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NEW GRANTS & PROGRAMS

Alleghany Franciscan Ministries, Inc. (Palm Harbor, FL) awarded more than \$1 million to organizations in greater West Palm Beach, Florida, that address the health needs of local residents. Among the grantees are: Florida Resource Center For Women & Children - \$250,000 to support operations at the Health and Education Center by providing care through nurse practitioners under the supervision of a physician, and assisting residents in accessing health insurance and a medical home; El Sol Jupiter's Neighborhood Resource Center -\$200,000 to support the El Sol Shines a Light on Health program, which will holistically address the needs of immigrants and the underserved community by providing health promotion and education, developing a network of support and referrals, and expanding the training of volunteers to serve as wellness navigators and peer facilitators; and All 'Bout Children – \$125,000 to support the **Childcare Community Wellness** Program to provide early childhood mental health prevention and intervention services in four child care centers to children who are at high risk for emotional, behavioral, and learning difficulties and their caregivers who cope with similar risk factors. For more information, visit www.afmfl.org and select "Recent Awards."

Alliance Healthcare Foundation
 (San Diego, CA) announced intended funding of \$1 million through the 2011 Innovation Initiative, which is part of

the foundation's ongoing strategy to foster innovation in support of the medically underserved. Through the Innovation Initiative, the foundation connects nonprofits, entrepreneurs, technology companies, and other socially conscious organizations with community agencies, forming strong partnerships to create innovative programs in greater San Diego. The initiative will grant \$1 million or more to an innovative solution that improves the health care delivery system for the poor and working poor. The initiative is open to local organizations and to applicants from other geographic areas that partner with San Diego and Imperial County agencies. Contact: Annie Eddey, 858.946.0246, dallas@amebamarketing.com.

■ The Baxter International Foundation (Deerfield, IL) awarded a two-year, \$80,000 grant to Conejo Free Clinic (Thousand Oaks, CA) to support hiring a medical operations manager, a senior-level registered nurse patient care management position, at the nonprofit. The clinic provides free medical care to low-income residents of Conejo Valley and surrounding communities. The new position will oversee more than 300 clinics in three medical specialties annually, including family practice, women's health, and pediatrics, and will coordinate care between an all-volunteer group of more than 60 physicians, nurses, nurse practitioners, and support staff. For more information, visit www.conejofreeclinic.org. Contact: Elaine Salewske, 805.372.3142, elaine salewske@baxter.com.

Center for Technology and Aging (Oakland, CA) has awarded a total of

GIHNEWS

GIH ANNUAL MEETING FOLLOW-UP

Thanks to all who attended the 2011 GIH annual meeting *Creating a Healthier Future for Our Kids, Families, and Communities.* Special thanks go to Debbie Chang, Bridget McDermott Flood, Eugene Lewit, Gary Nelson, Sterling Speirn, and Mary Wakefield for writing this year's guest commentaries, as well as to all the meeting presenters. The guest commentaries and speaker presentations, as well as a complete list of Marketplace materials, are available at www.gih.org.

We look forward to seeing you at the 2012 annual meeting in Baltimore, Maryland, March 7-9.

GIH STATE GRANT WRITING ASSISTANCE FUND

Awards through the GIH State Grant Writing Assistance Fund are still available, and applications will be accepted on a rolling basis until the fund is depleted. Visit www.gih.org for further details.

AND DON'T FORGET...

The Art & Science of Health Grantmaking takes place June 6 and 7 in Minneapolis. Visit www.gih.org for details.

Visit www.gih.org for the latest Issue Focus and Views from the Field articles. \$500,000 to five states to gain more experience with and to evaluate the benefits of technologies that improve patients' transitions from hospitals to their homes or other settings. The **Technologies for Improving Post-**Acute Care Transitions, Tech4Impact grants were made in collaboration with the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' Administration on Aging and Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services initiative that helps older Americans and persons with disabilities manage their long-term care support services. The center will support projects in California, Indiana, Rhode Island, Texas, and Washington. Projects range in scope from helping enable patients to manage chronic conditions and locate resources via a personal health record and Network of Care on-line resources, to reducing medication problems following a patient's hospital discharge by implementing an electronic health record that is coupled with pharmacy services. Contact: Daniel Danzig, 925.216.8153, dan@danzigcom.com.

■ Connecticut Health Foundation (New Britain, CT) recently awarded the Connecticut Association of School-Based Health Centers (CASBHC) (North Haven) an 18-month, \$49,000 grant under its Integrating Health Research into Advocacy Initiative. CASBHC, working in partnership with the University of Connecticut's Center for Nursing Scholarship, will explore the characteristics of school-based health centers that create a safe and supportive atmosphere for adolescent participation. CASBHC will also investigate the health outcomes and effectiveness of the behavioral health interventions. Results will be used to support advocacy for increased financial support for school-based health centers and develop programming and services for adolescent males of color. Three other organizations received \$50,000 grants through the initiative: Center for Children's Advocacy (Hartford, CT) to study early indicators of mental health problems in the school setting; Connecticut Association of Directors of Health (Hartford) to examine policies linked to disparate

health outcomes and the viability of

righting policy to improve health equity; and Legal Assistance Resource Center of Connecticut (Hartford) to study issues related to protecting and improving health insurance coverage and health care access for low-income families and individuals as health care reform law is implemented. Contact: Maryland M. Grier, 860.724.1580, ext. 21 or maryland@cthealth.org.

■ Foundation for Community Health (Sharon, CT) recently awarded grants to local health organizations serving the needs of people living in the foundation's service area of northeastern Dutchess and southeastern Columbia counties in New York and northwestern Litchfield County in Connecticut. The awards support or enhance existing programs and services, or establish new ones in mental health, access to services, and oral health. Among the grantees are: **Greenwoods Counseling Referrals** (Litchfield, CT) - \$21,455 for integrating mental health and substance abuse services in the northwest corner of Connecticut: Prime Time House (Torrington, CT) - \$20,771 for a rural mental health initiative serving residents in Connecticut and eastern Dutchess County; Women's Support Services (Sharon, CT) - \$10,000 to develop, conduct, and evaluate prevention education for understanding and addressing cyberbullying for the Region 1 School District in Connecticut and the Webutuck and Dover school districts in New York: Universal Health Care Foundation of Connecticut (Meriden) - \$10,000 for leadership development and community engagement to achieve health reform tailored for Connecticut: and The Maria Seymour Brooker Memorial (Torrington, CT) – \$22,520 for school-based preventive oral health services in the Connecticut Region 1 School District. Contact: Gertrude O'Sullivan, 860.364.5157.

■ Hogg Foundation for Mental Health (Austin, TX) has received a one-year, \$180,000 cooperative agreement grant from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' Office of Minority Health to create a national model to improve integrated health care for racial and ethnic minorities and

people who speak languages other than English. The project will begin this spring with a series of interviews of innovative leaders in integrated health care and an on-line survey of integrated health care providers across the nation. The foundation will also review academic articles and other publications to identify widely accepted principles, components, and best practices in integrated health care that address racial and ethnic minorities and cultural and linguistic competency. Contact: Merrell Foote, 512.471.9142, merrell.foote@austin.utexas.edu.

■ Robert Wood Johnson Foundation's (Princeton, NJ) The Future of Nursing: Campaign for **Action** announced the selection of 10 Regional Action Coalitions. These longterm partnerships have been convened to move key health care workforce-related issues forward at the local, state, and national levels. Washington, Idaho, Utah, Colorado, New Mexico, Illinois, Indiana, Louisiana, Virginia, and Florida are the latest states to be selected. New Jersey, New York, Michigan, Mississippi, and California Regional Action Coalitions initiated their activities last fall. The coalitions function as a component of the campaign's field operations. Comprised of diverse groups of stakeholders from a variety of sectors, their mission is focused on fostering interprofessional collaboration, the ability of all health care professionals to practice to the full extent of their education and training, strengthened nurse education and training, and the increased participation of nurses as leaders. The campaign aims to ultimately engage groups in all 50 states. For more information, visit www.rwjf.org and select "Newsroom."

■ Paso del Norte Health Foundation (El Paso, TX) awarded four grants totaling \$260,000 under Goal Four of the foundation's strategic framework -Promotion of Healthy Family and Social Environments. The grant will support safe and secure environments for children and youth to participate in healthful activities in Ciudad Iuárez, Mexico. Children, youth, and families are living in environments that put them at high risk for extortion; violence; criminal activity; and abuse of alcohol, tobacco, and illicit drugs. Limited school enrollment, lack of safe places for play and recreation, and unemployment are major contributors to these risky behaviors. The foundation seeks to catalyze safe and secure neighborhood environments for families in Ciudad Juarez in complement with U.S. and Mexico government programs. For the protection of the funded organizations, names and grant amounts will not be published. Contact: Enrique Mata, 915.544.7636, ext. 1917 or emata@pdnhf.org.

- Pottstown Area Health & Wellness Foundation (PA) awarded \$979,879 to local organizations and schools to support a variety of programs and initiatives that support the foundation's mission to enhance health and wellness of area residents. The foundation invested a total of \$527,654 to support its goal of improving access to medical care. An additional \$267,075 was awarded to 20 community organizations to support the foundation's goal of reducing behavioral risks. Six community organizations and schools received a total of \$160,500 to enhance formal and informal supports, and \$24,650 was invested in three organizations to improve the physical and social environment. Contact: Rose Crews, 610.323.2006, ext. 21, rosecrews@pottstownfoundation.org.
- **Regence Foundation** (Portland, OR) awarded more than \$1.5 million to eight hospitals to support palliative care programs. The grants are part of the Sojourns grantmaking program to promote palliative care services in hospitals and the community. Through Sojourns, the foundation aims to foster best practices, leadership, and collaboration that help people with lifethreatening and incurable illness to access quality palliative care in their own community. The grantees are: Salem Hospital (OR) - \$250,000; Dixie Regional Medical Center (St. George, UT) - \$247,000; **Rogue Valley** Medical Center (Medford, OR) -\$238,000; St. John Medical Center (Longview, WA) - \$238,000;Providence Centralia Hospital

(Centralia, WA) – \$166,000; Overlake Hospital Medical Center (Bellevue, WA) - \$150,000; St. Joseph Regional Medical Center (Lewiston, ID) -\$124,000; and Evergreen Hospital Medical Center (Kirkland, WA) -\$100,000. Contact: Joanna Fief, 503.225.6860, joanna.fief@ regence.com.

■ Rose Community Foundation

(Denver, CO) awarded 158 grants totaling more than \$5.6 million. Among the grantees are: Colorado Department of Human Services (Denver) - \$425,000 over two years to continue support for 9NEWS Senior Source, a multimedia information and education campaign aimed at older adults and their caregivers; Colorado Consumer Health **Initiative** (Denver) – \$200,000 over two years for efforts to increase health care access and coverage; The Children's Hospital Foundation (Aurora) -\$170,000 over two years to provide mental health services to children; **Boulder County Public Health Department** – \$100,000 to support a teen pregnancy prevention program for younger siblings of teen parents; and Refugee Mental Health Program of Colorado (Denver) - \$61,110 for mental health treatment for refugees who have been resettled in metro Denver. Contact: Marci Hladik, 303.398.7445, mhladik@rcfdenver.org.

■ Sierra Health Foundation

(Sacramento, CA) awarded 18 grants totaling nearly \$400,000 to support local programs that improve health and quality of life by promoting food security, physical activity, access to health services, violence prevention, housing/shelter, education, and employment skills. Among the grantees are: Health Education Council - \$25,000 to increase healthy eating among lowincome high school and fourth, fifth, and sixth grade students through nutrition education, cooking classes, and gardening opportunities at Grant High School in North Sacramento; Innovative Health Care Services -\$25,000 to improve the health of chronically ill seniors living in rural and frontier portions of Butte, Glenn, and Tehama counties by providing needs

assessments and transportation to comprehensive daily health care at the Peg Taylor Adult Day Health Center; Yolo Family Resource Center -\$25,000 to improve lifestyle habits and increase family stability in low-income Latino families through nutrition education, physical activity, and outdoor recreation at weekend family lifestyle camps, day excursions, and on-site follow-up; Latino Leadership Council -\$24,800 to increase health access and wellness for unserved Latino adults in Placer and El Dorado counties through provision of health screenings, follow-up appointments for vision needs, and free and appropriate exercise programs. Contact: Katy Pasini, 916.922.4755, ext. 3304, pasini@sierrahealth.org.

■ Sisters of Charity Foundation of South Carolina (Columbia) has awarded \$50,000 to Welvista (Columbia, SC) to support the restructuring and revitalizing of its Healthy Smiles Dental Clinics. The clinics, located in Allendale, Dillon, Manning, and Summerton, serve thousands of uninsured and underinsured school-age children that do not have a regular oral health provider. Welvista, a privatepublic partnership of nongovernmental health care intervention, operates a successful model committed to improving health and wellness for the uninsured and underinsured by providing access to prescription medications and pediatric dental services. Their Healthy Smiles Dental Clinics focus on prevention and early intervention based on the premise that a child must be healthy in order to be ready to learn. The foundation, along with The Duke Endowment (Charlotte, NC), Fullerton Foundation (Gaffney, SC), and other donors, helped establish the four dental clinics in 2001. The dental clinics are located near schools in rural poverty areas of South Carolina, and focus on treating the catastrophic oral health problems. Contact: Brooke Bailey, 803.254.0230, ext. 18, bbailey@sistersofcharitysc.com.

Washington AIDS Partnership (DC) announced the establishment of

Positive Pathways, an innovative project that will address barriers to HIV medical care for African-American

women living in the poorest neighborhoods of Washington, DC. The program is funded through the AIDS United Access to Care Initiative, which is supported by a grant from the federal Social Innovations Fund (SIF). AIDS United's \$3.6 million SIF award requires a two-to-one match from the private sector to create a funding pool of more than \$10 million annually. The funding pool will aim to enhance the health and welfare of people living with HIV/AIDS through interventions that work to increase access to lifesaving HIV care and treatment. Partners include several Washington, DC-based organizations, including the Institute for Public Health Innovation; the HIV/AIDS, Hepatitis, STD and TB Administration; Consumer Health Foundation; and local clinics and HIV/AIDS service providers. Contact: Channing Wickham, 202.939.3380.

SURVEYS, STUDIES & PUBLICATIONS

- Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts Foundation (Boston, MA) released the report Lessons from the Implementation of Massachusetts *Health Reform*, an overview of key lessons from Massachusetts that could be relevant to stakeholders working to implement health reform in other states and nationally. The report presents lessons in a number of areas, including ongoing stakeholder engagement, coordination among government agencies, maximizing enrollment and retention, and cost containment. Each lesson is paired with recommendations and examples of how Massachusetts faced, approached, and dealt with processes, issues, and challenges. The report also includes a section on the roles health foundations can play in reform. To access the report, visit http:// bluecrossfoundation.org/. Contact: Lindsey Tucker, 617.246.5238 or Lindsey.Tucker@bcbsma.com.
- **The Colorado Trust** (Denver) has published an issue brief that examines

the possible budgetary impacts of federal health care reform on Colorado families, businesses, and the state. The Economic Impact of Health Reform in Colorado highlights findings from an in-depth study that assessed the effects of health care reform on the Colorado economy. Because the study began prior to the passage of federal health care reform, it was based on the recommendations of Colorado's Blue Ribbon Commission for Healthcare Reform. Conducted by the New America Foundation (Sacramento, CA) and validated by The University of Denver's Center for Colorado's Economic Future, the study was commissioned and supported by the trust and The Colorado Health Foundation (Denver). This new issue brief summarizes the study and updates selected findings to reflect the specifics of the Affordable Care Act (ACA). The study reports on the actual impacts of the ACA, including abatement in increases in health care costs; lower premiums; and economic benefits, such as increased economic activity and job creation. The report is available at www.coloradotrust.org. Contact: Christine McElhinney, 303.539.3147, christie@coloradotrust.org.

■ The Commonwealth Fund

(New York, NY) released a data brief that outlines the results of the Commonwealth Fund/Modern Healthcare Health Care Opinion Leaders Survey: Views on Congressional Priorities. The survey found that more than 9 of 10 respondents agreed that the Affordable Care Act (ACA) sets the right course for health reform. Further, 68 percent of the experts surveyed agreed that the law should be implemented without significant changes. While approximately 9 percent indicated their belief that the ACA is a step in the wrong direction, all respondents believed that the pre-existing system was in need of major reform. Pertaining to payment approaches that will reduce the federal deficit, respondents said that strategies encouraging care of coordination for patients with chronic diseases, making permanent increases to Medicare and Medicaid payments to primary care physicians, and establishing greater alignment

across public and private purchasers will be most effective. For more information, visit the Publications section of www.commonwealthfund.org.

Health Affairs' (Bethesda, MD) GrantWatch Blog features a post on how foundations can work with government to enhance the work of both sectors. Originally presented as "Top 10 Things Foundations Can Bring to Partnerships with Government" by members of the Grantmakers In Health (GIH) Behavioral Health Funders Network at the GIH annual meeting last month, the list provides practical ways for foundations to contribute to publicprivate partnerships. Potential roles include serving as a neutral convener; providing technical assistance or nonpartisan, independent analysis; supporting testing grounds for new and innovative programs; and leveraging financial resources. The piece also mentions plans for the network to build its relationship with the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration. Janice Bogner of The Health Foundation of Greater Cincinnati (OH) authored the blog post. Visit www.healthaffairs.org/ blog/category/grantwatch and click on the March 17th posting for the full text.

Institute of Medicine (IOM) (Washington, DC) released Leading Health Indicators for Healthy People 2020 - Letter Report, which examines objectives of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' Healthy People 2020, a plan for improving the health of Americans over the next decade. The report updates and expands on the 10 leading health indicators that served as priorities for Healthy People 2010, and singles out indicators as immediate, major health concerns that should be monitored, as well as objectives that warrant priority attention in the plan's implementation. The 12 indicators recommended by the report committee include measures of access to care and quality of health care services, healthy behaviors, injury, physical and social environments, chronic disease, mental health, responsible sexual behavior, substance abuse, tobacco use, and healthy births. Among the identified objectives are: increasing educational

achievement of adolescents and young adults, increasing the proportion of people with health insurance, reducing the proportion of obese children and adolescents, improving the health literacy of the population, reducing the proportion of people who experience major depressive episodes, and reducing low birth weight and very low birth weight. For more information, visit http://national-academies.org/. Contact: Christine Stencel, 202.334.2138.

■ RCHN Community Health Foundation (New York, NY) announced the publication of a new policy research brief by the Geiger Gibson/RCHN Community Health Foundation Research Collaborative. Who Are the Health Center Patients Who Risk Losing Care Under the House of Representatives' Proposed FY 2011 Spending Reductions? examines the characteristics of patients whose access to health center services is at risk because of a potential \$1.3 billion cut in direct spending for community health centers. The cuts were approved by the U.S. House of Representatives in February 2011 as part of legislation to trim \$61 billion in discretionary spending for the remainder of fiscal year 2011. The brief also includes estimates of the impact of spending reductions on low-income patients, and finds that in general, the affected patient population is at elevated risk for serious and chronic health conditions that can result in high health care costs. Contact: Feygele Jacobs, 212.246.1122, ext. 712.

AWARDS

■ MetLife Foundation (New York, NY) awarded its 25th annual MetLife Awards for Medical Research in Alzheimer's Disease to Randy L. Buckner, Ph.D. and Marcus E. Raichle, M.D. Both have been pioneers in the area of brain imaging leading to inroads in the study of Alzheimer's and have been leaders in the field of brain imaging, essential to advanced study of the disease. Dr. Buckner is professor of psychology and

neuroscience at Harvard University and an investigator at the Howard Hughes Medical Institute. He is also director for psychiatric neuroimaging research at Massachusetts General Hospital. Dr. Raichle is professor of radiology and neurology at Washington University School of Medicine in St. Louis and director of the Neuroimaging Laboratories of the university's Mallinckrodt Institute of Radiology. Contact: David Hammarstrom, 401.827.2273.

National Hispanic Medical **Association** (Washington, DC) announced that George Flores is the recipient of the organization's Doctor of the Year Award. Dr. Flores currently works for The California Endowment (Los Angeles) as program manager of community health, where he has directed the development of the groundbreaking multisite programs to prevent childhood obesity, Healthy Eating, Active Communities and Central California Regional Obesity Prevention Program. Dr. Flores also served as a health officer and director of public health in San Diego County and Sonoma County, as well as a clinical assistant professor for the University of California, San Francisco's Family Practice Residency Program. For more information, visit www.nhmamd.org or call 202.628.5895.

OTHER NEWS

■ Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Florida (Jacksonville) announced that the Blue Foundation for a Healthy Florida has changed its name to Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Florida Foundation. In addition to changing its name, the foundation is expanding its mission to improve the health and wellbeing of Floridians and their communities. The foundation will endeavor to accomplish its new mission by directing its philanthropy in five focus areas: improving access to health care, improving consumer health, improving the quality and safety of patient care, improving quality of life, and improving the health care system. In its first 10 years, the foundation has awarded \$17 million through 280 grants, benefitting residents of Florida's 67 counties. For more information, visit www.bluefoundationfl.com. Contact: Mark Wright, 904.905.6935, mark.wright@bcbsfl.com.

■ Missouri Foundation for Health (MFH) (St. Louis) announced that is has reached the milestone of providing \$400 million in funding to date for nonprofits and government agencies in Missouri. MFH has supported more than 1,000 nonprofits, as well as local and state government agencies, dedicated to improving health services in their communities. Through its funding, MFH focuses on some of Missouri's most critical health issues and has made significant grants in support of statewide needs, such as providing infrastructure grants to 84 Missouri county health departments to improve services and client capacity, and a coordinated statewide emergency medical services plan. In the past year, MFH has launched two new efforts to bring more federal funding into the state. They are Social Innovation for Missouri, a grant program matching federal funds with MFH funds and local dollars to address obesity and tobacco use, and MoCAP, a federal grant application assistance program. Contact: Julie Johnson, 314.345.5580, jjohnson@mffh.org.

PEOPLE

■ The Altman Foundation (New York, NY) announced that Rachael N. Pine. **J.D.** has been hired as a program officer, focusing primarily on the foundation's work in the area of health. Ms. Pine most recently served as executive vice president and director of programs at Legal Momentum. She was also the first executive director of the Fund for Public Health in New York. Ms. Pine brings extensive experience in organizational and program management; policy and advocacy work; and the coordination of public, philanthropic, and nonprofit sector efforts related to health and health care. Contact: Heather Bryant, 212.682.0970, hbryant@altman.org.

■ Community Memorial Foundation (Hinsdale, IL) announced the impending retirement of President and CEO James Durkan, effective December 31, 2011. Mr. Durkan has led the foundation for the past 15 years, and under his leadership, the foundation has awarded nearly \$50 million in grants. During his tenure, he guided the launch of the foundation's Responsive Grants Program, Building Organizational Effectiveness Initiative, and Healthcare Access Program, as well as past grant programs such as the **Youth Initiative**, Early Childhood Initiative, and Aging **Well Program**. The foundation also announced the appointment of Greg DiDomenico to the position of president and CEO, effective January 1, 2012. Since January 2009 Mr. DiDomenico has served as vice president at the foundation. He previously served as executive director for local nonprofits, including the Rich Port YMCA (now the Greater La Grange YMCA) and Hinsdale Center for the Arts. Mr DiDomenico has also held management positions at Little City Foundation (Palatine, IL). Contact: Deborah Daro, 773.256,5127, ddaro@uchicago.edu.

Grantmakers In Aging (GIA)

(Dayton, OH) announced that longtime executive director Carol A. **Farquhar** will retire at the end of GIA's 2011 annual conference in October. Ms. Farquhar joined GIA as executive director in 1999 following a 30-year career with the Kettering Foundation (Dayton, OH), an independent, nonpartisan research organization that focuses on making democracy work more effectively. In addition, she was one of the original founders of the Ohio Grantmakers Forum, a statewide association of grantmakers, and also served on numerous committees and as the chair of its board of trustees. Under Ms. Farquhar's leadership, GIA was awarded the prestigious Arthur Fleming Award from the National **Council on Aging** in 2005. During her tenure, GIA created the Hurricane **Fund for the Elderly** in response to the devastation caused by Hurricane Katrina. She also spearheaded a national initiative to partner with regional associations of grantmakers and national philanthropic infrastructure organizations to raise awareness about the opportunities and challenges presented to grantmakers by the aging population. Contact: Sue Garton DeLong, 937.435.3156.

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