



# Partnership matters

## INTERDISCIPLINARY COMMUNITY-BASED LINKAGES ARE FOCUS OF FEDERAL COMMITTEE

There were several changes in the previous authorization by Congress of the Public Health Services Act, a portion of which provides definition and funding for the Area Health Education Centers (AHECs) and Health Education and Training Centers (HETCs) program. One such revision was a restructuring of division of interdisciplinary and community-based programs. Grant programs, including AHECs, HETCs and Geriatric Education Centers (GECs) were incorporated into this new division.

In the same legislation, the Act defined the new national Advisory Committee on Interdisciplinary, Community-Based Linkages. The committee's purpose is to "...provide advice and recommendations to the Secretary of DHHS) concerning policy and program development and other matters of significance concerning..." AHECs, HETCs, GECs and related programs, the Quentin N. Burdick Program for Rural Interdisciplinary Training, Allied Health, as well as chiropractor and podiatric federally funded projects. In August 2000, the committee held its inaugural meeting in Rockville, Maryland. Four members are members of CCPH. They are:

- **Charles Cranford**, DDS, MPA, Vice Chancellor for Re-

gional Programs, University of Arkansas School for Medical Sciences.

- **Doreen C. Harper**, PhD, Dean and Professor, Graduate School of Nursing, University of Massachusetts-Worcester.
- **Richard E. Oliver**, PhD, Director, School of Health Related Professions, University of Missouri-Columbia.
- **Sabra C. Slaughter**, PhD, Chief of Staff, Office of the President, Medical University of South Carolina

In the Advisory Committee's second meeting, October 2000, the members and federal resource staff briefed each other regarding the current grant programs under the Division's administration. Several "focus" questions were answered about each program, addressing legislative and fiscal history, recent outcomes and any formal definitions for "interdisciplinary and/or community-based" training. The committee also began to further define its purpose and schedule of meetings over the next year. A report to the Secretary and Congress is expected by October 2001.

*For more information on the committee, contact Bernice Parlak at [bparlak@hrsa.gov](mailto:bparlak@hrsa.gov)*

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## REGULA TO HEAD LABOR-HHS SUBCOMMITTEE

House Appropriations Committee Chair C.W. Bill Young (R-Fla.) Jan. 4 announced the names of the 13 appropriations subcommittee chairs for the 107th Congress. Rep. Ralph Regula (R-Ohio) will succeed retired Rep. John Edward Porter (R-Ill.) as the chair of the Labor, HHS, Education, and Related Agencies Subcommittee. Rep. Regula had previously chaired the Interior Subcommittee.

Rep. Henry Bonilla (R-Texas) will chair the Agriculture Subcommittee, which also has jurisdiction over the FDA. Rep. James Walsh (R-N.Y.) will remain as the head of the VA, HUD, Independent Agencies Subcommittee.

Other subcommittee chairs will be:

- Commerce, Justice, State, the Judiciary and Related Agencies - Frank Wolf (R-Va.)
- District of Columbia - Joe Knollenberg (R-Mich.)
- Energy and Water Development - Sonny Callahn (R-Ala.)
- Foreign Operations, Export Financing, and Related Programs - Jim Kolbe (R-Ariz.)
- Interior and Related Agencies - Joe Skeen (R-N.Mex.)
- Legislative - Charles Taylor (R-N.C.)
- Military Construction - David Hobson (R-Ohio)
- National Security - Jerry Lewis (R-Calif.)
- Transportation - Harold Rogers (R-Ky.)

## MESSAGE FROM OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Dear CCPH members,

I am pleased to report that the 4 individuals we invited to serve 3-year terms on the CCPH board have enthusiastically accepted our invitation. The brief descriptions below are intended to introduce you to our new board members. Congratulations to these accomplished and passionate leaders! Complete biosketches will appear in future issues of PM. And kudos to the CCPH Board Development Committee co-chaired by Renee Bayer and Monte Roulier, who ably facilitated the board recruitment process. Thanks also to the many CCPH members who expressed interest in a governing role within CCPH.

Of course, this is a bittersweet time in the evolution of our board as Hilda Heady and Gretchen Kinder will soon no longer be serving as board members. We thank Hilda and Gretchen for their leadership on the board and are looking forward their continued involvement in CCPH.

The 4 new board members are:

### **Diane Downing**

*Arlington County Department of Human Services, Stafford, Virginia*

Quote from application: "My practice has included a passionate commitment to community participation. I have always worked to identify academic partnerships that could serve as strategies to build community capacity or at least to build the practice agency's ability to meet community identified needs while also providing a meaningful public health experience for students. The CCPH mission expands this philosophy to include academic/practice/community partnerships as agents of social change. Being a CCPH board member would offer an opportunity to explore and promote the concept of academic/practice partnerships as agents of social change on the national level."

### **Ella Greene-Moton**

*Flint Odyssey House, Inc. Health Awareness Center (FOHIHAC)  
Flint, MI*

Quote from application: "The mission of CCPH mirrors the Community Based Public Health (CBPH) mission and principles upon which FOHIHAC and much of what is done here is based. I believe my involvement with the CCPH board will enhance CBPH programs and

partnerships already in existence. CCPH will also benefit from the valuable lessons learned through the CBPH process."

### **Mindy Nierenberg**

*Massachusetts College of Art, Boston, MA*

Quote from application: "Service Learning and campus-community partnerships are not only my professional interests, but also my personal passion. I am currently the Associate Dean of Students and Director of Service Learning and Community Outreach at Massachusetts College of Art. Professionally, my work is in the field of visual arts, but I have combined this with health and medicine through unique partnerships with Massachusetts General Hospital, Dana Farber Cancer Institute, Children's Hospital, and New England Medical Center. I have seen the powerful impact that the arts can have on health, as well as the powerful impact that a successful partnership between a campus and community organization can have on society and individuals. I feel that the goals of CCPH are strongly in tune with my own, and I believe that I could make a valuable contribution through service on the Board."

### **April L. Vestal**

*West Virginia Rural Health Education Partnerships Program,  
Morgantown, WV*

Quote from application: "I have a strong commitment to community partnerships and what that means. Having nearly ten years of experience in the West Virginia Rural Health Education Partnerships program, I have learned the true meaning of 'community involvement' and 'grass roots empowerment' Most of my experience is in small rural communities and I feel this would allow me to speak as from a community member standpoint on the board."

To learn more about the CCPH board and the board member recruitment process, visit our website at <http://futurehealth.ucsf.edu/ccph/board.html>

Sincerely,

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## MODELS THAT WORK!

### **The SEARCH Program - Student/Resident Experiences and Rotations in Community Health**

Did you know that the National Health Service Corps sponsors community-based educational experiences in community health for health professionals-in-training in 24 states?

Through the SEARCH Program - Student/Resident Experiences And Rotations in Community Health - students and residents are placed in a community where they can make a difference through NHSC's network of Primary Care Associations and Primary Care Offices. Many of the SEARCH programs accept students and residents from other states.

Benefits for students and residents include:

- Training in culturally diverse community-based systems of care
- Working with patients and communities to help them reach beneficial health decisions
- Learning about culturally competent, community-responsive health care
- Gaining skills in delivering primary health care services by working with mentors

Benefits for communities include:

- Gaining access to academic resources
- Networking with state and regional organizations

Sites are located in rural and urban communities across the country, 90% of sites are in health professional shortage or underserved areas. Length of placement and stipend policies vary, depending on the State or regional sponsoring organization.

To qualify for the SEARCH program, students must have started their training as a physician, nurse practitioner, physician assistant, nurse-midwife, dentist, dental hygienist, psychologist, social worker, psychiatric clinical nurse specialist, or marriage and family therapist. Students who have NHSC scholarships are given priority for the SEARCH program.

For a list of participating states and program details, visit [http://bphc.hrsa.gov/nhsc/Pages/about\\_nhsc/3B3\\_search.htm](http://bphc.hrsa.gov/nhsc/Pages/about_nhsc/3B3_search.htm)

## NEWS FROM CCPH



### *Our Board Member of the Week!*

**Deborah Archer**  
Providence, RI

Deborah Archer is a third year medical student at Brown University School of Medicine. She graduated with an honors degree in Education from Brown University 1995. After graduation she was a recipient of the Echoing Green Fellowship from which she founded the Community Health Advocacy Program (CHAP) - a unique partnership between the Providence Community and Brown Medical School students. During that year she helped to found the Providence Family Van -- a mobile health education unit, and participated in Youth Action-- a training and internship for community organizers of the 21st Century. Deborah is also a recipient of a four-year National Health Service Corp Scholarship.

Deborah Archer can be reached at [deborah\\_archer@brown.edu](mailto:deborah_archer@brown.edu)

**Congratulations to CCPH member Maggie Potter** for her election to the newly created position of vice chair of the Association of Schools of Public Health council of public health practice coordinators. Maggie also serves as a liaison between the council and CCPH. Below is a brief biosketch on Maggie, who can be reached at [maggie@gsphdean.gsph.pitt.edu](mailto:maggie@gsphdean.gsph.pitt.edu)

Maggie is Associate Dean for Practice and Director of the Center for Public Health Practice in the Graduate School of Public Health, University of Pittsburgh. In this capacity, she is responsible for developing continuing educational and training programs for public health professionals, for school-wide coordination and monitoring of students' practice experience, and for facilitating faculty members' involvement in scholarly service. Her faculty appointment is in the Department of Health Services Administration.

She holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in humanities from Mundelein College of Chicago, a Master of Science degree in Biomedical Information Science from the Illinois Institute of Technology, and a Juris Doctor degree from the Rutgers-Newark School of Law. She is licensed to practice law in Pennsylvania and has been an analyst and teacher of law and health policy since 1985.

As a policy analyst, Ms. Potter has written and lectured about problems of access to health care, about the impact of health care system changes on the health services and public health workforces, and about the charitable service obligations of nonprofit health care institutions. As a teacher, she has focused on health policy and the legal foundations of public health. She is a recipient of the Outstanding Teacher Award of the Graduate School of Public Health.

Currently, she is director of the Central Appalachian Public Health Training Center, which includes academic and practice organizations in Ohio and Pennsylvania. She is a member of the American Public Health Association, the Pennsylvania Public Health Association, the American Society of Law, Medicine & Ethics, and the Delta Omega Honor Society (Omicron Chapter) in Public Health.

### **CCPH Member Melinda Thomas Selected to Serve on National Primary Care Week Advisory Committee**

We are pleased to report that CCPH member Melinda Thomas, Associate Director of the Office of Primary Care at Brown Medical School, will serve

as CCPH's representative to the National Primary Care Week Advisory Committee. National Primary Care Week (NPCW) is an annual event to highlight the importance of primary care and to bring health care professionals together to discuss and learn about generalist and interdisciplinary health care, particularly its impact on and importance to underserved populations. An initiative for ALL health profession students, NPCW 2001 seeks to build on the U.S. Surgeon General's Healthy People 2010, so that students from different health professions can work together. This year, NPCW takes place from October 14-20, 2001. For more information, visit <http://www.amsa.org/programs/npcw/npcw.html>

Below is a brief biosketch of Melinda. She can be reached by phone at 401-863-3515 or by email at [Melinda\\_Thomas@brown.edu](mailto:Melinda_Thomas@brown.edu)

Melinda L. Thomas is the Associate Director of the Office of Primary Care at the Brown Medical School. She is responsible for strategic planning and program development in primary care with the goals of (1) fostering opportunities for collaboration among primary care disciplines; (2) identifying and pursuing opportunities to clarify roles and strengthen the relationships among primary care physicians, allied health professionals and public health; and (3) assessing the interest among medical students in pursuing primary care as a specialty. In addition, she is responsible for developing and directing applied research projects designed to improve the health and health care of the Rhode Island population.

As the Chief Administrative Officer of the Brown University Center for Primary Care & Prevention she is responsible for developing initiatives and programs to support the joint academic missions of primary care at the Center and the Brown Medical School.

Prior to her current position, she served as Deputy Director for *Reach Out: A Physicians' Initiative to Expand Care to Underserved Americans, and Volunteers in Health Care*, both Robert Wood Johnson Foundation-funded programs to assist physician-led community health care initiatives.

Before joining Reach Out, Thomas was Assistant Director of Health for Policy and Planning at the Rhode Island Department of Health. In addition to overseeing Certificate-of-Need, Health Resources Planning, Healthy Rhode Island 2000, Health Statistics and Health Communications, she was the Department's team leader for the State Office of Managed Care (jointly administered with the Medicaid Agency).

Prior to joining the Rhode Island Department of Health, Thomas was Director of Contract Services at Ocean State Physicians Health Plan; HMO Program Manager at Blue Cross of Massachusetts; and Senior Consultant with the Connecticut Hospital Association. Between 1976 and 1979, she was a captain in the US Army stationed at Walter Reed Army Medical Center, serving as the aide-de-camp to the Commanding General.

Thomas is a clinical teaching associate in Community Health at Brown Medical School. She has an undergraduate degree in mathematics from the University of Maryland, and a Master of Science degree in operations research from Johns Hopkins School of Hygiene and Public Health.

## UPCOMING EVENTS!

**Community-Campus  
Partnerships for Health**  
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Email: [ccph@itsa.ucsf.edu](mailto:ccph@itsa.ucsf.edu)



### CCPH Sponsored Events

**May 5-8, 2001**-Community-Campus Partnerships for Health's 5<sup>th</sup> annual national conference, "Health for All 2010: Confirming our Commitment, Taking Action." San Antonio, TX.  
*To obtain registration brochure, please visit <http://futurehealth.ucsf.edu/ccph/projects.html> or call CCPH's fax-on-demand service at 1-888-267-9183 and select document #203.*

**June 23-26, 2001**- Community-Campus Partnerships for Health 6<sup>th</sup> annual introductory service learning institute. Leavenworth, WA (in the Cascade Mountains near Seattle)  
Application deadline is April 20, 2001. To obtain the application, please visit our website at <http://futurehealth.ucsf.edu/ccph/projects.html> or call CCPH's fax-on-demand service at 1-888-267-9183 and select document # 206.

For more information on any of these CCPH events, please contact Piper Krauel at [piperk@itsa.ucsf.edu](mailto:piperk@itsa.ucsf.edu) or call her at (415) 502-7933.

### Other events

The American Association of Community Colleges will sponsor four regional service learning workshops in spring and summer 2001. The workshops will feature hands-on learning and strategies to implement service learning programs in community colleges and their local communities. Registration is free or at very low cost. Workshop dates, locations, and contact information are as follows:

**\*Thursday, April 19, 2001**-University of Central Oklahoma, (sponsored by Murray State College) Edmond, Oklahoma. Workshop focus: Rural service learning Contact: Greg Gardner at (580) 371-2371 ext. 104 or email [ggardner@msc.cc.ok.us](mailto:ggardner@msc.cc.ok.us)

**\*Friday, April 20, 2001**- Hinds Community College, Raymond, Mississippi. Workshop focus: Service learning as institutional undertaking. Contact: Kristi Sather-Smith at (601) 857-3531 or email [kasather-smith@hinds.cc.ms.us](mailto:kasather-smith@hinds.cc.ms.us)

**\*Saturday, April 21, 2001**-Southwestern College, Chula Vista, California. Workshop focus: Student service and leadership. Contact: Silvia Cornejo-Darcy at (619) 482-6537 or email [scornejo@swc.cc.ca.us](mailto:scornejo@swc.cc.ca.us)

**\*Wednesday, August 15, 2001**-Hibbing Community College, Hibbing, Minnesota. Workshop focus: Community benefits of service learning. Contact: Sheri Biondi, 218/263-6966, [s.biondi@ins.hcc.mnscu.edu](mailto:s.biondi@ins.hcc.mnscu.edu)

*Please contact the individuals listed above for details on topics or logistics. These workshops are a feature of AACC's national project, Community Colleges Broadening Horizons through Service Learning, funded by the Corporation for National Service. For more information, contact: Gail Robinson, Coordinator of Service Learning, American Association of Community Colleges One Dupont Circle, NW, Suite 410, Washington, DC 20036-1176 or call (202) 728-0200 ext. 254 or fax (202) 833-2467 or E-mail [grobinson@aacc.nche.edu](mailto:grobinson@aacc.nche.edu) or visit [www.aacc.nche.edu/servicelearning](http://www.aacc.nche.edu/servicelearning)*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Department of Health & Human Services**  
Health Resources & Services Administration  
Request for Comments on Increasing Income Levels Used To Identify a "Low-Income" Family for the Purpose of Providing Training in the Various Health Professions and Nursing Programs Included in Titles VII and VIII of the Public Health Service Act.

**Summary:** This notice requests comments on increasing low-income levels for various programs included in Titles VII and VIII of the Public Health Service (PHS) Act, which use "low-income" levels to determine eligibility for program participation. The Department periodically publishes in the Federal Register low-income levels used to determine eligibility for grants and cooperative agreements to institutions providing training for (1) disadvantaged individuals, (2) individuals from a disadvantaged background, or (3) individuals from "low-income" families.

**Dates:** Interested persons are invited to comment on the proposed low-income levels for the programs listed below. All comments received on or before **April 30, 2001** will be considered when final low-income levels are determined for purposes of eligibility for participation in the programs listed below.

**Written comments should be addressed to Ms. Sarah Richards, Evaluation Officer, Bureau of Health Professions BHP, Health Resources & Services Administration, Room 8-67, Parklawn Building, 5600 Fishers Lane, Rockville, Maryland 20857.**

**For more information, contact: Ms. Sarah Richards, Evaluation Officer, BHP or call (301) 443-5452.**

**Supplementary Information:** This notice is to announce the proposed increase in income levels that is intended for use in determining eligibility for participation in the following programs:

\*Advanced Education Nursing (section 811)

\*Allied Health Special Projects (section 755)

\*Basic Nurse Education and Practice (section 831)

\*Dental Public Health (section 768)

\*Faculty Loan Repayment and Minority Faculty

\*Fellowship Program (section 738)

\*General and Pediatric Dentistry (section 747)

\*Health Administration Traineeships and Special Projects (section 769)

\*Health Careers Opportunity Program (section 739)

\*Loans to Disadvantaged Students (section 724)

\*Physician Assistant Training (section 747)

\*Primary Care Residency Training (section 747)

\*Public Health Traineeships (section 767)

\*Quentin N. Burdick Program for Rural

Interdisciplinary Training (section 754)

\*Residency Training in Preventive Medicine (section 768)

\*Scholarships for Disadvantaged Students (section 737)

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## GRANT ALERTS!

### **Notice inviting applicants to serve as field readers for the Community Technology Centers Program.**

The Office of Vocational and Adult Education (OVAE) invites interested individuals to apply to serve as field readers to evaluate grant applications for the Community Technology Centers Program. The purpose of the Community Technology Centers Program is to increase access to information technology and related educational services for adults and children in economically distressed low-income urban and rural communities through grants to establish or expand community technology centers.

**Closing Date: April 15, 2001.**

**Eligible Applicants:** Field Reader Qualifications: The Department is seeking experienced and knowledgeable professionals who are current with issues regarding the provision of computers and technology to residents of low-income urban and rural communities. These professionals should be familiar with issues dealing with the start-up and expansion of community technology centers; use of technology in adult, preschool, elementary or secondary education programs; technology and technology management; or community development and outreach to residents of low-income communities.

For detailed information go to [http://frwebgate.access.gpo.gov/cgi-bin/getdoc.cgi?dbname=2001\\_register&docid=01-5256-filed](http://frwebgate.access.gpo.gov/cgi-bin/getdoc.cgi?dbname=2001_register&docid=01-5256-filed)

### **2001 ASPH/CDC Fellowship in Teen Pregnancy Prevention Program Development Analysis**

The goal of the Association of Schools of Public Health (ASPH) Public Health Fellowship Program is to address emerging needs of public health, and to provide leadership and professional opportunities at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (CDC/ATSDR) for students and graduate students of ASPH member graduate schools of public health. Working with the Director of the Teen Pregnancy Prevention Program, the interdisciplinary teen pregnancy prevention team, and the 13 CDC-funded community demonstration projects, the Fellow will research and develop potential teen pregnancy prevention strategies, give presentations on various aspects of program development, travel to select demonstration sites and partner organizations, and prepare reports for publication and dissemination that address various issues in sustainable teen pregnancy prevention program development and replication. The Fellow can expect to gain valuable skills through both training and practical experience, to contribute directly to the body of knowledge in this area, and to become very familiar with comprehensive, community-based adolescent pregnancy program development and replication strategies.

**Deadline: April 27, 2001.**

**Application Procedure Contact Person:** Heather Ward, ASPH Center for Graduate Practice, 2872 Woodcock Blvd, Duke Bldg, Ste 211, Atlanta, GA 30341 or call (770) 455-6898 or 770-455-7197 - FAX or email at [heatherw@bellsouth.net](mailto:heatherw@bellsouth.net) or visit [www.asph.org](http://www.asph.org)

### **Grants for Adolescent Family Life Demonstration Projects**

These grants are for community-based and community-supported demonstration projects to establish comprehensive and integrated approaches to the delivery of care services to pregnant adolescents, adolescent parents, their partners, children, and extended family members. Faith-based organizations are eligible to apply for these demonstration grants. Funds are not currently available for primary prevention/abstinence education demonstration projects targeting nonpregnant adolescents.

**Closing Date: April 30, 2001**

Under this program announcement, OAPP intends to make available approximately \$5 million to support an estimated 15-20 new care services demonstration projects. The awards for care projects will range from \$250,000 to \$350,000 per year.

**Eligible Applicants:** Any public or private nonprofit organization or agency is eligible to apply for a grant. However, only those organizations or agencies which demonstrate the capability of providing the proposed services and meet the statutory requirements are considered for grant awards.

For detailed information go to [http://frwebgate.access.gpo.gov/cgi-bin/getdoc.cgi?dbname=2001\\_register&docid=01-6058-filed](http://frwebgate.access.gpo.gov/cgi-bin/getdoc.cgi?dbname=2001_register&docid=01-6058-filed)

### **Runaway and Homeless Youth Program Grants: Basic Center Program (BCP)**

purpose is to establish or strengthen locally controlled, community-based programs that address the immediate needs of runaway and homeless youth and their families. Services must be delivered outside of the law enforcement, child welfare, mental health, and juvenile justice systems. The program goals and objectives of the BCP are to (1) alleviate problems of runaway and homeless youth; (2) reunite youth with their families and encourage the resolution of intra-family problems through counseling and other services; (3) strengthen family relationships and encourage stable living conditions for youth; and (4) help youth decide upon constructive courses of action.

**Application Deadline: May 4, 2001**

Visit [www.whitehouse.gov/omb/grants/spoc.html](http://www.whitehouse.gov/omb/grants/spoc.html) or write to ACYF Operations Center, 1815 North Fort Myer Dr, Ste 300, Arlington, VA 22209 or call (800) 351-2293 or email [FYSB@lcgnet.com](mailto:FYSB@lcgnet.com)

### **Runaway and Homeless Youth Program Grants: Street Outreach Program (SOP)**

overall purpose is to provide education and prevention services to runaway, homeless, and street youth who have been subjected to, or are at risk of, sexual exploitation or abuse. The goal of the program is to establish and build relationships between street youth and program outreach staff in order to help youth leave the streets. The objective of the program is to provide support services that will assist the youth in moving and adjusting to a safe and appropriate alternative living arrangement. These services include, at a minimum, treatment, counseling, provision of information, and referral services. Street outreach programs must have access to local emergency shelter space that is an appropriate placement for young people and that can be made available for youth willing to come in off the streets. In addition, street outreach staff must have access to the shelter in order to maintain interaction with the youth during the time they are in the shelter.

**Application Deadline: May 4, 2001**

For details, visit [www.whitehouse.gov/omb/grants/spoc.html](http://www.whitehouse.gov/omb/grants/spoc.html) or write to ACYF Operations Center, 1815 North Fort Myer Dr, Ste 300, Arlington, VA 22209 or call (800) 351-2293 or email [FYSB@lcgnet.com](mailto:FYSB@lcgnet.com)

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\*Public Health Training Centers (section 766)

\*Nursing Workforce Diversity (section 821)

These programs generally award grants to accredited schools of medicine, osteopathic medicine, public health, dentistry, veterinary medicine, optometry, pharmacy, allied health, podiatric medicine, nursing, chiropractic, public or private nonprofit schools which offer graduate programs in behavioral health and mental health practice, and other public or private nonprofit health or education entities to assist the disadvantaged to enter and graduate from health professions and nursing schools. Some programs provide for the repayment of health professions or nursing education loans for disadvantaged students.

**Proposed Low-Income Levels.** The Secretary proposes that, for programs included in Titles VII and VIII of the PHS Act, a "low-income" family be defined as having an annual income that does not exceed 200 percent of the Department's poverty guidelines. The Department poverty guidelines are published annually for general use while the Department's HRSA low-income levels are specific to the programs listed under the Supplementary Information section of this notice. This notice proposes an increase over the income level currently used, which is 130 percent of the Department's poverty guidelines. The Department's poverty guidelines are based on poverty thresholds published by the U.S. Census Bureau, adjusted annually for changes in the Consumer Price Index.

The Secretary would continue to adjust the low-income levels annually

## PUBLICATIONS

The American Community Gardening Association (ACGA) is proud to announce the publication of our newest resource guide, **Cultivating Community : Principles and Practices for Community Gardening As a Community-Building Tool** by Karen Payne and Deborah Fryman. It explore basic principles and values that underlie successful community empowerment programs of any kind, and illustrate how these principles have been applied to community gardens across the country. The document showcases how community gardening programs can advance community development, empower local leadership and nurture families, strengthen economic development and improve overall quality of life. Funded by the Annie B. Casey Foundation, it is intended as a resource for individuals, organizations and coalition whose specific aim is to use gardens to empower people by building their skill and confidence to transform their lives and their communities. Cultivating Community provides useful tips on how to approach community gardening as an organizing tool and highlights specific practices and activities that have been proven to work. Stories and case studies from community gardens around the United States are featured. The guide is available for \$10 (US) each or for a bulk rate of \$8 for orders of 10 or more

copies. *To order please send a US check or money order, payable to; The American Community Garden Association, 100 N. 20th Street, 5th floor, Philadelphia, PA 19103-1495 or visit [www.communitygarden.org](http://www.communitygarden.org)*

The California Center for Health Improvement (CCHI) is pleased to announce the release of its sixth statewide population health survey, **Californians' Beliefs About Health.** Main findings from this new statewide poll of 1,612 California adults reveal surprising expansion of the public's perceptions of community health to include education, safety and smart growth issues, in addition to traditional healthcare prevention and access concerns. *Leading Well: Californians' Beliefs About Health Survey, Key Findings and Policy Options*, reviews the key findings of the survey and more importantly, calls for government action -- providing a number of recommendations about what Californians think policy-makers can do to:

- Improve their quality of life;
- "Step up" prevention; and,
- Invest in children and youths.

he survey and publication is funded by a grant to CCHI from The California Wellness Foundation, as part of its Health Improvement Initiative.

*To view the report online, visit [www.cchi.org](http://www.cchi.org) ; select "nubs" in the top header"; then. select*

based on the Department's poverty guidelines and make them available to persons responsible for administering the applicable programs. In developing the revised family income levels for determining eligibility for the applicable Titles VII and VIII programs, the Secretary chose 200 percent of the Department's poverty guidelines for the following reasons:

First, 200 percent of the poverty guidelines is a statutory eligibility level used by the Department for the State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP), which provides health care insurance to children who are from families with incomes too high to qualify for Medicaid but too low to afford private health insurance. Secondly, the proportion of the population below 200 percent of the Census Bureau poverty thresholds is one criterion used by the Department in the designation of population groups with shortages of health care providers. Thus, using 200 percent of the Department poverty guidelines to determine low-income status is consistent with other Department programs and activities directed toward uninsured and underserved individuals and population groups.

The Secretary has developed the proposed income levels as a means of assuring that the applicable Titles VII and VIII programs most effectively contribute to the attainment of the HRSA goals of increasing diversity and improving distribution in the health care workforce. [Page 17434]

These programs are not subject to the provisions of Executive Order 12372, Intergovernmental Review of Federal Programs (as implemented through 45 CFR part 100).

*"Leading Well" by scrolling through the list.*

A new **"State of the States"** report -- part of the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation's "State Coverage Initiatives" program --examines the measures that states took last year to expand health care to the uninsured. The report, prepared by the Academy for Health Services Research and Health Policy, includes descriptions of states' CHIP program expansions and their use of insurance market reforms, and discusses states' 2001 policy agendas. In the future, the report calls for a "firm commitment" from state and federal officials to work towards solving health care problems. Affirming the importance of enacting reform on the state level, the report concludes: *"Further progress in reducing the ranks of the uninsured will depend on the ongoing creativity of many states as they address this problem, learn from each other and explore new options* (Alberga et. al., "State Coverage Initiatives," January 2000). *To download the full report, go to <http://statecoverage.net/State01.pdf>*

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