HUD AWARDS OVER $6.8 MILLION FOR THE COMMUNITY OUTREACH PARTNERSHIP CENTERS PROGRAM

The Department of Housing and Urban Development’s Office of University Partnerships is pleased to announce the FY2003 Community Outreach Partnership Center (COPC) grantees. The twenty-one institutions receiving these grants will establish and operate a Community Outreach Partnership Center to address the issues of their targeted areas. New this year is the COPC Community Futures Demonstration Program, which will help establish COPCs to develop needed housing plans and designs or develop long range plans for addressing growth. Abstracts describing all of the newly funded programs are online at http://www.oup.org/about/copc03.html.

INDIANA UNIV. DENTAL SCHOOL MOBILE CLINIC SERVES LOW-INCOME CHILDREN

Excerpted from Inside IUPUI

To help combat tooth decay among Indiana children, Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis and the Indiana State Department of Health funded a new custom-built mobile dental clinic. Aboard Seal Indiana, the School of Dentistry team is traveling statewide to apply sealants on the teeth of children of low-income families.

“Forty percent of the children seen so far have untreated dental decay,” said Dr. Karen Yoder, program director for Seal Indiana [and CCPH member & consultant]. “Through this program, we are identifying Indiana children who are not receiving dental care and are providing preventive dental services, including sealants. We are also helping families find a local dentist who can provide continuity of care to these youngsters.”

Currently, Indiana falls far short of the Healthy People 2010 National Health Objective of having sealants on the teeth of 50 percent of all children. By focusing on children affiliated with Title I schools and community health centers, Yoder said she hopes to change that and increase the number of Indiana children with sealants.

Along with providing sealants to children affiliated with Title I schools and community health centers, Seal Indiana also helps Head Start programs achieve federal performance standards by providing examinations and referrals for enrolled children.

“Tooth decay is the number one preventable childhood disease, but in order for some children to receive preventive services, the services must be taken to them,” Yoder said.

To view full article: http://www.newscenter.iupui.edu/newsreleases/seal_mobile_clinic_03.htm

FIRST NATIONAL REPORTS ON HEALTH CARE QUALITY AND DISPARITIES RELEASED

Two new U.S. Department of Health and Human Services’ reports state that represent the first national comprehensive effort to measure the quality of health care in America and assess differences in access to health care services for priority populations. Print copies of the reports can be obtained by calling 1-800-358-9295 or ahrpqubs@ahrq.gov. Corresponding with the release of the report, a new web site has been launched to serve as a Web-based clearinghouse to make it easier to take effective steps to improve quality. http://www.qualitytools.ahrq.gov/
MESSAGE FROM OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Greetings from CCPH headquarters in Seattle, where we have had an unusually cold start to the new year, with a snowstorm this week that nearly shut down the city. With our annual conference this year in the warmer climate of the southeast, it’s not too early to start planning now to participate in Community-Campus Partnerships for Health’s 8th annual conference, October 6-10, 2004 in Atlanta, Georgia, USA! The conference call for proposals and registration materials will be online shortly.

For the first time in CCPH’s history, we are sponsoring an international conference. We have joined forces with The Network: Toward Unity for Health (TUFH) and have each replaced our individual annual conferences for 2004 with this collaborative event. The Network: TUFH is an international collaboration of over 185 institutional and 200 individual members that are dedicated to aligning their missions in education, service and research to the health needs of their communities. With our complementary missions and membership, the conference promises to strengthen the many wonderful partnerships already underway around the world to improve health, to spark new international collaborations, and to engage new individuals and organizations in this important work.

The conference theme is “Overcoming Health Disparities: Global Experiences from Partnerships Between Communities, Health Services and Health Professional Schools.” This theme is intended to focus attention on the persistent problem of health disparities within nations and between nations around the world, to highlight promising strategies for overcoming health disparities, and to stimulate constructive actions that can be taken at multiple levels.

Join us for these and other conference highlights:

- Pre-conference workshops on service-learning, community-based participatory research, getting an article published, and effective communication for health.
- Opening ceremony and reception hosted by the National Center for Primary Care at the Morehouse School of Medicine.
- Workshop and poster sessions that address promising practices for addressing the social determinants of health, advocacy and policy change, building a representative and culturally competent health workforce and translating research into practice.
- Community site visits that will provide an opportunity for conference participants to learn in-depth from community-campus and other partnerships in Atlanta by touring and talking with the partnership’s major stakeholders.

What do I mean by “start planning now to participate”?

- **Start drafting a workshop or poster proposal NOW** for presentation at the conference. Workshop proposals are due by April 1 and poster proposals are due by July 1.
- **Budget for the conference NOW.** The registration fee for members of CCPH and The Network: TUFH is $500 if you register by July 1. Rooms at the Sheraton Atlanta Hotel are $125 plus tax for single or double.
- **If applicable, start the visa application process NOW.** Visa applications are subject to a greater degree of scrutiny than in the past and may entail a longer processing period. Contact the U.S. Embassy or Consulate in your home country to determine if you will need a visa and/or a visa support letter to visit the U.S. For more information, review the conference call for proposals and visit these websites: http://travel.state.gov/links.html and http://travel.state.gov/visa_services.html
- **Visit the CCPH homepage** at http://www.ccph.info for regular updates on the conference.

We look forward to seeing you in Atlanta this fall. In the meantime, best wishes for a happy and healthy new year!

GENETICS INSTITUTE LAUNCHES SOCIAL, BEHAVIORAL BRANCH

On Dec. 5, the National Human Genome Research Institute (NHGRI) announced the launch of a new Social and Behavioral Research Branch. The new research arm was created to bring the fruits of the Human Genome Project to bear on disease prevention and health promotion, according to NHGRI scientific director Eric D. Green, M.D., Ph.D. The new branch will research the best ways to inform individuals of their risks for certain genetic conditions, develop interventions to reduce the risk of disease in genetically susceptible people and translate genome discoveries into clinical practice. Researchers will also delve into the social, ethical and legal effects of genome research, says behavioral epidemiologist Colleen McBride, Ph.D., who will head up the branch. To read about the other researchers in the new NHGRI research branch, go to http://www.genome.gov/11508935.
MEMBERSHIP MATTERS

Network with Members in Your Area through CCPH’s Online Directory!
The online membership directory is exclusively for CCPH members and is designed to improve communication and invigorate collaboration among members, and contribute to fostering more community-campus partnerships. Access the directory now at http://mcweb01_memberclicks.com/mc/. Don’t forget to have your username and password ready. If you do not know this information, please contact CCPH at ccphuw@u.washington.edu or call (206) 543-8178.

Credit Card Processing for New and Renewing Members is Available!
To join CCPH or renew your membership online, go to our online membership processing site at http://futurehealth.ucsf.edu/ccph/members.html#BecomeAMember. If you have any questions about membership processing, the status of your membership or about which membership is right for you, please contact ccphuw@u.washington.edu.

MEMBERS IN ACTION!

Congratulations to CCPH member and former board member Hilda Heady on her recent election as president-elect of the National Rural Health Association (NRHA) board of directors. Associate Vice President for Rural Health and Executive Director of West Virginia Rural Health Education Partnerships in Morgantown, WV, Hilda has distinguished herself as a passionate and effective advocate for rural communities.

Hilda writes, “There are three things I hope to accomplish with my tenure as President-elect, President and Past President: 1) increase the number of community members holding membership in NRHA, 2) strengthen the Rural Medical Education group and linkages with organizations supporting community-campus partnerships, and 3) raise the national awareness and response to the needs of rural and aging veterans.” To learn more about NRHA, visit http://www.nrharural.org. Hilda can be reached by email at hheady@hsc.wvu.edu.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Federal Grant Reviewers Needed!
Nominations requested of potential peer reviewers for grant applications that will be submitted for four primary care grant programs that support training in family medicine, general internal medicine and general pediatrics. Questions? call Martha Evans at 301-443-1467 or email submissions to Denise Glass at Dglass@HRSA.GOV

Faith and Health Distance Education Online Classes From Feb. 9-May 19 - http://www.northpark.edu/sem

Federal Health Information Centers and Clearinghouses
A listing, organized by key word or alphabetically, for 2004 can be found on the Web. The organizations listed distribute information, provide referrals, and answer questions on specific topics. The key word lists have descriptive paragraphs for each entry, the alpha listing does not. http://www.health.gov/NHIC/Pubs/clearinghouses.htm

Wired for Health  A closer look at how Californians use the Internet to research health information, particularly Latino and low-income Internet users. Quick summary: More low-income (<$30,000/year) Californians use the Internet to access health information than other low-income Americans. English speaking Latinos use the Internet, but Spanish speakers still have more difficult access issues. http://www.pewinternet.org/reports/toc.asp?Report=105

Toolbox for Community Organizers  “How to” information on lessons learned. Topics include strategies for community organizing, fundraising, starting a non-profit and more. Available free: http://www.cpcwnc.org/toolbox.html

Public Health Infrastructure Resource Center New Website This searchable site is a gateway to information about the infrastructure of public health systems that protect the public’s health. http://www.phf.org/infrastructure

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SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

We welcome announcements, comments and questions from you! Please forward them to the PM Editor at ccpphm@u.washington.edu. Below are some simple submission guidelines:
- Please limit announcements and questions to not more than 150 words. As for articles and editorials, not more than 250 words;
- Provide the names of all authors, their current institutional affiliations and/or photos;
- Explain all abbreviations and unusual terms when first used.

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UPCOMING EVENTS!

CCPH SPONSORED EVENTS
For more event listings, see CCPH’s website at http://futurehealth.ucsf.edu/ccph/conferences.html

October 6-10, 2004: CCPH and The Network: Toward Unity for Health are cosponsoring an International Conference: Overcoming Health Disparities: Global Experiences from Partnerships Between Communities, Health Services and Health Professional Schools in Atlanta, Georgia, USA that will replace our individual conferences for that year. By collaborating in these and other ways, we hope to strengthen the many wonderful partnerships already underway around the world, as well as to engage new individuals and organizations in this important work. For more information, visit http://www.ccph.info. For more information on The Network, visit http://www.the-network.org

OTHER EVENTS

February 5-7, 2004: 14th Annual Institute on College Student Values: Soul Searching: Trends and Patterns of College Student Spirituality in Tallahassee, Florida. The 2004 Institute will examine the place of spirituality in higher education. http://www.collegevaluess.org/institute.cfm or jdalton@admin.fsu.edu.
10-12, 2004: Interfaith Health Program National Meeting; Faith & Health: Transforming Communities in Atlanta, Georgia. http://www.ihpnet.org

GRANTS ALERT!
American Legacy Foundation Grant - Deadline: Jan. 30  Grant funds are available to support the Circle of Friends movement in local communities throughout the United States. Grants funded by this program will help organizations support women trying to quit smoking. http://www.americanlegacy.org

Nutrition and Fitness Grants - Deadline: Feb. 2  The General Mills Foundation will award 50 grants, $10,000 each, to not-for-profit organizations with innovative programs that help youth develop good nutrition and fitness habits. http://www.healthinschools.org/grants/ops080.asp

Higher Education Challenge Grants Program (HEC) - Deadline: Feb. 4  The HEC program seeks to stimulate and enable colleges and universities to provide the quality of education necessary to produce baccalaureate or higher degree level graduates capable of strengthening the Nation’s food and agricultural scientific and professional work force. http://www.reeusda.gov/1700/funding/rfahec.htm


Early Intervention Services Capacity Grants - Deadline: Mar. 5  This grant program is to support eligible entities in their planning efforts to strengthen their organizational infrastructure and enhance their capacity to develop, enhance or expand high quality HIV primary health care services. For more information, contact Wayne Sauseda at wsauseda@hrsa.gov or call (301) 443-0493. http://www.hrsa.gov/grants.htm

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Centers for Disease Control and Prevention’s (CDC) New and Improved Website On January 7 the CDC unveiled a sleek new version of its website with new design, improved and more comprehensive Health Topics A-Z and improved search engine. http://www.cdc.gov

Many States Receive Grades of ‘F’ on Tobacco Prevention Efforts, Report Finds Many states have failed to adequately fund anti-tobacco programs and protect residents from secondhand smoke despite the billions of dollars that they have received from the 1998 national tobacco settlement, according to a report released by the American Lung Association. http://www.californiahealthline.org/members/hbasecontent.asp?contentid=50601&collectionid=3&datevalue=1/6/04

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) Issues National Report on Disparities in the Use of Health Care Services HHS Secretary Tommy G. Thompson released a report that represents the first national comprehensive effort to measure the differences in access to health care services for priority populations. The report is at: http://www.qualitytools.ahrq.gov/

New Policy Profiles at Health Policy Coach Website The Center for Health Improvement has added three new policy profiles to its website, which serves as a resource for people seeking to improve community health through prevention-focused policy change. http://www.healthpolicycoach.org/

The National Institutes of Health (NIH) Consumer’s Guide NIH has unveiled a consumer’s guide that provides easy-to-understand information on the potential health effects of ingredients contained in more than 4,000 common household products. http://householdproducts.nlm.nih.gov

Minor in Service-Learning Leadership California State University-Monterey Bay Faculty Senate now offers a minor in Service Learning Leadership. To read a description visit: http://service.csumb.edu/programs/sl_minor.html

Pilot Project to Develop Research Tools The National Information Center on Health Services Research & Health Care Technology is engaged in a pilot project to develop tools to assist researchers, clinicians, health policy analysts and planners to effectively filter PubMed searches. http://www.nlm.nih.gov/nichsr/hedges/search.html


CALLS FOR SUBMISSIONS

Luther Terry Fellowship - Deadline Extended: Jan. 15 The Fellowship provides a critical link between the Office of Disease Prevention and Health Promotion and the medical community and offers a valuable experience for clinicians in health policy development. http://www.atpm.org/training/LTF_2004.htm


Graduate Scholarship in Poverty Alleviation & Sustainable Communities in the Greater Mississippi Delta Deadline: Jan. 15 Full tuition scholarship for the two-year Master of Arts Program in Sustainable Development. Nominations are encouraged from anti-poverty and social change organizations. http://www.heller.brandeis.edu/sid/programs_ma_admis_scholar.htm

Children’s Health Conference Fellowship - Deadline: Jan. 20 The Casey Journalism Center on Children and Families is offering fellowships to journalists for Condition Critical: Covering Children’s Health, a national conference to take place March 14-18, at the University of Maryland. Thirty fellowships are available. http://casey.umd.edu/home.nsf


Call for Proposals - Assessing Professionalism in Medical Institutions - Deadline: Jan. 23 The Center for Innovation at the National Board of Medical Examiners has received funding for a pilot project to look at supportive assessment methods for professionalism. For more information: professionalism@nbme.org or call (215) 590-9210.

Journal for Civic Commitment Call for Articles Deadline: Jan. 30 For Issue 3, Spring 2004. For journal guidelines, visit http://www.mc.maricopa.edu/other/engage_ment/Journal/index.jsp For more information, email Elizabeth Larson-Keagy at larsonkeagy@mail.mc.maricopa.edu


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Congressional Research Awards - Deadline: Feb. 1
Dirksen Congressional Center invites applications for grants totaling $35,000 in 2004 to fund research on congressional leadership and the U.S. Congress. http://www.dirkscencecenter.org/grantecongressresearchaward.htm

Executive Leadership in Academic Medicine Program for Women Call for Nominations/Applications Deadline: Feb. 2 The Hedwig van Ameringen Executive Leadership in Academic Medicine (ELAM) Program for Women is now seeking applicants for its 04-05 class. ELAM offers extensive educational, career, and networking opportunities for senior women faculty who aspire to significant positions of leadership within their academic health centers. http://www.drexel.edu/ELAM

Two State Farm Awards - Deadline: Feb. 2 (1) The Practitioner Leadership Award recognizes a teacher, youth worker, or community member who has created a living legacy by equipping young people to lead and serve. (2) The Youth Excellence for Service-Learning Award recognizes youth leaders in K-12 service-learning programs that uniquely demonstrate leadership for service-learning excellence. http://www.nylic.or/grantcongresearchaward.htm

Call for Abstracts for the American Public Health Association’s 2004 Annual Meeting - Deadline: Feb. 2-6 (varies, see Web site for more details) The meeting will take place on November 6-10 in Washington, DC. http://www.apha.org/meetings

Community-Based Public Health Caucus Call for Abstracts Deadline: Feb. 5 Abstracts and full session proposals related to the science and practice of community-based public health for the 132nd American Public Health Association Meeting and Exposition to be held Nov. 6-10 in Washington, DC. http://www.sph.umich.edu/cbph/caucus/

Call for Proposals for the Asian Pacific Americans in Higher Education 2004 Conference - Deadline: Feb. 9 The conference theme this year is “Exploring Intersections: Race, Culture and Leadership” and will take place April 7-9 in San Francisco. http://www.stanford.edu/group/a3c/ APAHE_2004_Call_for_Proposals.pdf

The Robert Wood Johnson Clinical Scholars Program Deadline - Feb. 15 The program stresses training in the quantitative & qualitative sciences underlying health services research essential to improving health and medical care systems. http://www.rwjf.org/cfp/clinicalscholars

PUBLICATIONS

The Science of Community Health This New York Times article explores the findings Dr. Earls, a professor of human behavior and development at the Harvard School of Public Health. http://www.nytimes.com/2004/01/06/science/06PROF.html?pagewanted=1

Using Pharmaceutical Company Patient Assistance Programs This manual is intended to serve as a reference for both individual prescribers and organizations that want to download this manual from the Volunteers in Health Care web site at http://www.volunteersinhealthcare.org

New Issue of Journal of Urban Health: Bulletin of the New York Academy of Medicine Now Available The issue has two special features: one on the built environment and health, the others on behavioral and social sciences in city health departments. December 2003; Vol. 80, No. 4: http://jurban.oupjournals.org/content/vol80/issue4/index.shtml?etoc


National Health Law Program Recent publications can be found at: http://www.healthlaw.org/publications.shtml

Cocaine Treatment Guide The National Institutes of Health has available “An Individual Drug Counseling Approach to Treat Cocaine Addiction: The Collaborative Cocaine Treatment Study Model.” To view, please visit: http://www.nida.nih.gov/Prevention/Prevopen.html


World Health Report 2003 The report highlights the urgent need for investment and international support to strengthen the failing health care systems of most developing countries. http://www.who.int/whr/2003/en/

MISSION: TO FOSTER PARTNERSHIPS BETWEEN COMMUNITIES AND EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS THAT BUILD ON EACH OTHER’S STRENGTHS AND DEVELOP THEIR ROLES AS CHANGE AGENTS FOR IMPROVING HEALTH PROFESSIONS EDUCATION, CIVIC RESPONSIBILITY AND THE OVERALL HEALTH OF COMMUNITIES

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