities Health Coalition, a group of 18 city and county health departments from major American urban centers representing 14 percent of the country’s total population. *Better Health, Not Just Better Health Care* focuses on how the federal government can sustain a vital role in improving public health by working with state and local health departments. The report includes examples of innovative programs that health departments have developed to prevent or address chronic diseases. The report is available online at www.milbank.org.
 - **Missouri Foundation for Health** (St. Louis) released a report that examines tobacco use among the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer (LGBTQ) community. *The Check-Out Project: An Examination of Smoking and Tobacco Attitudes in the LGBTQ Community in Missouri* asserts that 36.1 percent of the state’s LGBTQ population currently smokes. Further, these smokers also are less likely to quit, with 37 percent planning to stop smoking in the next six months, compared to 63.8 percent of Missouri smokers in general. The document offers in-depth analysis of LGBTQ smoking habits, trends, reasons for tobacco use, views on quitting, secondhand smoke, and more. The full report is available at www.mffh.org/LGBT2009.pdf. Contact: Julie Johnson, 314.345.5580, jjohnson@mffh.org.
 - **The Physicians’ Foundation** (Boston, MA) commissioned a report that highlights several important concerns that might not have been adequately addressed in the health care dialogue. *Physicians and their Practices under Health Care Reform* lists the growing problem of physician shortages; the changes in physicians’ practices that will be necessary in a reformed health care system; and the pervasive effects of poverty and other social determinants that impact variation in access, quality, and cost of care as issues that require further discussion. The report, prepared by a team of noted physicians and economists, was sent to the President and Congress in order to contribute to the national health care debate. The full report can be viewed at http://www.physiciansfoundations.org/news/news_show.htm?doc_id=1021447
 - **U.S. Census Bureau** (Washington, DC) released the latest data on income, poverty, and health coverage. The fact sheet *Health Coverage in Communities of Color: Talking about the New Census Numbers* takes a closer look at the latest data and finds that communities of color continue to bear the brunt

of the uninsured crisis. This fact sheet looks at who is uninsured, who is living in poverty, and why public programs are vital to communities of color. To access the fact sheet, visit www.familiesusa.org and select "The Uninsured."

AWARDS

- **The John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation** (Chicago, IL) awarded \$12 million in unrestricted fellowships to 24 individuals who have exhibited exceptional originality in their respective professions. Recipients were selected based on three criteria: exceptional creativity, promise for important future advances based on a track record of significant accomplishment, and potential for the fellowship to facilitate subsequent creative work. Each recipient will receive a stipend of \$500,000. Among the recipients are: **Rebecca One**, cofounder and CEO, **Project HEALTH** (Boston, MA) – a public health entrepreneur building a low-cost, replicable model that melds the aspirations of college students and the unmet needs of health care institutions to address the link between poverty and poor health; **Elyn Saks**, Orrin B. Evans Professor of Law, Psychology, and Psychiatry and Behavioral sciences, **University of Southern California Gould School of Law** (Los Angeles) – a legal scholar and mental health policy advocate whose work and life story are expanding options for those suffering from severe mental illness; and **Mary Tinetti**, Gladys Phillips Crofoot Professor of Medicine, Epidemiology, and Public Health, Division of Geriatrics, Yale School of Medicine (New Haven, CT) – a physician who has pioneered the study of a long-recognized, but previously little-investigated, public health problem in gerontology: morbidity due to falls by elderly people. For more information, visit www.macfound.org.
- **The Baxter International Foundation's** (Deerfield, IL) **2009 Episteme Award** was awarded to **Mary D. Naylor, R.N., Ph.D., F.A.A.N.** by The Honor Society of Nursing, Sigma

Theta Tau International. Dr. Naylor received the award for clinical trials and refinement of the Transitional Care Model, an innovative approach to addressing the needs of high-risk chronically ill elders and their family caregivers. Dr. Naylor is the Marian S. Ware Professor in Gerontology and director of the New Courtland Center for Transitions and Health at the University of Pennsylvania School of Nursing. To date, Dr. Naylor and her research team have completed three National Institute of Nursing-funded clinical trials to refine the Transitional Care Model. Contact: Elaine Salewske, 847.948.3297, elaine_salewske@baxter.com.

OTHER NEWS

- **Eugene and Agnes E. Meyer Foundation** (Washington, DC) announced a collaborative partnership with **Consumer Health Foundation** (CHF) (Washington, DC). Beginning in 2010, CHF will manage the application and grant review process for the Meyer Foundation's health and mental health grants. One key goal of the partnership is streamlining and simplifying application and reporting processes for nonprofits with a single process for both foundations. The partnership allows Meyer to benefit from the expertise of CHF without expanding its staff. The Meyer Foundation and CHF have worked closely together for nearly a decade, and there is considerable overlap in funding priorities and grantees. CHF staff will manage the application and review process for health and mental health grants and make recommendations to Meyer staff and board. For more information about this partnership, visit: www.meyerfoundation.org/new-partnership.
- **United Methodist Health Ministry Fund** (Hutchinson, KS) announced new grantmaking priorities for the next three years. Funding will focus on three specific issues: developing an initiative for children's mental health, improving access to health care, and promoting healthy lifestyles. The goal of the children's mental health initiative is to

improve the timely identification of young children with mental, emotional, or behavioral disorders to enable appropriate professional services to be provided as early as possible. Programs that address access to health care will concentrate on rural and other underserved areas of Kansas. Activities for the healthy lifestyle initiative will center on improving nutrition and physical activity for young children from birth to five years old. The fund will award grants of approximately \$2 million in each of the three focus areas over the next three years. Contact: Virginia Elliott, 620.662.8586.

PEOPLE

Frank Karel, the pioneer of strategic communications in philanthropy and credited with creating the field of health communications, passed away on September 19, 2009. Mr. Karel was the 2005 Terrance Keenan Leadership Award winner and former vice president at the **Robert Wood Johnson Foundation** and the **Rockefeller Foundation**.

AARP Foundation (Washington, DC) announced the addition of **Brian F. Hofland, Ph.D.** who will lead efforts to create a center focused on economic justice issues for low-income older Americans. The center will explore and promote policy and program solutions to ensure that low-income Americans are able to meet their basic financial needs in the second half of life, with particular focus on women, and African-American and Hispanic populations. Dr. Hofland comes to the foundation through a 16-month grant from **The Atlantic Philanthropies** (New York, NY). Previously he was director of The Atlantic Philanthropies' **Global Ageing Program**.

- **Blue Shield of California Foundation** (San Francisco) announced that president and CEO **Crystal Hayling** will leave the foundation in December. Under her leadership the foundation has invested more than

\$100 million across California. Ms. Hayling, a former board member of Grantmakers In Health, will be moving to Singapore with her family. A search for her replacement is under way.

- **The Annie E. Casey Foundation** (Baltimore, MD) announced that **Douglas Nelson**, president and CEO, will step down in April 2010. Mr. Nelson, who served the foundation for more than 20 years, presided over grant disbursements of more than \$3 billion and helped shape many of the foundation's well-known initiatives, such as **KIDS COUNT** and the **Annie Casey Fellowship**. Contact: Dana Vickers Shelley, 410.223.2978, dshelley@aecf.org.
- **CDC Foundation** (Atlanta, GA) announced the addition of **David Ratcliffe** and **David Satcher, M.D., Ph.D.** to its board of directors. Mr. Ratcliffe is chairman, president, and CEO of Southern Company and was CEO of Georgia Power from 1999-2003. Dr. Satcher completed a four-year term as the 16th U.S. Attorney General in 2002. He served as assistant secretary for health in the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services and as director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention from 1993-1998. He currently directs the Satcher Health Leadership Institute and the Center of Excellence on Health Disparities.

Contact: Kate Ruddon, 404.523.3509, kruddon@cdcfoundation.org.

- **The Colorado Health Foundation** (Denver) announced that **Lorez Meinhold**, senior program officer-policy, is leaving the foundation. She will join the staff of Colorado Governor Bill Ritter this month as a senior health policy analyst.
- **Hogg Foundation for Mental Health** (Austin, TX) named **Lynda Frost, Ph.D., J.D.** director of planning and programs. Dr. Frost was also appointed clinical associate professor in the Department of Educational Administration, University of Texas at Austin. Dr. Frost joined the foundation in 2003 as associate director. In her new role, she will oversee major initiatives and grant programs, lead strategic and operational planning, and manage program staff. Contact: Merrell Foote, 512.471.9142, merrell.foote@austin.utexas.edu.
- **Williamsburg Community Health Foundation** (VA) announced that president and CEO **Kerry Mellette** has resigned effective December 31, 2009. Ms. Mellette has been with the organization since its inception. Under her leadership, the foundation awarded more than \$37 million in grants to support the work of nonprofit health organizations in greater Williamsburg.

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