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BULLETIN

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NEW GRANTS &
PROGRAMS

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- **BHHS Legacy Foundation** (Phoenix, AZ) and its affiliates announced that they have awarded \$2,361,533 in grants in the greater Phoenix region and \$956,352 in grants in their tri-state region (Bullhead City, Mohave Valley, and Topock, AZ; Needles, CA; and Laughlin, NV) during the first half of 2012. Grant awards ranged from \$1,000 to \$418,778. Among the grantees are: **Arizona Association of Community Health Centers** (Phoenix) – \$30,000 for **Don't Get Dropped Arizona**, a grassroots campaign aimed at assisting low-income Arizonans with access to public health care programs; **Arizona State University Foundation** (Tempe) – \$75,000 for scholarships to students enrolled in the accelerated nursing program; **Boys and Girls Clubs of Metro Phoenix** (AZ) – \$100,000 for its children's dental clinic operations located at the I.G. Homes Branch; and **Circle the City** (Phoenix, AZ) – \$100,000 for the Medical Respite Center for vulnerable homeless patients who need care to fully recover after hospitalization. Grants awarded in the tri-state region include: **Mohave Community College** (Colorado City, AZ) – \$100,000 for nursing and medical health scholarships, and **River Fund** (Laughlin, NV) – \$60,000 for an emergency financial assistance program. A comprehensive list of the foundation's past and current grants can be viewed at www.bhhslegacy.org.
 - **Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan Foundation** (Detroit) recently awarded two **Community Health Matching**

Grants. A \$100,000 grant was awarded to **Wayne State University, College of Education** to add a comprehensive evaluation to the **Building Healthy Communities Program** to identify outcomes for students and schools. Building Healthy Communities is a school-wide program designed to provide children and families with educational opportunities for healthy eating and physical activity. **Michigan State Medical Society Foundation, 16th Annual Bioethics Conference** received a \$36,000 grant to explore growing threats to the doctor-patient relationship, subsequent to ongoing economic, political, regulatory, and technological transformations in health care. The foundation, along with the **Kresge Foundation** (Troy, MI), **McGregor Fund** (Detroit, MI), **Community Foundation for Southeast Michigan** (Detroit), and the **Ethel & James Flinn Foundation** (Detroit, MI), also cofunded a \$330,000 grant to the **Detroit/Wayne County Health Authority** for the development of proposals to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, as part of the Affordable Care Act, to expand services provided by federally qualified health centers. Contact: Nora Maloy, 313.225.8205, nmaloy@bcbsm.com.

- **Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Minnesota Foundation** (Eagan) is seeking proposals for **Building Health Equity Together**, a new grantmaking opportunity. The foundation will award two grants of up to \$75,000 each with an opportunity for a second year of funding at the same level based on performance; progress; and identification of practices, policies, and partners that can help advance the successes of first year work.

GIHNEWS

KEY DATES AND DEADLINES

- **Investing in Opportunities and Assets: Lessons from the South for the Nation**
September 6 & 7 | New Orleans, LA
- **Call for GIH Board Nominations**
Deadline: September 6
- **Call for Terrance Keenan Award Nominations**
Deadline: September 7
- **Innovations Summit: Understanding and Addressing Population Health**
September 19 | Washington, DC
- **Issue Dialogue: Start Smart: Healthy Weight in Early Childhood**
October 16 | Washington, DC
- **2012 Fall Forum: Health Care Transformed: Better Delivery for Those Most in Need**
November 15 & 16 | Washington, DC

For more information about these activities and meetings, visit www.gih.org.

Projects will address improving community conditions that affect health in low-income communities. Project partners should include two different departments in a local unit of government working with a community-based organization to advance a common agenda related to one or more of the following influences on health: education, employment, income, family and social support, and community safety. The full request for proposals is available at www.bcbsmnfoundation.org. Contact: Julie Eastling, 651.662.6574, Julie_A_Eastling@bluecrossmn.com.

- **The Colorado Trust** (Denver, CO) committed \$250,000 to the **Colorado Fire Relief Fund 2012** (CFRF) to assist in response and recovery efforts after severe drought conditions and record high temperatures in June sparked devastating wildfires across the state. The fires destroyed homes and lands, displaced thousands of families, shut down businesses, and interrupted vital services in communities. Created by the Colorado Governor's Office, CFRF 2012 is being administered by **The Denver Foundation** (CO), with other community foundations from affected areas to distribute funds to address intermediate needs resulting from the wildfires. Learn more about the fund at www.denverfoundation.org. Contact: Christie McElhinney, 303.539.3147, christie@coloradotrust.org.

Funders' Network for Smart Growth and Livable Communities (Coral Gables, FL), in partnership with the **Urban Sustainability Directors Network**, announced the opening of Round Two of the **Local Sustainability Matching Fund**. The purpose of the fund is twofold: to catalyze partnerships between local government sustainability directors and local, place-based foundations, including community foundations, and to advance important community-based sustainability initiatives. The fund will provide partnership investments between \$25,000 and \$75,000, with a 1:1 match required by one or more local foundations. The network anticipates that the fund will support another five to six projects in round two. The application deadline is October 1. Visit

www.fundersnetwork.org for more information and the request for proposals. The fund was created with leadership support from the **Kendeda Fund** (Wilmington, DE), **The New York Community Trust** (New York), the **Summit Foundation** (Washington, DC), and the **Surdna Foundation** (New York, NY). Contact: Jennifer Cummings, 305.667.6350 ext. 200, jennifer@fundersnetwork.org.

- **Healthcare Foundation of New Jersey** (Millburn) awarded its \$100 millionth dollar in grant money with a \$500,000 gift to the **Children's Specialized Hospital Foundation** for the establishment of the **Newark Outpatient Center**. The center will house three medical specialties – neuro-developmental pediatrics, psychiatry, and psychology – and plans to offer the services of physical, occupational, and speech therapists, as well as an advance practice nurse. The foundation, an independent, grantmaking organization, was founded approximately 16 years ago when Newark Beth Israel Medical Center was sold to the Saint Barnabas Health Care System (now Barnabas Health). It works to reduce disparities and increase access to quality health care for the area's most vulnerable and underserved populations. Contact: Marsha Atkind, 973.921.1210, matkind@hfnj.org.
- **Health Foundation for Western and Central New York** (HFWCNY) (Buffalo) has awarded new grants totaling more than \$740,000 in the first half of 2012. Grants awarded through the **Frail Elders: Creating Options for Dignified Aging** focus area include: **Kaleida Health Foundation** (Buffalo, NY) – \$21,970 for the Kaleida Health Foundation, Erie County Department of Senior Services, and the State University of New York (SUNY) at Buffalo to expand the availability of Powerful Tools for Caregivers in Erie County, and **Research Foundation for SUNY** (Albany) and **SUNY Institute of Technology at Utica/Rome** – \$46,000 to pilot a transgenerational mentoring intervention designed to promote resiliency among traumatized and at-risk families with the Neighborhood Center of Utica. Grants awarded through the

Young Children Living in Poverty: Building Blocks for Healthier Kids focus area include: **Bassett Medical Center** (Cooperstown, NY) – \$15,000 to expand midwifery services at its clinic in Herkimer County, and **P2 Collaborative of Western New York** (Williamsville) – \$3,500 to create a report identifying the risk and need surrounding maternal and child health in western New York. Grants awarded through the **Growing Community Health Capacity** focus area include: **Community Health Worker Network of Buffalo** (NY) – \$124,850 to continue the process of establishing the network, creating a training center, and embedding community health workers into the workforce, and **HEALTHeLINK** (Buffalo, NY) – \$40,000 to assist Medicaid Health Homes in western New York in identifying and selecting a common technology solution to advance the health home process. Contact: Katharine McLaughlin, kmclaughlin@hfwcny.org.

- **Missouri Foundation for Health** (MFH) (St. Louis) announced more than \$1 million in grants to 49 Missouri nonprofits. This cycle of funding included the foundation's first mini grants, which are designed to provide short-term support to organizations conducting small, targeted health improvement efforts. Mini grants were awarded through MFH's **Community Health and Prevention, Services Delivery**, and **Health Literacy** funding programs. Grantees include: **Pathways Community Behavioral Healthcare Inc.** (Camden County) – \$9,625 to support suicide prevention programs for young people; **Saint Louis Effort for AIDS** (St. Louis) – \$10,000 to expand testing, education, and counseling services among women at risk for HIV/AIDS and other sexually transmitted conditions; **Morgan County Health Center** (Versailles) – \$10,000 to educate families about positive parenting and child development; **Disability Resource Association of Jefferson County** (Crystal City) – \$10,000 to support efforts to educate seniors and disabled individuals about managing chronic conditions and living safely at home; **Dallas County Health Department** (Buffalo) – \$10,000 to help the southeast Missouri

health department provide preventive oral health education to schoolchildren; and **Missouri Family Health Council Inc.** (Jefferson City) – \$6,670 to help the organization develop plain-language literature on reproductive health and family planning. Contact: Julie Johnson, 314.345.5580, jjohnson@mffh.org.

- **Rose Community Foundation** (Denver, CO) awarded 242 grants totaling nearly \$5.9 million. Of this amount, more than \$3 million was awarded to nonprofit organizations, government agencies, and projects that support the health and well-being of the greater Denver community. A \$50,000 grant to the **Bell Policy Center** (Denver) will go toward funding totaling \$150,000 to build support for fiscal reform efforts in the state. The grant was jointly funded by the foundation's Child and Family Development, Health, and Opportunities and Innovation program areas. Grant support in the amount of \$20,000 was awarded to **CHARG Resource Center** (Denver) to provide oral hygiene training and dental care to individuals with severe and persistent mental illness. **Doctors Care** (Littleton) received \$50,000 for the purchase and renovation of a new clinic. **Jefferson Center for Mental Health** (Wheat Ridge) will use its \$50,000 grant over two years to provide integrated medical, mental health, and substance abuse services. The **Office of the Governor, State of Colorado** (Denver) was awarded \$15,000 to provide consultation for the state to apply for funding under the Affordable Care Act. **Women's Health** (Boulder) received a \$25,000 grant for family planning, gynecological services, and sexuality education programs. Visit www.rcfdenver.org for a comprehensive list of grant awards. Contact: Marci Hladik, 303.398.7445, mhladik@rcfdenver.org.

St. David's Foundation (Austin, TX) awarded \$9.5 million in grants to support safety net clinics in central Texas that provide health care for low-income residents without Medicaid. **Healthy Mind** grantees included: **Any Baby Can** – \$330,000 to support the *No Estás Solo* (You Are Not Alone) Counseling Program; **Capital Area Counseling** –

\$60,000 for low-cost, no session limit counseling services; and **Samaritan Center for Counseling and Pastoral Care** – \$150,000 for mental health counseling services for children, adults, and the elderly. **Healthy Futures** grantees included: **Capital IDEA** – \$480,000 to support Path to Healthcare Careers for Low-Income Central Texans, and **University of Texas at Austin, School of Social Work** – \$50,000 to support Gerontology Resources and the Aging Community in Education activities. **Healthy Living** grantees included: **Boys & Girls Clubs** – \$230,000 for its Healthy Habits Program; **MEND Foundation** (partnered with **YMCA of Austin** and **YMCA of Williamson County**) – \$261,242 to support MEND: Mind, Exercise, Nutrition...Do It!; and **Sustainable Food Center** – \$75,000 for its Northeast Farmers' Market and Double Value Coupon pilot project. Contact: Lisa Trahan, 512.879.6612, ltrahan@stdavidsfoundation.org.

- **Otho S. A. Sprague Memorial Institute** (Chicago, IL) announced grant awards that marked the beginning of its second century of grantmaking. Grants include: **LISC/Chicago for the Neighborhood Health Initiative** – \$50,000 to support a pilot project; **Consortium to Lower Obesity in Chicago Children** – \$50,000 in recognition of its 10th anniversary and to support a strategic process for outlining future directions; **Medical Home Network** – \$54,100 to test the efficacy of telehealth technologies when applied to safety net patients suffering from hypertension and cardiovascular diseases; and **Chicago Community Oral Health Forum** – \$176,858 toward general operating support. Contact Jim Alexander, 847.475.0034.
- **Tufts Health Plan Foundation** (Watertown, MA) announced that it has awarded more than \$1.7 million in grants to 46 Massachusetts- and Rhode Island-based organizations in its first cycle of funding for 2012. Among the grantees are: **Community Action Committee of Cape Cod & Islands** (Hyannis, MA) – \$24,085 for its Caregiver Support Advisor Service; **Elder Services of the Merrimack Valley**

(Lawrence, MA) – \$45,000 for its Healthy Ideas Program; **Elder Services of Berkshire County Inc.** (Pittsfield, MA) – \$64,078 for its Healthy Aging, Healthy Living program; **The LGBT Aging Project** (Jamaica Plain, MA) – \$30,000 to support healthy aging in the lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender community; **The Latino Health Insurance Program Inc.** (Framingham, MA) – \$43,802 for *Mi Vida, Mi Salud*; **Longy School of Music Inc.** (Cambridge, MA) – \$7,000 for creative aging classes for seniors; **Massachusetts General Hospital Revere Center** – \$50,000 to support a senior wellness program; **Springwell Inc.** (Watertown, MA) – \$58,406 to support the Healthy Aging Initiative; and **Women of Means Inc.** (Wellesley, MA) – \$25,000 to sustain enhanced compassionate care management and coordination for aging homeless women. Contact: Sonya Hagopian, 617.972.9400.

The **University of Southern California (USC) Annenberg School for Communication and Journalism** (Los Angeles) announced health journalism awards totaling \$57,750 to support investigative and explanatory reporting projects. More than 80 journalists nationwide competed for 22 reporting grants from the **Dennis A. Hunt Fund for Health Journalism**, the **Lucile Packard Foundation for Children's Health Journalism Fund**, and the **National Health Journalism Fellowships**. All 22 journalists participate in **USC Annenberg's California Endowment Health Journalism Fellowships Program**, which has educated more than 500 journalists on the craft and content of health journalism since 2005. Topics the fellows will explore include: the roles played by community health clinics in a changing health care landscape; the looming debate over the benefits insurers will be required to provide for chronically ill and disabled children; the health risks of pesticide exposure; how the urban environment affects good health; the reasons for cancer disparities in a community in Virginia; and barriers to accessing mental health care in Montana. Contact: Michelle Levander, levander@usc.edu.

SURVEYS, STUDIES & PUBLICATIONS

- **Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts Foundation** (Boston) released the report *Massachusetts Under the Affordable Care Act: Employer-Related Issues and Policy Options*, which estimates the impact of four policy options on employer spending, government spending, and insurance coverage. The options explored include: eliminating the Massachusetts fair share assessment and having the Affordable Care Act (ACA) be the only employer assessment associated with employer-sponsored health insurance in the state; maintaining the current fair share assessment for small employers that are exempt from the federal assessment because of their size, thereby keeping some of the current state revenue stream and maintaining a broader standard than other states; leaving the current fair share requirement in place, leading to a double assessment for some employers once the ACA's employer assessments are implemented but maintaining the state's current revenue stream; and extending the ACA's employer assessment structure to the small employers that the federal government would exempt, thereby keeping a small amount of revenue for the state. Visit <http://bluecrossmafoundation.org/> to download the full report.

The **Center for Effective Philanthropy** (Cambridge, MA) recently released *Grantees' Limited Engagement with Foundations' Social Media*, which showed that when it comes to social media, nonprofits are not closely following their foundation funders or their funders' staff. Key findings included: the majority of both foundations and nonprofits in the survey are using social media; few grantees use social media from their foundation funders or their funders' staff; and grantees find social media to be the least helpful resource for learning about the foundation. The report also found that of the small percentage of grantees that do use foundations' social media, the majority of them are not doing so to interact with foundations. Rather, they want information about the funder and content that is

relative to their work. For the full report, visit www.effectivephilanthropy.org. Contact: Mark Russell, 617.492.0800 ext. 280, markr@effectivephilanthropy.org.

NEHI (Cambridge, MA), with funding from **The Boston Foundation** (MA), has released its second annual *Healthy People/Healthy Economy Report Card*, grading Massachusetts on its health and wellness policies. The report card was published by the **Healthy People/Healthy Economy Coalition**, which was launched in 2012, with the goal of making Massachusetts the national leader in health and wellness. The coalition has advocated for increased funding for public health programs, an end to the sales tax exemption for sugar-sweetened beverages, and passage of legislation to promote the health of the state's residents. Visit www.nehi.net to download the publication. Contact: Nick King, 617.225.0857.

- A new report, released by the **Geiger Gibson/RCHN Community Health Foundation Research Collaborative** (New York, NY, and Washington, DC), analyzes the impact on community health centers of states' refusal to implement the Medicaid expansion under the Affordable Care Act (ACA). *How the Supreme Court's Medicaid Decision May Affect Health Centers: An Early Estimate* confirms an earlier finding that if fully implemented by the states, the Medicaid expansion will enable community health center capacity to nearly double, and reach approximately 19.8 million new patients. Conversely, without a full Medicaid expansion, the authors find capacity to serve additional patients would be reduced by nearly 27 percent, a 5.3 million decrease in new patients served. Visit www.rchnfoundation.org for the full report. Contact: Feygele Jacobs, fjacobs@rchnfoundation.org.

MEETINGS

Grantmakers In Health will host *Investing in Opportunities and Assets: Lessons from the South for the Nation* on September 6-7, in New Orleans,

Louisiana. The meeting will explore opportunities and assets to promote the health of vulnerable families and communities; how the political, economic, and social environment influence health and well-being in the South; and the role of health philanthropy. Attendees will also hear from nonprofit advocacy and direct-service organizations about their experiences. Register by August 24. Visit www.gih.org for full details, including a meeting agenda. Contact Cara Chervin, cchervin@gih.org, with any questions.

The **National Association of Public Hospitals and Health Systems** (Washington, DC) and **Grantmakers In Health** are cosponsoring the *Innovations Summit: Understanding and Addressing Population Health* on September 19 in Washington, DC. Policymakers, opinion leaders, and grantmakers are invited to take part in an informative and engaging discussion about health reform's encouragement of innovative practices in population health. Leaders from major safety net health systems will describe their approaches to better the health of their communities. Register by September 7 on-line at <http://www.eventzilla.net/web/event?eventid=2138969371> or via e-mail to Katie Reid at kreid@naph.org.

OTHER NEWS

Grantmakers In Aging (Arlington, VA) has released an updated, and now entirely digital, version of its grantmaking toolkit, *For All Ages: The GIA Guide to Funding Across the Lifespan*. Created to assist funders new and experienced in the field of aging, the toolkit includes an "Aging 101" section, as well as sections devoted to funding in the areas of health; education; communities; children, youth, and families; and arts and culture. For more information, visit www.giaging.org.

- **The John A. Hartford Foundation** (New York, NY) received a two-year, \$2 million dollar **Social Innovation Fund** (SIF) grant to expand the **Improving Mood – Promoting Access to Collaborative Treatment (IMPACT)**

Depression Care Model in medically underserved rural communities in Washington, Wyoming, Alaska, Montana, and Idaho. SIF grants require additional matching funds from local sub-grantees, which will result in another \$3 million in investments over the next two years. Through an innovative public-private partnership with the federal government and the University of Washington, the foundation will redistribute funds to local nonprofit community health clinics to help them implement the IMPACT model, which brings depression care to primary care settings and uses a team approach that doubles the results of usual depression care. Expanding this innovative program offers multiple benefits, including improving the economic well-being of individuals and families with depression, reducing health care costs, improving their capacity for employment because a debilitating disease is better controlled, and reducing costs related to care giving that are often borne by family. Contact: Elliott Walker, ewalker@aboutsop.com, 917.846.6334.

- **The Kresge Foundation** (Troy, MI) will award \$20,000 prizes to four community health centers and one primary care association in recognition of their innovative approaches to primary care delivery and other initiatives that promote health and wellness in low-income communities. The awards are part of the *National Summit on Community Health Center Lending and Innovation*, which will focus on the advancement of health care innovation in low-income neighborhoods by facilitating knowledge sharing and collaboration among two unfamiliar partners: health care centers and community development financial institutions. Kresge, **Robert Wood Johnson Foundation** (Princeton, NJ), the **San Francisco Federal Reserve Bank** (CA), **Opportunity Finance Network** (Philadelphia, PA), and **NCB Capital Impact** (Arlington, VA) are cosponsors of the event. The award recipients are: **Dorchester House Multi-Service Center** (MA), which developed a fiscal health assessment tool aimed at improving the financial outcomes of lower-income community members who

receive medical and other services at the health center; **Colorado Coalition for the Homeless** (Denver), which established an integrated health center co-located with permanent supportive housing to provide better primary care to homeless and at-risk families; **Hidalgo Medical Services** (Lordsburg, NM), which runs a comprehensive rural health care workforce development program designed to address a shortage of health professionals; **Maple City Health Care Center** (Goshen, IN), which offers an alternative payment model allowing patients to earn by volunteering and having their accounts credited; and **North Carolina Community Health Center Association** (Raleigh), which employs medical-legal partnerships to address patients' health and economic stability. Contact: Cynthia Shaw, 248.643.9630, cshaw@kresge.org.

- **The Kate B. Reynolds Charitable Trust** (Winston-Salem, NC) announced the **Innovations in Rural Health Award**, which seeks original, innovative solutions to drive health improvement in rural communities. Three winners will receive a \$25,000 New Rural Health Award for creative and inspiring ideas. In addition to the \$25,000 prize, winners might see their projects implemented in North Carolina by the foundation. Anyone or any organization across the United States is invited to participate. The foundation will accept applications September 1 – October 31, 2012. For more information, visit www.kbr.org. Contact: Delvon Worthy, ruralprize@kbr.org.

PEOPLE

- **The Commonwealth Fund** (New York, NY) named **David Blumenthal, M.D.** as its next president. Dr. Blumenthal is one of the nation's preeminent health information technology experts, thought leaders on primary care and professionalism, and foremost health policy scholars. He is currently the Samuel O. Thier Professor of Medicine at Harvard Medical School and chief health information and innovation officer at Partners Healthcare System in Boston, and serves as chairman of the

Commonwealth Fund Commission on a High Performance Health System. He served from 2009 to 2011 as U.S. national coordinator for health information technology. Dr. Blumenthal, who was also elected a member of The Commonwealth Fund's board of directors, will succeed **Karen Davis** on January 1, 2013. Contact: Mary Mahon, 212.606.3853, mm@cmwf.org.

- **Comprehensive Health Education Foundation** (Seattle, WA) welcomed its new executive director, **Melanie Gillespie**. For nearly two decades, Ms. Gillespie has been a leader in the nonprofit and public sectors, serving the needs of communities' most vulnerable individuals and families. Ms. Gillespie's recent experience includes service as director of lending for Impact Capital, a statewide community development financial institution, where she managed a \$26 million loan pool providing capital bridge and predevelopment funds to community development projects that the commercial markets do not serve. Prior to that, she served as founding executive director of Home For Good. Contact: info@chef.org.

Emerging Practitioners in Philanthropy (EPIP) (New York, NY) has selected **Rahsaan K. Harris** as its executive director. Mr. Harris is a doctoral candidate in public and urban policy at the New School University in New York City. Previously Mr. Harris led diversity and racial equity initiatives as a program executive at **The Atlantic Philanthropies** (New York, NY), where he managed the foundation's response to the earthquake in Haiti; oversaw grants to community groups in Bermuda; and supported the CEO on spend-down planning, discretionary grantmaking, and high-engagement grantmaking practices. Prior to Atlantic, he was executive director of Playing2Win, a public access technology learning center serving inner-city, low-income residents. Mr. Harris succeeds **Rusty M. Stahl**, EPIP founder and executive director since 2002. Contact: Rebecca Schumer, rebecca@epip.org.

- **Kaiser Permanente** (Oakland, CA) has announced that **Tyler Norris**

has joined its leadership team as vice president, total health partnerships. Mr. Norris has worked with Kaiser Permanente as a consultant on its Community Health Initiatives for nearly a decade. In his new role, he will help build out the organization's national and regional partnerships that are central to mobilizing the clinical, educational, environmental, and social actions that improve the health of all people. In addition, he will contribute to the implementation of applications of technology to total health. Mr. Norris brings more than 30 years of experience in the public, private, and nonprofit sectors.

- **Mat-Su Health Foundation** (MSHF) (Wasilla, AK) recently welcomed **Robin Minard** as director of public affairs. Ms. Minard has over 20 years of professional experience, developing and implementing communications strategies for organizations large and small. In this newly created position, she will help advance the mission of the foundation through strategic communications and advocacy and will support the foundation's strategic goals. Ms. Minard will also work with the foundation team to support the organization's current effort to conduct a community

health assessment that will assist in measuring the health status of Mat-Su residents over time. Contact: Elizabeth Ripley, 907.352.2863.

- **Pottstown Area Health and Wellness Foundation** (PA) recently appointed three new directors to its board: **Matthew Cappelletti, Jr., C.P.A.**, president of Cappelletti, Pinter & Co., P.C.; **Philip I. Cook, M.D., J.D.**, chief of the Pediatrics Department at Pottstown Memorial Medical Center; and **Ashia Cooper**, a school counselor in the Owen J. Roberts School District. Retiring from the board are **Dick Frantz**, **James Lennon**, and **Rev. Burlington Latshaw III**, all of whom have served on the board since its inception in 2003. Also retiring is **Kay Dougherty** who has served on the board since 2010. Additionally, **Kenneth Picardi** has assumed the role of board president and **Charles Palladino** will serve as vice president. **Robert W. Boyce**, treasurer, will continue in his current roles. **Art Green** will assume the role of secretary, and **Myra Forrest** will serve as member-at-large. Contact: Rose Crews, 610.323.2006 ext. 21, rosecrews@pottstownfoundation.org.

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