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BULLETIN

NEW GRANTS & Programs

Aetna and Aetna Foundation, Inc. (Hartford, CT) announced an initial grant of \$50,000 to support the work of the National Kidney Registry (Babylon, NY). The National Kidney Registry is a nonprofit group dedicated to improving the lives of people facing kidney failure by helping patients with incompatible donors receive kidney transplants through the registry's national matching system. Using its national donor and patient database, the registry has the potential to facilitate thousands of transplants while providing better transplant outcomes for patients and reducing health care costs by \$100 billion over the next 10 years. Through a multipronged communication campaign, Aetna will proactively communicate the availability of the registry to patients who are being evaluated for a kidney transplant and their doctors. For more information, visit www.aetna.com/news.

Blue Shield of California

Foundation (San Francisco) awarded nearly \$8.5 million to nonprofit organizations working to improve the health of Californians and to end domestic violence. Among the grantees are: **Small Business Majority** (Sausalito, CA) – \$600,000 to help bring the needs and voices of California's small businesses into the national health care reform conversation; **San Mateo County** (CA) – \$200,000 to evaluate two new countywide strategies aimed at giving greater health service access to local residents who lack coverage; and **Asian Women's** **Shelter** (San Francisco, CA) – \$170,000 to continue efforts to address the unmet needs of non-English-speaking immigrant and refugee survivors of domestic violence. Contact: Eric Antebi, 415.279.0748, eantebi@fenton.com.

Center for Health Care Strategies (CHCS) (Hamilton, NJ) is launching Transforming Care for Dual Eligibles, a state initiative to test innovative care models for people who are dually eligible for Medicare and Medicaid. Colorado, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Pennsylvania, Texas, and Vermont will implement strategies to improve care and control costs for dual eligibles, a highneeds population with health care costs nearly five times those of other Medicare beneficiaries. The initiative will work with states to eliminate the barriers to integrating Medicaid- and Medicarecovered services via Medicare Advantage Special Needs Plans and will support the development of alternative models for integration. CHCS will work closely with the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services to identify new avenues for integrating care. Through the 18-month program, participating states will receive in-depth technical assistance addressing program design, care models, financing mechanisms, and contracting strategies. The program is made possible through support from The Commonwealth Fund (New York, NY). Contact: Lorie Martin, 609.528.8400, lmartin@chcs.org.

Children's Fund of Connecticut (Farmington) made a grant of \$107,884 to Connecticut Children's Medical Center (East Hartford). The grant will support a two-year study to develop a

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2010 ANNUAL MEETING SESSION PROPOSALS DUE JULY I

Submit a session proposal for the 2010 Annual Meeting on Health Philanthropy *Taking Risks at a Critical Time*, which will take place March 10-12 in Orlando, Florida. The meeting will explore how grantmakers can sustain their roles as change agents and be bold, creative, and take risks in how they approach their work.

ON-LINE EXCLUSIVES

Visit www.gih.org to read the latest Views from the Field article "Expanding the Circle of Allies" by Risa Lavizzo-Mourey of the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (RWJF). The article examines RWJF's Commission to Build a Healthier America and seeks input on the recommendations made by the commission.

Coming Soon to www.gih.org:

- "Initiatives in Education, Economic Development Present Challenges, Yield Big Rewards" by Joseph Rosier, Jr. of The Rapides Foundation
- "Building a Global Movement for Health Equity," 2009 GIH annual meeting keynote address by Michael Marmot, Commission on Social Determinants of Health, World Health Organization

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model comanagement program designed to improve how primary care physicians work with specialists to coordinate care for children diagnosed with one of six conditions: chronic fatigue syndrome or fibromyalgia; hematuria; overweight/ obesity; Lyme disease; migraines; and pediatric voiding dysfunction. The grant makes it possible for the medical center to develop and determine the feasibility of more structured comanagement service agreements that streamline the collaborative process. Expected benefits include reducing the average two- to three-month wait time for appointments with subspecialists and improvements to quality of care. Contact: Lisa Honigfeld, 860.679.1523.

- Hogg Foundation for Mental Health (Austin, TX) awarded \$259,092 to Mental Health America of Greater Houston (MHA) (TX) to help accelerate and expand integrated health care in Texas by forming a statewide network of health care providers. MHA will work with the foundation for 18 months to design, launch, and coordinate the statewide learning community that reflects the state's cultural diversity. The learning community's members will be selected by the foundation through a request for proposals that will be issued later this year. Selected members will receive a grant from the foundation to help cover the cost of participation. Contact: Merrell Foote, 512.471.9142, merrell.foote@austin.utexas.edu.
- Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (RWJF)(Princeton, NJ) and the New Jersey Chamber of Commerce Foundation (Trenton) announced a major initiative designed to ensure that New Jersey will have the nursing workforce it needs to meet its future health care demands. The five-year, \$22-million New Jersey Nursing Initiative will increase the number of nurse faculty in the state so there will be enough faculty to educate the next generation of nurses. Its central component is the Faculty Preparation Program, which includes grants to nursing schools around the state and support for 46 RWJF New Jersey Nursing Scholars who study to become faculty and commit to teach in the state

for three years after they complete their studies. The initiative has four components: the Faculty Preparation Program; strategic workgroups working toward approaches to address a variety of relevant issues; development and piloting of centralized on-line application services that allow prospective students to complete a single application and send it to multiple schools statewide; and a comprehensive Web site, www.njni.org, with resources for anyone interested in nursing in New Jersey. Contact: George Koodray, 609.989.7888, ext. 157.

- **Kaiser Permanente** (Oakland, CA) awarded \$5 million to the University of California, Berkeley to fund the Kaiser Permanente Public Health Scholars **Program**, an initiative designed to meet the increasing need for highly educated public health workers. Funding comes from a fund established in 2004 by Kaiser Permanente at the East Bay Community Foundation (Oakland, CA). The program will be based at the university's School of Public Health and is expected to expand California's public health workforce, with an emphasis on recruiting students from underserved communities and placing them in health departments and other organizations that serve vulnerable populations. The first class of 20 Kaiser Permanente Public Health Scholars will enroll this fall at the university. Contact: Lorna Fernandes, 510.271.5624.
- Northern Virginia Health Foundation (Alexandria, VA) awarded \$478,000 to local nonprofits that comprise the area's health care safety net. Among the grantees are: Alexandria Neighborhood Health Services -\$45,000 to support the director of clinical operations position; Northern Virginia Community College **Educational Foundation Restorative** Dental Clinic - \$45,000 to support the cost of staff that provide services and for dental supplies; Northern Virginia Family Service - \$45,000 to provide behavioral health services to low-income residents of the city of Alexandria and Arlington, Prince William and Loudoun counties and another grant of \$45,000 to support the oral health services coordinator position. The foundation also

awarded general operating support grants to Arlington Free Clinic, Arlington Pediatric Center, Greater Prince William Community Health Center, Jeanie Schmidt Free Clinic, Loudoun Community Health Center, Northern Virginia Dental Clinic, and NOVA Scripts Central. Contact: Julia Howard, 301.486.5691.

The Oregon Community

Foundation (Portland) awarded 90 community grants for more than \$1.9 million. Among the grantees are: Community Health Center (Medford, OR) - \$35,000 to fully integrate primary and mental health care services by adding a clinical social worker to the staff; Project Access NOW (Portland, OR) - \$25,000 for a system that connects low-income, uninsured patients with a network of volunteer physicians and hospitals; and Coastal Family Health Center (Astoria, OR) – \$20,000 to provide targeted bilingual case management for children of Hispanic families. For more information, visit www.oregoncf.org.

- Paso del Norte Health Foundation (El Paso, TX) awarded seven grants totaling more than \$668,000 under the goal of the foundation's strategic framework -A Smoke Free Paso del Norte. Among the grantees are: American Lung Association of the Central States Inc. (Houston, TX) - \$109,984 to continue offering the NOT on Tobacco, Freedom From Smoking and Breathe Smart From the Start curricula in the greater El Paso County area; Centro San Vicente (El Paso, TX) - \$99,970 to provide best practice smoking cessation programs within the organization's service area, including the Mission Valley, East El Paso, and San Elizario areas of El Paso County, and to explore implementation of prevention programs for youth; and Texas A&M Colonias Program (College Station, TX) – \$81,713 for continuation of smoking cessation and prevention efforts in the outskirt areas of El Paso and Hudspeth counties. Contact: Enrique Mata, 915.544.7636, ext. 1917, emata@pdnhf.org.
- Public Welfare Foundation
 (Washington, DC) approved more than

\$1 million in grants through its Health Reform Program. The National **Physicians Alliance Foundation** (Reston, VA) received \$100,000 to help efforts to bring the voices of doctors who are working for more equity, access, and patient-centered focus in the health care system as reform is debated at the national and state levels. Bazelon Center for Mental Health Law (Washington, DC) will use its \$100,000 grant to support the development of policy recommendations to integrate mental health services with physical health as part of national health care reform. **Center on Budget and Policy** Priorities (Washington, DC) was awarded \$50,000 for the DC Fiscal Policy Institute, which provides budget analyses and advocacy for policies addressing the needs of low-income people in the District of Columbia. A grant of \$75,000 to the South **Carolina Small Business Chamber of Commerce** (Columbia) will support efforts to represent small businesses and help them find solutions to the health care crisis for their employees. New America Foundation (Washington, DC) will use its \$100,000 grant for the development of policies and communications strategies to provide access to health care for immigrants through federal health care reform. Contact: Diane Camper, 202.965.1800, ext. 242, dcamper@publicwelfare.org.

Richmond Memorial Health **Foundation** (VA) approved grants totaling \$744,000 to nine local organizations. Among the grantees are: John Tyler Foundation (Midlothian) -\$190,000 over two years to support a new full-time faculty member for the Commonwealth Nursing Program, an on-line associate of applied science nursing degree offered at John Tyler Community College; ChildSavers (Richmond) - \$180,000 over three years to support expenses associated with the staffing of the Guidance Clinic - Play Therapy Suite that focuses on the evaluation and treatment of children and adolescents with mental, behavioral, or emotional health problems; Rx Partnership (Richmond) - \$60,000 over three years to support access to medications for Richmond's uninsured

and to expand the local network to nonparticipating safety net providers; and **Alzheimer's Association** (Richmond) – \$60,000 over two years to support respite assistance to area families who are caregivers to family members diagnosed with Alzheimer's and other dementia diseases. Contact: Jeffrey Cribbs, Sr., 804.282.6282, jcribbs@rmhfoundation.org.

- Rose Community Foundation (Denver, CO) awarded more than \$2.3 million in the first quarter of 2009 to nonprofit organizations, government agencies, and projects that support the health and well-being of the greater Denver community. Among the grantees are: Colorado Center for Hospice & Palliative Care (Colorado Springs) -\$60,000 to provide end-of-life care information, education, and advocacy; The Center for African American Health (Denver) - \$80,000 to support organizational efforts to improve the health and well-being of the African-American community; Colorado Cross-Disability Coalition (Denver) -\$15,000 for advocacy efforts on behalf of individuals with disabilities; Doctors Care (Littleton)-\$60,000 for medical services for low-income children, youth, and adults; MDS Counseling Center (Denver) - \$20,000 to provide counseling services to low-income and uninsured individuals and families; and Mental Health America of Colorado (Denver) - \$75,000 to promote understanding of mental disorders, expand access to services, and improve systems of care. Additionally, in response to the effect of the economic downturn on nonprofit organizations, the foundation awarded one-time grants totaling \$500,000 to 21 health-related organizations. Contact: Phil Nash, 303.398.7444, pnash@rcfdenver.org.
- Sisters of Charity Foundation of South Carolina (Columbia) has awarded 12 responsive grants totaling \$550,000 to nonprofit and faith-based organizations across South Carolina. Among the grantees are: University of South Carolina School of Medicine (Richland) – \$75,000 to support the project Achieving Optimal High Blood Pressure Treatment for Free

Medical Clinic Patients Using Point of Care Portable Ultrasound; Helping and Lending Outreach Support (Charleston) – \$35,000 to support the Kinship Care Resource and Support Program; and United Center for Community Care (Greenwood) – \$25,000 for its Unified Services Meeting Critical Needs project: Contact: Brooke Bailey, 803.254.0230, ext. 18, bbailey@sistersofcharitysc.com.

Sisters of St. Joseph Charitable **Fund** (Parkersburg, WV) awarded grants to 23 nonprofit organizations to support programs and services designed to improve the holistic wellness of residents in the mid-Ohio Valley. Among the grantees are: Wood County Schools (Parkersburg, WV) - \$43,075 for its Healthy Schools Program to implement a comprehensive wellness plan based on the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Comprehensive School Health program; Athens County Child **Advocacy Center** (OH) – \$17,650 to support exams by sexual assault nurse examiners and forensic interviews for victims of child abuse; Good Works (Athens, OH) – \$15,000 for the **Health** and Nutrition Initiative to increase access to nutritious meals, health education, and transportation services for low-income persons in Athens County, Ohio; and Volunteer Action Center (Parkersburg, WV) – \$15,000 to support FaithLink - Program and Volunteer Caregiver Support, which enables the elderly, chronically ill, and disabled to retain their independence at home. Contact: Sister Jane Harrington, 304.424.6080, jharrington@ ssjcharitablefund.org.

United Methodist Health Ministry Fund (Hutchinson, KS) awarded two grants totaling \$282,000 to support health-related projects serving Kansans. The Community Health Institute of Kansas State University (Manhattan) will receive a \$132,000 grant supporting the development and evaluation of the HOP'N Home Environment Project, a preschool program seeking to improve home environments to encourage more physical activity and healthful nutrition for young children. Topeka-based advocacy organization Kansas Action for **Children** was awarded \$150,000 to support its **Fiscal Focus** work over the next three years. Fiscal Focus provides ongoing analysis of state budget and tax policies and their impact on low-income children and families, with a goal to ensure a balanced tax system and budget process, which protects the well-being of Kansas children and their families while providing for a stable system of state revenues. Contact: Virginia Elliott, 620.662.8586.

SURVEYS, STUDIES & PUBLICATIONS

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California HealthCare Foundation (Oakland) has released two publications that outline challenges to delivering timely and appropriate specialty care to the underserved and that identify emerging opportunities to improve access. The Specialty Care Access Initiative provides an overview of lessons learned through a series of activities embarked upon by the foundation, Kaiser **Permanente Community Benefit** Programs, and other partners toward facilitating improved access to specialty care for underserved California residents. Strategies include provider convenings, technical assistance, and a statewide grant initiative for regional provider coalitions. The report assesses the extent of the specialty care problem and offers innovative practices to improve access and manage demand. Another report, Understanding the Referral Process, highlights the most common reasons for referrals within four difficult-to-access specialties and discusses strategies that could lead to more optimal use of specialists. The report, which was crafted from interviews with safety net primary care providers, also provides a framework for how providers and communities can specifically target patient needs and

specifically target patient needs and most efficiently use scarce specialist resources. For more information, visit www.chfc.org and select "Publications."

Child Health and Development Institute of Connecticut

(Farmington) published the comprehensive report *A Framework for Child*

Health Services, Supporting the Healthy Development and School Readiness of Connecticut's Children,

which examines health services within the broader system of other sectors that serve children and families and proposes an integration of child services with early care and education programs, as well as family support services. Using a "building block" approach, the report also emphasizes the importance of linkages across three levels of health services for children: universal services, which are available to all families to support optimal health development and early identification of any health or development concerns; selected services, which are available to all children but only needed by some, including developmental, medical, and mental health services; and indicated services, which encompass services to children with identified difficulties or special health care needs that meet program eligibility criteria. The estimated cost of implementing the recommendations is \$14.2 million over a period of several years and represents a 1.5 percent increase in the current annual \$800 million HUSKY program budget. Contact: Cindy Langer, 860.679.1538, langer@uchc.edu.

Center for Prevention and Health Services' (Washington, DC) National Business Group on Health and its **Racial/Ethnic Health Disparities** Advisory Board have developed an issue brief to increase employers' awareness of racial and ethnic health disparities. Eliminating Racial and Ethnic Health Disparities: A Business Case Update for Employers presents an overview of disparities, including key contributing factors; provides practical strategies for addressing disparities; and highlights cultural beliefs and behaviors that may influence disparities. The group also released Improving Adolescent Health Status through Preventive Services. The issue brief provides an overview of the health status of adolescents, explains the need for preventive services for adolescents, and lists barriers to receiving care. The brief summarizes the impact of preventable adolescent health problems on the workplace and offers recommendations for employers to consider to ensure the availability

of preventive services for adolescent populations. The organization is part of The Alliance for Information on Maternal and Child Health (AIM), a Maternal and Child Health Bureaufunded collaborative of 16 national professional membership organizations. Its members include decisionmakers within state and local government, maternal and child health professions, philanthropy, the health insurance industry, and business, as well as advocates for children and families. The AIM Collaborative seeks to help members make well-informed decisions affecting public health policies and programs for women, children, and families. For more information on either publication, visit www.businessgrouphealth.org.

Child and Adolescent Health Measurement Initiative's (Portland, **OR)** Data Resource Center for Child and Adolescent Health released the findings from The National Survey of Children's Health 2007, which examines the physical and emotional health of children and adolescents from birth through age 17. The survey was conducted as part of the State and Local Area Integrated Telephone Survey by the National Center for Health Statistics in collaboration with the Maternal and Child Health Bureau's Office of Data and Program Development. The 2007 survey updates data collected for the 2003 survey and includes new indicators of children's well-being under the following topics: physical and dental health, emotional and mental health, health insurance coverage, health care access and quality, community and school activities, family and health activities, and neighborhood safety and support. The data set and complementary resources and tools for analysis are accessible on-line at www.nschdata.org/ Content/Default.aspx.

GrantCraft (New York, NY), a project of the Ford Foundation (New York, NY), has released *Communication for Impact: Strategies for Grantmakers*, which attempts to educate grantmakers on how to effectively use communication methods to enhance their grantmaking efforts and support the work of their grantees. Grantmakers will receive valuable information from fellow grantmakers, grantees, and communications professionals on how to develop a sound communication strategy that takes advantage of traditional methods and new technologies. The guide also offers suggestions for evaluating impact and using new technology. The publication is designed for organizations with or without a communications department. For more information, visit www.grantcraft.org and click on "What's New."

New York State Health Foundation

(New York) funded a study that analyzes coverage under public health care plans in New York. Promoting Equity & Coverage in New York's Public Insurance Programs revealed that more than 40 percent of all enrollees in New York's public health insurance programs lose their coverage each year although many remain eligible. The analysis of Medicaid health plan data reveals that among racial and ethnic groups, African Americans have the lowest annual retention rates (59 percent) while Asian/ Pacific Islanders have the highest retention rates (65 percent). Enrollees in New York City had higher retention rates than those in other areas of the state. The report also finds that New York's public health insurance programs have had an equalizing effect on coverage rates among low-income racial and ethnic groups. Once individuals are insured and receive care, studies reveal that disparities in preventive services and other types of care are significantly reduced. Among the report's recommendations is that the state should continue efforts to streamline and improve the renewal process, particularly by seeking a waiver from the federal government in order to offer two years of continuous public insurance enrollment and help reduce racial disparities in health insurance coverage. For more information, visit www. nyshealthfoundation.org/section/news.

ON-LINE

The Henry J. Kaiser Family Foundation (Menlo Park, CA) officially

launched Kaiser Health News (KHN) to provide in-depth reporting on major health issues. KHN is staffed by experienced health policy journalists and editors and will feature contributions from leading health policy commentators and independent journalists. KHN will distribute in-depth stories, news summaries, interviews, and multimedia content through its Web site www.kaiserhealthnews.org and through partnerships with news organizations, including The Washington Post, The Philadelphia Inquirer, NPR News, and The New Republic. All KHN content is available free of charge to other news organizations and the public. For more information, visit www.kaiserhealthnews.org.

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American Legacy Foundation (Washington, DC) welcomed **Donald** K. Boswell to its board of directors. Mr. Boswell is president and CEO of the Western New York Public Broadcasting Association and leads the award-winning WNED station in Buffalo, New York. He has won five national program Emmys for television productions, including Reading Rainbow. He has been a longtime supporter of educational programs, leading the station's partnership with Buffalo Public Schools to provide education for teachers on the use of new technologies in the classroom. Mr. Boswell is dedicated to community partnerships and serves on multiple boards, including those of University at Buffalo and BlueCross BlueShield of Western New York. Contact: Julia Cartwright, 202-454-5767, jcartwright@ americanlegacy.org.

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The Baxter International
 Foundation (Deerfield, IL) announced that Carolyn Clancy, M.D. has been named the 2009 recipient of the
 William B. Graham Prize for Health
 Services Research in recognition of her contributions to the field of health services research and lifelong achievements. Dr. Clancy was appointed director of the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ) in 2003. Prior to her

appointment as director, Dr. Clancy served as the agency's acting director and was previously director of AHRQ's Center for Outcomes and Effectiveness Research. As director, she launched the first annual reports to the U.S. Congress on health care disparities and health care quality. Contact: Elaine Salewske, 847.948.3297.

The California Endowment (Los Angeles) appointed Sandy Chiang, M.P.H., as a program officer for Central Long Beach under the endowment's 10year Building Healthy Communities: California Living 2.0 initiative. Prior to joining the endowment, Ms. Chiang was director of the Justice, Advocacy and Compassion Ministry for NewSong Community Church. She was also a health educator for the Kaiser Permanente Southern California Medical Group and a project director for People Assisting the Homeless (PATH) where she oversaw the organizational design and implementation of the PATHHealth Clinic, which provides primary health care services to homeless individuals in Los Angeles. Contact: Jeff Okey, 213.928.8622, jokey@calendow.org.

Global Health Council (Washington, DC) announced that Jeffrey L. Sturchio has been named president and CEO. Mr. Sturchio worked for nearly two decades at Merck & Co. starting as the company's first corporate archivist and ending last year as vice president, corporate responsibility, as well as president of The Merck Company Foundation. In his last position, he managed the company's philanthropic efforts, including the Merck Mectizan Donation Program and its global HIV/AIDS access programs. Mr. Sturchio succeeds the council's former president and CEO, Nils Daulaire, who stepped down in February 2009 after leading the organization for a decade. For more information, visit www.globalhealth.org/news.

REACH Healthcare Foundation (Merriam, KS) announced the hiring of Joanne Yun as vice president of finance/operations and CFO. In this role, Ms. Yun is responsible for the accounting, financial reporting,

investment management, and regulatory compliance functions of the foundation. She also provides direction on the financial activities and investment decisions of the foundation. Ms. Yun worked at Sprint for five years, most recently as assistant vice presidenttechnology services finance. Prior to joining Sprint, she was director of finance and planning and later assistant treasurer for Knight-Ridder, Inc. Contact: Pattie Mansur, 913.432.4196, pattie@reachhealth.org.

Sierra Health Foundation

(Sacramento, CA) announced the appointment of three new members to its board of directors: David W. Gordon, Russell S. Gould, and Claire Pomeroy, M.D. Mr. Gordon is superintendent of the Sacramento County Office of Education. In 2005 Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger appointed him to the Governor's Advisory Committee on Education Excellence, and in 2001 President George W. Bush appointed him to the President's Commission on Excellence in Special Education. Mr.

Gould serves as the chairman of the finance committee of the University of California Board of Regents and has been selected as chair of the board effective July 2009. In his professional life he has served with Wachovia Bank, providing leadership for development of the company's public investment services in California as senior managing director at Wachovia Portfolio Services (formally Metropolitan West Securities), a company in which Gould has served since 1996. Dr. Pomeroy, University of California, Davis (UC Davis) vice chancellor for human health sciences and dean of the School of Medicine, is an expert in infectious diseases and a professor of internal medicine and microbiology and immunology. She oversees the UC Davis Health System and all of its academic, research, and clinical programs, including the topranked School of Medicine's Betty Irene Moore School of Nursing, the 800member physician practice group, and the UC Davis Medical Center. Contact: Katy Pasini, 916.922.4755, ext. 3304, kpasini@sierrahealth.org.

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