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NEW GRANTS & PROGRAMS

■ **Allegany Franciscan Ministries**

(Miami, FL) awarded 118 grants totaling \$4.8 million in 2013 to improve the overall health of residents of Miami-Dade County; Palm Beach, Martin, and St. Lucie counties; and the Tampa Bay area of Hillsborough and Pinellas counties. Among the grantees are: **Pinellas**

County Urban League (St. Petersburg) – \$300,000 to support a community mobile health unit; **Gulf Coast Dental Outreach** (Dunedin) – \$200,000 for the **Community Dental Care** project; **Prevent Blindness Florida** (Tampa) – \$200,000 to support **Vision to Succeed**; **United Methodist Cooperative**

Ministries-Suncoast (Largo) – \$225,000 for the **Pack-A-Snack 4 Kids** initiative; **Miami Baptist Association** – \$50,000 to support the **Good News Clinic's Project for Complete Health**; **Open Door Health Center** (Homestead) – \$50,000 for the **Healthcare Access Program**; **Sundari Foundation** (Biscayne) – \$50,000 for the **Lotus House Health and Wellness Program**; **Whole Child Connection** (Stuart) – a \$25,000 planning grant for an obesity prevention task force; **Genesis Community Health** (Boynton Beach) – \$10,000 to conduct health care outreach and enrollment; **Greater Mt. Carmel Development Corporation** (Clearwater) – \$10,000 to operate an AIDS care station and food pantry; and **Healthy Kids of St. Lucie County** (Fort Pierce) – \$10,000 to promote access to care in St. Lucie County. For more information, visit www.afmfl.org/news.

■ **The Boston Foundation** (MA)

awarded more than \$200,000 in grants from its **Food and Fuel Fund** to local organizations to assist Massachusetts residents with needs resulting from inclement weather. The fund is a cooperative effort of the foundation and its donors that specifically supports organizations providing food, fuel, housing, and other needed services. Among those organizations providing food assistance are: **Greater Boston Food Bank** – \$20,000 to support the **Brown Bag and Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) Outreach** programs for elders; **Project Bread** – \$20,000 to support SNAP application case management and training for elders, and **Women's Lunch Place** – \$20,000 to provide emergency food assistance and case management. **New England Center for Homeless Veterans** will use a grant of \$15,000 to provide housing and social supports. A \$10,000 grant to **Operation Warm** will help provide coats to Boston children through Cradles to Crayons. For more information, visit www.tbf.org.

■ **CDC Foundation** (Atlanta, GA) is the

recipient of three grants totaling \$13.5 million from the **Bill and Melinda Gate Foundation** (Seattle, WA). Funding will enable the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) National Center for Immunization and Respiratory Diseases to collaborate with various partners to advance the implementation of meningitis and rotavirus vaccines. A five-year, \$10 million grant will help ensure the availability of high-quality, case-based meningitis surveillance data from across high-occurrence areas of sub-Saharan Africa.

GIHNEWS

REGISTER FOR THE 2014 GIH ANNUAL MEETING BY FEBRUARY 10

There's still time to register for the 2014 GIH annual meeting *The Power of Voice!* Join us in Atlanta, March 5-7 to learn, connect with other grantmakers, and inform your work. Visit www.gih.org for full details.

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Registering for the meeting does not automatically reserve a room at the hotel.

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CDC will use a four-year grant for \$1.9 million to support the Rotavirus Intussusception Study in South Africa. The project will operate from pediatric hospitals in seven South African cities and will address a specific type of bowel blockage in infants. CDC's **Leveraging Global Rotavirus Networks** program, in partnership with the World Health Organization and the University of Virginia, will seek to better understand the role of different pathogens in severe diarrhea among young children and will study the most common rotavirus strains causing diarrhea. The foundation will receive \$1.5 million over two years to execute this work. Contact: Amy Tolchinsky, 404.523.3486, atolchinsky@cdcfoundation.org.

- **Cigna Foundation** (Bloomfield, CT) announced the launch of a new initiative aimed at improving individual and community health. The **World of Difference** grants program will focus on providing support to organizations working to improve women's health, children's wellness, senior care, and health equity. These issues are the social issue priority areas for Cigna Connects, Cigna's corporate responsibility platform. The overarching goal of this funding initiative is to support "incubators for innovation" that build on local successes to positively affect health, well-being, and sense of security in communities worldwide. For more information, visit www.cigna.com/about-us/, select the "Corporate Responsibility" tab, and choose "Cigna Foundation."

- **The Colorado Trust** (Denver) announced a grant of \$300,000 to the **Colorado School of Public Health (CSPH)** (Aurora) to support training and technical assistance efforts aimed at creating new programs and measuring population health in response to the Affordable Care Act. In addition the school will apply funding toward launching an on-line option that offers flexibility and expands access to rural students and urban professionals. CSPH will also host three meetings annually to convene various stakeholders, including policymakers and practitioners, for discussions on public health policy

issues. For more information, visit www.coloradotrust.org/grants/show-grant?id+152.

- **DentaQuest Foundation** (Boston, MA) announced that it has renewed all implementation grants that were awarded through the **Oral Health 2014 Initiative** (OH2014). OH2014 aims to eliminate systemic barriers that limit access to oral health care through strong community partnerships. Participating organizations were chosen for their demonstrated capacity to engage partners and develop a plan that addressed one or more of the initiative's priority areas: prevention and public health infrastructure, oral health literacy, medical-dental collaboration, developing metrics for improving oral health, financing models, and strengthening the dental care delivery system. This is the third year the foundation has funded its OH2014 grantees. During the first year grantee organizations were guided in engaging community stakeholders, assessing local needs, and developing oral health solutions with specific objectives. After a successful planning year, the Implementation Phase funding enabled grantees to put their plans into action. In this third phase, grantees will receive financial support and technical assistance to ensure their projects are moving forward. A complete list of this year's recipients is available at www.dentaquestfoundation.org.
- **First Hospital Foundation** (Philadelphia, PA) awarded more than \$1.3 million to 44 nonprofit organizations serving residents of Philadelphia, Bucks, Chester, Delaware, and Montgomery counties in Pennsylvania. Funding supports organizations that advance the foundation's mission to improve access to health care, address behavioral health needs, promote the well-being of children and families, train health care providers, and advocate for policy changes that will improve health outcomes. Among the grantees are: **Center for Hunger-Free Communities at Drexel University** (Philadelphia) – \$85,000 over two years in support of a demonstration project with the Pennsylvania Department of Public Welfare to integrate the Sanctuary

Model SELF peer support group program into the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families program in order to help women break the cycle of poverty and improve maternal and child health; **Center in the Park** (Philadelphia) – a \$15,000 general operating grant to support the center's services to older adults, including health promotion programs, social services, and housing; **Children's Crisis Treatment Center** (Philadelphia) – \$60,000 over two years to support expansion into Montgomery County of trauma-focused behavioral health services for children who have experienced abuse; **Domestic Violence Center of Chester County** (West Chester) – \$10,000 in support of emergency shelter and bridge transitional housing for homeless victims of domestic violence and their children; and **The Food Trust** (Philadelphia) – \$15,000 to expand the healthy corner store initiative, a comprehensive, integrated approach to reducing obesity by combining increased healthy food access with nutrition education. Contact: Julia Boerth, 215.546.4290, jboerth@firsthospitalfdn.org.

- **Foundation for a Healthy Kentucky** (Louisville) invested more than \$2 million in 2013 on programs, research, and initiatives designed to inform and promote better health policy in Kentucky. Among these investments is the **Investing in Kentucky's Future Initiative**, which provided training and technical assistance, as well as direct grants, to seven Kentucky communities. The foundation is making a five-year, \$3 million commitment to the communities to support their efforts to develop and implement effective strategies to help today's school-age children grow up healthier than their parents. The **Promoting Responsive Health Policy Initiative** couples targeted research and polling with investment in effective statewide health policy advocacy groups, in an effort to make health policy in Kentucky at the state and local levels more responsive to Kentuckians' identified needs. In addition, the foundation provided funding in 2013 for the multi-year study of Kentucky's transition to Medicaid Managed Care and the **Kentucky Health Issues Poll**. Also, the foundation supported innova-

tion in health care delivery through its **Kentucky Healthy Futures Initiative** (KHFI). The foundation's resources matched funding made available through the federal **Social Innovation Fund** to KHFI projects, which include nurse managed clinics, telemedicine, mobile health services, care navigation, and an activities center, improving the health of underserved populations in 52 counties. Contact: Doug Hogan, 502.326.2583, dhogan@healthy-ky.org.

- **The Health Foundation of Greater Indianapolis** awarded three grants totaling \$440,376 to increase access among Indiana residents to navigation assistance for the Health Insurance Marketplace. A grant of \$270,000 was awarded to **Indiana 2-1-1** (Indianapolis) to maintain detailed information about navigators and certified application counselors and to reach more than 150,000 callers to the 2-1-1 networks between now and May 2014 with health care options information and to provide prescreening and referrals. **Indiana Primary Health Care Association** (Indianapolis) will receive \$70,376 to train 26 additional certified Indiana navigators in 21 health centers across the state and to provide continuing education to a minimum of 126 state-certified navigators in state-funded and federally qualified health centers. In addition, the foundation awarded \$100,000 to **Eskenazi Health** (Indianapolis) to extend its media and outreach campaign through the end of the first open enrollment period in March 2014. The campaign promotes Eskenazi Health's toll-free navigator call center, which answers consumer questions and provides assistance in obtaining health insurance through the Health Insurance Marketplace. Contact: Lisa Sirkin Vielee, 317.979.4424.

- **The Healthcare Foundation of New Jersey** (Millburn) awarded 15 grants totaling \$430,385 to agencies in greater Newark, New Jersey. **New Jersey Citizen Action Education Fund** (Newark) received \$125,000 to hire two certified application counselors to provide telephone and off-site assistance to help individuals determine their eligibility and options for insurance and

enrollment for coverage at their Newark offices. **Planned Parenthood of Metropolitan New Jersey** (Newark) will use a grant of \$94,697 to conduct a major campaign that includes education, outreach, and enrollment assistance in all four of its Newark locations and to assist clients and area residents with enrollment in Medicaid or private insurance through the Affordable Care Act (ACA) marketplace. A grant of \$92,220 was awarded to **New York Public Radio** (New York) for an in-depth New Jersey Public Radio News reporting and community engagement project that will examine implementation of the ACA and its impact on the delivery of health care in Essex County, New Jersey, throughout 2014. In addition, the foundation awarded 12 mini grants of up to \$10,000 to build the capacity of Newark-area community social service agencies and health care institutions and providers to conduct outreach and enrollment activities. Contact: Marsha Atkind, 973.921.1210, matkind@hfnj.org.

- **Jewish Healthcare Foundation** (JHF) (Pittsburgh, PA) approved \$2.5 million in grants to local organizations, including a three-year grant to establish a **Pennsylvania Center for Health Information Activation**. The center will serve as a source of analytic insights in western Pennsylvania and across the commonwealth, conducting and distributing research on health care service utilization, cost of care, outcomes, safety and efficiency, population health, and health care disparities. Funding to the **Safety Net Accountable Care Organization** builds on a conceptual model of primary care developed by The Forbes Fund and JHF to leverage the Affordable Care Act to build a stronger safety net for Allegheny County residents who exhibit complex health and social needs. Designed with the input of 25 community agencies representing a microcosm of Allegheny County's primary care, behavioral health, and human service providers, the model includes several attributes that will reduce inappropriate emergency department use and hospital admissions. Other funding includes: a two-year grant to implement a **Medical Assistants Champions**

Program; a grant to develop a set of expert guidelines for Legionella prevention and remediation; and the renewal of JHF annual grants to the **United Way of Allegheny County** and the **Jewish Federation of Greater Pittsburgh**. Contact: Laurie Gottlieb, 412.594.2583, gottlieb@jhf.org.

- **The Jacob and Valeria Langeloth Foundation** (New York, NY) awarded eight grants for more than \$2 million. **The Center for Victims of Torture** (St. Paul, MN) will receive \$450,000 over three years to test whether the addition of mental health and targeted case management services to current primary care services will produce health savings and improved patient outcomes. The study will target refugees who suffer from major depressive disorder and who have a designation of serious and persistent mental illness. A one-year, \$400,000 grant to **Community Catalyst** (Boston, MA) will support the **Affordable Care Act (ACA) Implementation Fund**, which provides support to state-based health advocacy organizations promoting consumer interests in the implementation of the ACA. **National Public Radio** (Washington, DC) will use a one-year, \$100,000 grant to continue coverage of the issues affecting victims of trauma, including combat veterans of the Iraq and Afghanistan conflicts, as well as the U.S. population inside America's prison system. For more information, visit www.langeloth.org.

- **MetroWest Health Foundation** (Framingham, MA) announced the approval of more than \$1.2 million to support 15 local projects that address access to health care, adolescent mental health, and healthy aging. Among the grantees are: **Natick Visiting Nurse Association** – \$270,187 to provide prescription drug assistance to the uninsured and underinsured; **Edward M. Kennedy Community Health Center** (Worcester) – \$216,396 to increase the number of children and adults in the MetroWest region who will access primary and preventive care; **Wayside Youth & Family Support Network, Inc.** (Framingham) – \$212,923 to provide immediate access to behavioral health services for children and adoles-

cents in Framingham schools; **Latino Health Insurance Program, Inc.** (Boston and Framingham) – \$74,950 to enroll Latinos in health insurance programs and connect them to primary and preventive health services; and **Advocates Inc.** (Framingham) – \$31,009 to reduce the incidence of substance abuse, including prescription medication misuse or abuse among older adults, and \$16,006 to provide phone-based psycho-educational support to improve the mental health of caregivers. Contact: Martin Cohen, 508.879.7625, ext. 14, mcohen@mwhealth.org.

- **The New York Community Trust** (NY) awarded \$13.9 in grants to 72 local nonprofit organizations to support projects that address health; education; homelessness; care for veterans and the elderly; issues that impact the gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgendered community; and Hurricane Sandy relief efforts. Among the grantees are: **Rockaway Development and Revitalization Corporation** – \$300,000 to increase access to healthy food by creating two urban farms, expanding a farmers market, and working with stores and institutions to increase supply and demand; **New York City Health and Hospitals Corporation** – \$135,000 to train staff at New York City public hospitals to care for women with physical disabilities; **Fund for Public Health in New York** – \$125,000 to help young people hospitalized for their first psychotic episode get community mental health treatment; **Weill Cornell Medical College** – \$124,000 to study neuropathy in veterans with traumatic brain injury; **Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center** – \$110,000 to expand services at three hospitals and use patient navigators to help young immigrants with cancer get treatment; and **Families on the Move of New York City** – \$108,000 to train stable, mentally ill young adults to help young people with serious mental illness avoid drug abuse. Contact: David Marcus, 212.889.3963, dlm@nyct-cfi.org.

- **Paso del Norte Health Foundation** (El Paso, TX) awarded eight grants totaling more than \$500,000 under its **Healthy Relationships Priority Area** –

IGNITE Initiative. This initiative seeks to get disconnected youth ages 7 to 18 who are neither participating in an out-of-school program nor working to become involved with at least one high-quality out-of-school program to increase their chances of growing up healthy and reducing their involvement in risky behaviors. Among the grantees are: **Casa Amiga Centro de Crisis A.C.** (Juárez, Chihuahua, Mexico) – \$22,750 to support **Safe Places for Adolescents**, which provides workshops on healthy relationships and conflict resolution in a safe place for disconnected teenagers; **YWCA El Paso del Norte Region** (El Paso) – \$128,489 to support **Winning Youth IGNITE's** efforts to expand its program for homeless youth ages 7 to 17 and connect them with out-of-school activities and supportive services; and **Centro de Asesoría y Promoción Juvenil, A.C.** (Juárez, Chihuahua, Mexico) – \$100,000 for **Youth on the Move**, which offers a variety of workshops in five of its youth centers to disconnected youth ages 13-18 in Juárez. Contact: Bianca Aguilar, 915.544.7636, baguilar@pdnhf.org.

- **The Dorothy Rider Pool Health Care Trust** (Allentown, PA) awarded a grant for \$276,000 to the **Health Care Council of the Lehigh Valley** (HCCLV) (Allentown). The 18-month grant will provide funding through May 2015 to support HCCLV's charge to assess and measurably improve the health of the Lehigh Valley's citizens. HCCLV will use the grant to fund a Youth Risk Behavior Assessment, engage with communities and their leaders, and hire a project manager who will coordinate services and resources of its member organizations. In addition, HCCLV will seek community communications assistance to aid in maximizing community engagement and sharing the group's progress with the greater Lehigh Valley community. HCCLV membership is comprised of the Allentown Health Bureau, Bethlehem Health Bureau, Good Shepherd Rehabilitation Network, KidsPeace Mental Health Network, Lehigh Valley Health Network, Sacred Heart Healthcare System, St. Luke's University Health Network, and The Dorothy Rider Pool Health Care Trust.

Contact: Rod Hughes, 610.559.7585, ext. 19, rhughes@kimballpr.com.

- **Salem Health and Wellness Foundation** (Carney's Point, NJ) has awarded \$150,000 to three organizations to support youth in establishing healthy lifestyles that will focus on the prevention of teen pregnancy. Funded programs will be implemented in both educational and community-based settings. **Center for Supportive Schools** (Princeton, NJ) will expand its **Teen PEP** school-based program to students at Salem Middle School. The evidenced-based program uses peer education to increase responsible decisionmaking among students around issues of sexual health. **Robins' Nest** (Glassboro, NJ) will offer the **Project AIM** curriculum in a series of in-school groups for Penns Grove and Carney's Point middle school-aged students. This group-level youth development intervention is based on the Theory of Possible Selves, which states that a person's motivation is determined by a balance of positive and negative ways people see themselves in the future. The **Salem County Department of Health's** (NJ) **Are You Talking to Me?** pilot program will work in the community to build awareness about parent-child communication around human sexuality and pregnancy prevention specifically. Interactive workshops will be developed and held throughout the county assisting parents and caregivers with communication skills. Contact: Brenda Goins, 856.299.4460.

- **St. David's Foundation** (Austin, TX) awarded \$7.6 million to local organizations that aim to improve the health and well-being of residents in greater Austin, Texas. Of the total amount, the foundation awarded \$1.6 million in grants to support 15 programs focused on expanding access to health care services for low-income older adults. Among these grantees are: **Family Eldercare** – \$250,000 to provide aging in place support for in-home care, therapeutic counseling, and other essential services to elders, adults with disabilities, and caregivers; **Caregiver University: Fall Prevention Program/Powerful Tools**

for Caregivers – \$194,685 to cover operating costs for support and resources to families that are caring for an older adult; and **Meals on Wheels and More** – \$90,110 to purchase two new vehicles, which will help nourish and enrich the lives of homebound people through programs that promote dignity and independent living. Contact: Lisa Trahan, 512.879.6612, ltrahan@stdavidsfoundation.org.

SURVEYS, STUDIES & PUBLICATIONS

- **Altarum Institute** (Ann Arbor, MI) published findings from the *Altarum Institute Survey of Consumer Health Care Opinions*, the fifth in an ongoing series of semiannual surveys conducted by Altarum's **Center for Consumer Choice in Health Care**. Results indicate a trend toward patients desiring more input into decisions related to their medical care. According to a newly released study, 43 percent want to make the final decision with some professional input, and 16 percent prefer to be completely in charge of their medical decisions. The survey also revealed that only 5 percent of people are certain that they will have the recommended amount of savings needed to cover health expenses after they retire, while more than 80 percent are either unsure or unlikely to have enough money set aside for health care in retirement. The survey also found that most consumers face financial pressures and may be cutting back on care as a result. For complete study results, visit www.altarum.org/CCCHC. Ken Schwartz, 571.733.5709, ken.schwartz@altarum.org.

OTHER NEWS

- **Altman Foundation** (New York, NY) reviewed its health grant program, culminating in adoption of new guidelines in 2012. The guidelines focus on catalyzing achievement of two health reform objectives: a reduction in the uninsured and an increase in access to coordinated

quality community-based services, particularly for those who are most vulnerable, frail, or complexly ill. The foundation awarded health-related grants of approximately \$3.3 million in 2012 and 2013 to organizations in New York City, including a two-year, \$300,000 grant to **Primary Care Development Corporation** to pilot a care coordination model. Other grantees include: **Montefiore Medical Center** – \$250,000 over two years to pilot medical home standards tailored to school-based health; **Community Health Care Association of NYS** – \$180,000 over 18 months to facilitate enrollment of uninsured patients; **UJA-Federation of Jewish Philanthropies of New York** – \$150,000 to support participation by social service agencies in three hospital-community partnerships; **New York-Presbyterian Hospital** – \$125,000 over 18 months to integrate three community care programs; **Mental Health Association of NYC** – \$120,000 over 18 months to integrate geriatric mental health care into managed-care services; **New York State Health Foundation** – \$115,000 over 16 months to augment its multiagency enrollment initiative; and **Visiting Nurse Service of NY** – \$100,000 to train Medicaid Health Home outreach workers. For more information, visit www.altmanfoundation.org.

- **California HealthCare Foundation** (CHCF) (Oakland) announced that **Solutions Journalism Network** has won **Big Data on a Local Scale**, a CHCF prize available to applicants of the **Knight News Challenge: Health**. The network will receive \$122,500 to support its work with California-based news outlets to promote community solutions to health problems. An initiative of the **John S. and James L. Knight Foundation** (Miami, FL), the Knight News Challenge sought ideas that harness the power of data and information for the health of communities. The challenge focused on health for the first time, in collaboration with CHCF and three other health organizations. As one of seven challenge winners, Solutions Journalism Network will receive \$180,000 from the Knight Foundation, in addition to the California-focused

support from CHCF. The organization will work with at least eight newsrooms around the country and the Institute for Health Metrics and Evaluation to identify examples of promising community health results grounded in evidence and data. Contact: Steven Birenbaum, 510.587.3157.

PEOPLE

- **The Commonwealth Fund** (New York, NY) announced that **Kathryn D. Haslanger**, CEO of Jewish Association Serving the Aging (JASA), has been elected to its board of directors. Ms. Haslanger has spent more than 30 years in health care policy, research, and delivery, holding leadership roles at organizations dedicated to ensuring access to health care for New Yorkers. Prior to her appointment as CEO of JASA, Ms. Haslanger served as senior vice president for community benefit and external affairs at the Visiting Nurse Service of New York. Ms. Haslanger is a member of the New York State Medicaid Managed Care Advisory Panel, the National Academy of Social Insurance, and the United Hospital Fund Health Policy Forum. Contact: Mary Mahon, 212.606.3853, mm@cmwf.org.
- **Connecticut Health Foundation** (Hartford) has added **Kenneth Alleyne, M.D.** to its board of directors for a one-year term. Dr. Alleyne is a board certified sports medicine orthopedic surgeon practicing in Connecticut and New York City, a clinical associate professor of orthopaedics at the University of Connecticut, and the clinical dean at the American University School of Medicine in Barbados. Dr. Alleyne is also a managing partner of Gardiner Ebers Consulting and Harthaven Partners, a health care consultancy and investment firm based in Connecticut and New York City. In addition, he is a founding partner of NextLevel Health Partners, a coordinated care entity. Dr. Alleyne also served as a board member at Community Health Services, a federally qualified health center in Connecticut. Contact: Maryland Grier, 860.724.1580, ext. 21.

■ **Grant Healthcare Foundation** (Lake Forest, Illinois) introduced **Kate Grubbs O'Connor** as its new executive director. Ms. O'Connor comes to the foundation from the **National Kidney Foundation of Illinois** (Chicago), where she worked for more than 17 years serving as COO and later as CEO. Ms. Grubbs will succeed **Joan Eldridge Ridell**, who is retiring from the foundation after 17 years as its first and only executive director. Contact: Kate Grubbs O'Connor, 847.735.1590, koconnor@granthealthcare.org

■ **The David and Lucile Packard Foundation** (Los Altos, CA) appointed **Jennifer Blum** to the position of program officer for population and reproductive health. In this role, Ms. Blum will oversee grants made by the foundation's population and reproductive team in Sub-Saharan Africa. Ms. Blum has extensive experience in the reproductive health field, and has led numerous research efforts on reproductive health technologies. She has also worked to provide technical and research support directly to reproductive health

projects in Sub-Saharan Africa, Southeast Asia, and Europe. Most recently, Ms. Blum was a director at Gynuity Health Projects, and has worked at Population Council in New York and Pacific Institute for Women's Health in California. For more information, visit www.packard.org, select "About the Foundation," and choose "News and Publications."

■ **Partners for Health Foundation** (Montclair, NJ) elected **Kevin Rendino** as the foundation's new board chair. Since 2012 Mr. Rendino has been the CEO and managing partner of RGJ Capital, LLC. His previous experience includes working for 24 years as director and portfolio manager for BlackRock and Merrill Lynch Asset Management. He was the head of BlackRock's Basic Value Equity group, a \$14 billion Large Cap Value team, as well as a frequent contributor to CNBC, Bloomberg TV, and other financial newspapers and magazines. Mr. Rendino succeeds **Paul A. Lisovicz** who served as board chair from 2009 to 2013. Contact: Pam Scott, 973.746.6130, ext. 11, pscott@partnersfdn.org.

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