The Senate Labor-HHS-Education Appropriations Committee July 18 approved an FY 2003 spending bill. Overall, the bill appropriates $136.6 billion—a 7 percent increase over last year—in discretionary funding for the departments of Health and Human Services, Education, and Labor.

The Committee's bill provides a $3.7 billion increase for NIH, bringing the total budget to $27.2 billion.

The bill provides $263 million for Title VII and VIII health professions programs, a $153.5 million (140 percent) increase over the president's FY 2003 proposal but $125 million (32 percent) below FY 2002 funding. Included in this total is $160 million for the Title VII programs. This is $149 million more than the $11 million included in the president's budget for Title VII programs, but $135.2 million (45.8 percent) below last year's level. The Title VIII nursing programs are allotted $103 million, an increase of $4.5 million (4.5 percent) over the president's request and $10.3 million (11 percent) higher than last year's level. This amount includes $15 million for the nurse education loan repayment program.

For the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ), the bill provides $308.6 million, which is a $8.3 million (2.8 percent) increase over FY 2002 and $56.9 million more than the President’s budget. This includes a $5 million set-aside for bioterrorism and $5 million for patient safety. The bill also eliminates the proposed $10 million transfer from AHRQ to the Census. In this bill, AHRQ would be completely funded with budget authority.

The Committee’s mark provided $189.4 million for the National Health Service Corps, an increase of $43.9 million (30.2 percent) over the current year and the same level as recommended by the President.

The earlier than anticipated mark-up is part of a push by Senate Appropriations Chair Robert Byrd (D-W.Va.) to have all 13 appropriations bills through his committee by the start of the August congressional recess.

Sources close to the House Labor-HHS-Education Appropriations Subcommittee report it is unlikely that subcommittee will consider its version of the bill until September. The House subcommittee is hampered by an allocation that is nearly $5 billion less than the Senate’s cap.

For more information, contact Dave Moore, Associate Vice President, AAMC Office of Governmental Relations at dbmoore@aamc.org or call (202) 828-0525

HEALTH CARE COSTS: NEW YORK TIMES EXAMINES FACTORS BEHIND RISE

A New York Times front-page feature on Sunday August 11 examined the problems behind the rising costs of health care and the increasing number of uninsured Americans. Since the lower costs seen under managed care proved to be “short-lived,” several health care analysts “see no easy fixes.”

Although both Republican and Democratic lawmakers have begun to address the issue, they are “profoundly divided” on solutions, as the recent “deadlock” over the Medicare prescription drug benefit demonstrated.

Drew Altman, president of the Kaiser Family Foundation, said, “No one has a big new answer on what to do about health care costs. And it’s all made worse because health costs are rising in bad economic times.” Bruce Vladeck, former head of Medicare and Medicaid at the federal level — under the Clinton administration, said, “We’re back into a cycle of cost inflation and an unwillingness ... continued on the next page
CCPH 7th Annual Conference

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Submission Deadline is October 25, 2002.
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Share your work and get noticed. More than 500 of your colleagues from community, civic, government, philanthropic and health delivery organizations, health professionals schools, colleges and universities will attend this exciting four-day event. Submit your proposal today for a workshop, poster session or site visit.

CCPH’s 7th annual conference will demonstrate the significant outcomes and changes that can result from community-campus partnerships, and advance the skills, tools and competencies needed to transform partnerships “to a new level.” “A new level” is something that each partnership needs to define for itself. For example, perhaps “a new level” of a service-learning partnership might be to involve students from multiple disciplines, or to incorporate community-based research into the partnership’s work or to develop a campus center for service-learning. “A new level” for a partnership that is aiming to eliminate health disparities in communities of color might be to connect the partnership’s work to efforts to recruit and retain students of color into the health professions.

Dr. David Satcher, former U.S. Surgeon General, will be the opening keynote speaker, and will challenge and inspire all of us to take our partnerships to a new level of achievement.

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of employers and to some extent governments to absorb those costs,” adding, “They are out of magic bullets.” Some health policy experts say that addressing the problem of rising health care costs will take a “fundamental cultural shift in the American approach to medicine,” according to the Times. In addition to the political implications of rising health care costs, the Times also highlights their impact on families, employers and state budgets and offers predictions for the future of the system. Dr. David Eddy, an independent analyst who advises health care groups, said, “As a society, sooner or later we will have to determine whether there are some benefits that are just too small to justify the cost” (Toner/Gay Stolberg, New York Times, 8/11). The full article is available online at http://www.nytimes.com/2002/08/11/health/11HEAL.html.

CCPH’s mission is 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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NEWS FROM CCPH

CCPH Officially Joins Healthy People 2010 Consortium

With CCPH’s HEALTH For All Initiative begun in 1999, we confirmed our commitment to advancing the Healthy People 2010 objectives for the nation. In recognition of our continued work in this area, we have been accepted as a member of the Healthy People 2010 Consortium coordinated by the US Department of Health and Human Services.

For more information about HEALTH For All, visit http://futurehealth.ucsf.edu/ccph/healthforall.html.

Call For Nominations Released for 2nd Annual CCPH Award!
Deadline: 10/15/2002

The Community-Campus Partnerships for Health Award recognizes exemplary partnerships between communities and higher educational institutions that build on each other’s strengths to improve health professions education, civic responsibility, and the overall health of communities. Please visit the CCPH website to read about past CCPH Award recipients at: http://futurehealth.ucsf.edu/ccph/awardsrecipients.html.

SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

The deadline for nomination submissions is October 15, 2002. Partnerships may nominate themselves and need not be members of CCPH. We welcome nominations from any country or nation. For further detail and submission guidelines, please visit the CCPH website at http://futurehealth.ucsf.edu/ccph/awards.html or have a copy faxed to you via the CCPH fax-on-demand service.

For a faxed copy, dial toll-free 1-888-267-9183, follow the recorded instructions, and select document # 311.

AWARDS PRESENTATION

The 2003 CCPH Awards will be announced at the 7th Annual CCPH Conference, April 26-29th, 2003 in San Diego, CA, USA. The 2003 conference will feature a symposium jointly planned and sponsored by the US Department of Housing and Urban Development’s Office of University Partnerships and the Community Outreach Partnership Centers program. Dr. David Satcher, former US Surgeon General, will be a featured keynote speaker.

For more information about the conference, visit http://futurehealth.ucsf.edu/ccph/ationalconference.html.

QUESTIONS?

Please review the Frequently Asked Questions page by visiting our website at: http://futurehealth.ucsf.edu/ccph/awardsfaq.html or contact Stacy Holmes, Program Coordinator at slholmes@u.washington.edu.

MEMBERS IN ACTION!

Dear CCPH members,

I’m looking for information from schools (especially community colleges) that have implemented a Service Learning Advisory Committee of some kind. We would like to start one here at Cape Cod Community College with faculty and staff, but are seeking out best practices, obstacles, etc.

A few questions/concerns for those of you with comparable committees:
* Who are the members?
* How long has the committee been established?
* Objectives relative to students, faculty, and administration
* Typical agenda/frequency of meetings
* Where does the committee fit within the school’s infrastructure?
* Struggles, implementation, etc, etc, etc

Any info would be greatly appreciated! Thanks,

Liz Dunne
Cape Cod Community College
office: 508.362.2313 x 4665
edunne@capecod.edu

Dear CCPH members,

Please continue sending your comments, questions and announcements to Rose Coroneos at ccphuw@u.washington.edu. We also welcome articles and editorials.

Submission Guidelines:
* There is no deadline for submissions;
* 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.
Please Join Us In Welcoming The Following New CCPH Members!

**NEW INDIVIDUALS**

Amy Labant, Indiana University of Pennsylvania, Indiana, PA  
Andrew Furco, Service-Learning Center, Berkeley, CA  
Capri-Mara Fillmore, Medical College of Wisconsin, Milwaukee, WI  
Ermyn King, Penn State University, University Park, PA  
Jo Carter, Millikin University, Decatur, IL  
Julie Day, Smokefree Indiana, Indianapolis, IN  
Lynn Gitlow, Husson College, Winterport, ME  
Tanya Raggio, CUNY Medical School, New York, NY  

**NEW ORGANIZATIONS**

Joanne Borfitz, Central New York AHEC, Cortland, NY  
Shelly Duncan, Illinois Primary Health Care Association, Chicago, IL  
Jane Mertens, University of Georgia, Athens, GA  
Rebecca Ramos, Community Voices - El Paso, El Paso, TX  
Ivelisse Fairchild, Columbia University, New York, NY  
Lisa Hartsock, FirstHealth of the Carolinas, Pinehurst, NC  
Liz Whiteley, Denver Health, Denver, CO  
Sandra Harris, Northern Manhattan Community Voices Collaborative, New York, NY  
Nancy Tolliver, West Virginia Community Voices, Charleston, WV  
Roseanne Mulligan, USC School of Dentistry, Los Angeles, CA  

**NEW STUDENTS**

Allison Collbert, Seven Hills, OH  
Carol Piesko, Flushing, MI  
Edy Kim, St. Louis, MO  

**NEW PARTNERSHIP**

Robert McGranaghan, Detroit Community-Academic Urban Research Center, Ann Arbor, MI

A Big Thank You To These Renewing Members For Their Continued Support!

**RENEWAL INDIVIDUALS**

Adam Gordon, University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, PA  
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Charles Smith, Indiana University School of Dentistry, Indianapolis, IN  
Cheryl Merzel, Columbia University, New York, NY  
Donna Antoine-LaVigne, Jackson State University, Jackson, MS  
Jan Gottlieb, UMDNJ, New Brunswick, NJ  
Jean Hess, Harvard Medical School, Boston, MA  
Joe Ambrosino, Southwest Pennsylvania AHEC, Pittsburgh, PA  
Randall Longenecker, Man River Family Practice, West Liberty, OH  
Ronald Johnson, Center for Human Development, Springfield, MA  
Sarah Legett, Saint Louis University, Saint Louis, MO  
Staci Young, Medical College of Wisconsin, Milwaukee, WI  

**RENEWAL ORGANIZATIONS**

Charles Huntington, University of Connecticut School of Medicine, Farmington, CT  

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Joan Gluch, University of Pennsylvania, Elkins Park, PA  

For more information on joining CCPH, visit www.ccph.info or contact Catherine Immanuel, Membership Development and Marketing Associate, at csi@itsa.ucsf.edu or call (415) 514-3522.
UPCOMING EVENTS!

CCPH Sponsored Events

February 1–4, 2003—3rd annual advanced service–learning institute, in San Jose, CA. This institute builds upon our introductory level institute and is designed for academic administrators, faculty, staff and community partners who have already implemented service–learning courses or programs. Applications are due by December 2, 2002. The institute application is now available on our website at http://futurehealth.ucsf.edu/ccph/servicelearning.html#advsrl or by calling our fax–on–demand service at 1–888–267–9182 and requesting document #206. For more information, visit our website at www.ccph.info or contact Summer Reilly, Program Assistant, at ccph@itsa.ucsf.edu or (415) 476–7081.

April 26–29, 2003—CCPH’s 7th annual conference in San Diego, CA. Dr. David Satcher, former U.S. Surgeon General, is the opening keynote speaker. The conference will feature a symposium jointly planned and sponsored by the US Department of Housing and Urban Development's Office of University Partnerships and the Community Outreach Partnership Centers program. Workshop, poster and site visit proposals are due 10/25/2002. Stay tuned for details at www.ccph.info.

Other Events

September 14-17, 2002—The National Association of Community Health Centers-Community Health Institute, New Orleans, LA. CCPH executive director, Sarena Seifer, will be presenting a workshop on partnerships between community health centers and health professional schools. Check out www.nachc.com for more information.

September 20-21, 2002—The Center for Improving Minority Health presents “Overcoming Barriers to Improving Health Disparities: Policy, Practice, Research,” in Charlottesville, VA. There is no charge to attend the award presentation and keynote lecture by Louis Sullivan, MD, on Friday, September 20, and the public is encouraged to attend. The registration fees for the Saturday portion of this course are $50 for Physicians and $25 for non-Physicians. The fees include syllabus materials, Omni Hotel Reception Friday night, Continental Breakfast and lunch on Saturday. Registration is required for all attendees of the Saturday portion of this event. The brochure and registration form can be found at http://www.med.virginia.edu/ed-programs/cme/Minority02/Minority02.pdf. For more information, visit the CIMH website at www.hsc.virginia.edu/cimh or call (434) 982-4153.

September 22, 2002—Pre-conference workshop at the American Council of Epidemiology annual conference in Albuquerque NM. Community-Based Participatory Research with Native American and Latino Communities: Epidemiologists in the Community. Lead Faculty: Nina Wallerstein, University of New Mexico, and Felicia Hodges, University of Minnesota. For more information: call (919) 787-5181 or visit http://www.acepidemiology.org/meetings/2002albuquerque/

October 4, 2002—The Academy for Health Services Research and Health Policy is offering live and online web- and audio-based conferences, beginning in October. The first web event is on October 4, which includes sessions on cost-effectiveness, hierarchical modeling, and quality measures. A follow-up series beginning on October 10 will focus on qualitative methods with interviews, focus groups, and data analysis. Visit http://www.academichealth.org/cyberseminars/live for registration information and course descriptions.

October 5, 2002—El Shaddi’s Annual Abstinence Conference, Immanuel’s Church, Silver Spring. For youth 8 and up and parents. Guest speaker Marsha Sumner from Heaven 1580am radio. Workshops cover abstinence, substance abuse, tobacco, courting and dating, prom night and sex, HIV/AIDS/STDTS, homosexuality, teen pregnancy, teen parents, second virginity, college students and sexual purity, and more. For more information and registration call (301) 776-7394, Email: elshaddi@us.net or visit http://www.elsahdidi.org to pre-register on line.

October 10-13, 2002—32nd Association for the Behavioral Sciences and Medical Education (ABSAME) Annual Meeting, Squaw Creek Resort, Lake Tahoe, CA. For program information and on-line registration: www.absame.org or call (810) 715-4365 to request a brochure.

October 16, 2002—The 19th Annual World Food Day Teleconference. The paradox of great hunger and poverty in rural areas and the potential for disorder and despair that this creates is the theme for the 2002 World Food Day satellite teleconference. The program will feature Prof. Michael Lipton, an international authority on the plight of the rural poor. The brochure and registration form can be found at http://www.med.virginia.edu/ed-programs/cme/Minority02/Minority02.pdf. For more information, check out the CIMH website at www.hsc.virginia.edu/cimh or call (434) 982-4153.

October 17-19, 2002—The 8th Annual Community Care Networking Conference’s theme is “Celebrating Progress: Promoting A New Era In Health.” It will be held at the Hotel Inter-Continental Chicago, Chicago, IL. To request a brochure or to register, visit http://www.hospitalconnect.com/communitycare/whats_new.html. For more information, contact Health Research and Educational Trust (HRET), One North Franklin, Chicago, IL 60606 or call (312) 422-2615. *CCPH will be exhibiting at the conference.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Working with Communities for Environmental Health, September 12, 1:00-3:00 PM ET
This live, interactive satellite broadcast is designed to provide useful tools that can help professionals improve their ability to effectively address environmental and public health concerns. A question and answer session will enable participants nationwide to pose questions to panelists via toll free telephone, fax, or TTY lines. Details at http://www.phppo.cdc.gov/phet/envedu/

Partnership Self-Assessment Tool
The Center for the Advancement of Collaborative Strategies in Health at The New York Academy of Medicine recently launched its web-based Partnership Self-Assessment Tool. The Partnership Self-Assessment Tool is a unique, on-line resource that gives a partnership a way to gather and utilize feedback from its members. It is free, easy to use, and is based on rigorous research and extensive piloting.

Unlike most evaluations, which focus on a partnership’s programs or goals, the Tool assesses how well a partnership’s collaborative process strengthens its ability to achieve those goals. The Tool is designed to help a partnership determine how well its collaboration process is working and how to make the most of what different participants have to offer.

To read the full announcement that introduces the Tool, go to www.cacsh.org/satool.html. To use the Tool or to learn more about it, go to www.PartnershipTool.net.

Changes in Health Care Financing and Organization (HCFO) initiative
The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation approved a three-year, $15 million dollar re-authorization of the HCFO initiative (www hcfo.net). In its 13 years, HCFO has supported more than 176 research projects examining health care issues, including managed care, market competition, risk adjustment, and defined contribution. For more details about the HCFO program and its activities under the re-authorization, please visit the program website at www.hcfo.net/whatsnew.htm.

Academy Launches Campaign To Raise Awareness of Health Services Research (HSR)
At the 2002 Annual Research Meeting, the Academy for Health Services Research and Health Policy launched “Connecting the Dots: Transforming Health Care Through Research,” a campaign to raise awareness of the value and impact of health services research to policymakers, health care providers, decision-makers, advocacy groups, and the media. The campaign uses stories about the real-world implications of health services research to show how this field contributes to our understanding of some of the biggest issues in health care today. The campaign is currently funded by the Academy and the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation.

To learn more about this campaign and how you can help, visit www.academyhealth.org/connectingthedots.

Healthy People 2010 Tobacco Objectives
The Healthy People 2010 Tobacco Workgroup is convening a meeting and soliciting comments on progress towards meeting the Healthy People 2010 tobacco objectives. The meeting is scheduled immediately prior to the 2002 National Conference on Tobacco or Health. The meeting is open to the public and will allow attendees of the Conference and other interested parties an opportunity to provide input to the Healthy People 2010 Tobacco Workgroup. Individuals and organizations are encouraged to comment on the Healthy People 2010 tobacco objective progress in one or both of the following ways: (1) In writing, by submission through the mail, or e-mail; (2) In person, at a public meeting that will be convened in San Francisco, CA.

Comments will also be accepted during the public meeting. If you would like to attend the public meeting, you are encouraged to register early by providing your name, title, organization name, address, and telephone number to Monica Swann (address below). If you would like to speak at the meeting, please notify Monica Swann when you register. The U.S. government encourages individuals to submit written comments, either electronically or by mail. Comments also will be accepted during the meeting. Written comments may be submitted until December 27, 2002. Comments can be submitted by mail or electronically (electronic submissions are encouraged).

To submit electronic comments, send via e-mail to Healthypeople@cdc.gov. To submit comments by mail, send to: Healthy People 2010 Tobacco comments (Attn: Ms. Monica Swann), Office on Smoking and Health, 200 Independence Ave., Room 317-B, Washington, DC 20201.

World Breastfeeding Week, September 23-27, 2002
This year’s theme, Breastfeeding: Healthy Mothers and Healthy Babies, underscores the urgent need to protect, promote, and support the health and well-being of mothers as well as the need to protect, promote, and support breastfeeding, for healthier babies and children. Details at http://www.cdc.gov/nccdphp/dnpa/breastfeeding.htm

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Web-Based Seminars In Health Services Research Methods Begin In October
A great way to learn from the experts without leaving your home or office. Perfect for groups and classes. Fall Live Series—Participate in audio and web-based seminars the first and second weeks in October, November, and December, 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. EST. Session topics and faculty for the live seminars are:

• Introduction to Cost Effectiveness Analysis in Health Care (Thursday, October 3) Emmett Keeler, RAND
• More Than “Just a Conversation”: Using Qualitative Interviews to Answer Health Services Research Questions (Thursday, October 10) Shoshanna Sogaer, Baruch College
• Hierarchical Modeling (Wednesday, November 8) Alan Kazslavsky, Harvard Medical School, Sharon-Lise Normand, Harvard University
• Using Focus Groups in Your Research: Basic Techniques, Challenging Issues and Practical Tips (Thursday, November 14) Jeanne McGee, Consultant
• The Quality Toolbox (Thursday, December 5) Beth McGlynn, RAND
• Qualitative Data Analysis as an Attractive Nuisance (Thursday, December 12) Kelly Devers, Center for Studying Health System Change

Visit http://academyhealth.org/cyberseminars for course descriptions, technology hints, and registration information.

Impact Of Stock Market On Foundation Funding
David Bank’s excellent article in the Wall Street Journal describes how some major foundations have responded to the bear market on Wall Street. The article reports on three prominent grant makers:

• The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation has lost $2 billion of its endowment over the last year. As a result, the foundation, which donated $804 million in 2001, expects to award just $300 million this year.
• The Lilly Endowment lost roughly $5 billion of its value over the past eight months. Total awards may be revised downward as a result, from $600 million to $400 million.
• The John D. and Catherine T. McArthur Foundation will increase its grant budget in 2003 to $192 million, up from $183 million this year, thanks to a reserve fund set aside when the market was booming.


NIH Invites Comments on Health Education Loan-Repayment Program
The National Institutes of Health plans to issue regulations later this year on its loan-repayment program, aimed at recruiting and retaining qualified health professionals to conduct research while working under contract with the agency for a minimum of three years. For each year of service rendered, NIH’s Loan Repayment Program for Research generally will repay $35,000 in principal and interest for education loans made through commercial lending institutions.

The agreement pertains to biomedical and behavioral research approved by NIH and its loan-repayment committee. Loans to be repaid include undergraduate, graduate, and other health-profession-related tuition, expenses, and other fees, such as books, supplies and laboratory expenses. Room and board and transportation costs would be paid as well. Eligible participants include those holding doctorate, medical and dental degrees, pharmacists, nurses and other allied-health professionals. Comments on the proposed ruling will be accepted through October 4. Info: contact Jerry Moore, at (301) 496-0169; or e-mail: jm40z@nih.gov

Applications For New Members Sought for the Council of Public Representatives (COPR)
The Director of the National Institutes of Health is seeking applications for new members for the COPR. The COPR was created in 1999 to provide advice and recommendations to the Director on matters related to medical research, NIH outreach, initiatives and programs, as well as on public participation in agency activities. There are 21 members who serve on the Council and an average of six to eight members rotate off the Council each year. The COPR consists of individuals who are selected from among the diverse communities that benefit from, and have an interest in, NIH research, programs, and activities. To be considered for the COPR, applicants must have some interest in the work of NIH, be in a position to communicate regularly with the broader public on the activities of COPR and the NIH, and be willing to commit to full participation in COPR meeting discussions, conference calls, and working group activities. Current COPR Associates or others, who have previously submitted an application and wish to reapply for the Council, must respond to this email or send a letter confirming an interest in being reconsidered in this year’s applicant pool. It is recommended that those who wish to reapply for the Council visit the COPR Website at http://public-council.nih.gov/COPR.asp, obtain the newest version of the application, and submit an updated version of their experience and interest in serving as a COPR member. All applications must be postmarked on or before September 16, 2002. Application received after the September deadline will be considered in the next application process ending in September 2003.

To receive a paper copy of the application or if you have questions, please contact staff at: NIH Council of Public Representatives (COPR) Palladian Partners, Inc., 1010 Wayne Avenue, Suite 1200 Silver Spring, MD 20910; (301) 650-8660 (telephone); (301) 650-8676 (fax); or email COPR@palladianpartners.com.

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GRANTS ALERT!

Mary Byron Foundation to Honor Domestic Violence Prevention Efforts. Deadline: 9/15/2002

The Mary Byron Foundation is a public charity created to help fund and support programs and services designed to end domestic violence. The foundation is now accepting nominations for its first-ever Celebrating Solutions Awards Program, offering cash awards to communities that have launched proven programs and services. The $10,000 grants will be given to programs that have been operational for at least three years, demonstrate positive outcomes, are innovative and replicable, and sensitive to ethnic and racial diversity. Those not eligible for consideration include: organizations that are not nonprofit or governmental; individuals; organizations serving a limited constituency; and basic research programs. The award application can be downloaded at www.marybyronfoundation.org.

Funding Available for Research and Social Action Projects

The Sociological Initiatives Foundation provides grants of $5,000 to $15,000 to support research and social action projects. Areas of interest include but are not limited to social justice, social welfare, human rights, literacy, language learning and use, dialect use and curricular issues in teaching second languages and non-native languages. The Foundation is also interested in supporting research by sociologists and linguists whose work may provide documentation of initiatives that may be useful to communities. Complete Guidelines for the 9/15/2002 application deadline are available at http://www.grantsmanagement.com/sifguide.html. For more information, contact Prentice Zinn at pzinn@grantsmanagement.com or (617) 426-7172 ext. 307.

Funding for Research To Develop Improved Methods and Approaches To Empower Communities To Participate More Effectively in Environmental Cleanups

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Office of Research and Development, National Center for Environmental Assessment (NCEA), is issuing this Request for Applications (RFA) for cooperative agreements to provide assistance conducting research to stimulate advances in the science of risk communication so that more effective methods, tools, and models can be used to empower communities to participate more effectively in environmental cleanups, especially the cleanup of contaminated sediment sites. Applications must be postmarked, dated by a delivery service, or marked received by NCEA personnel by 9/19/2002. Visit http://www.epa.gov/ncea/ for information about the full application process and application forms are found in the “Application Kit for Assistance” on the following web site: http://www.epa.gov/ogd/AppKit/. For further information, contact: David Kelley, at kelley.dave@epa.gov; phone: (202) 564-3263; or fax: (202) 564-2268.

Third Wave Foundation Offers Support to Young Women Activists and Their Organizations

Deadline: 10/1 and 4/1, annually.

The Third Wave Foundation provides resources through a variety of programs to support the cutting-edge work of young women activists. The foundation’s grantmaking provides direct financial support to young women activists and the organizations they lead. The foundation accepts proposals for projects that benefit, target, are devised by, and led by women between the ages of 15 and 30, with an emphasis on low-income women, differently abled women, women of color, and lesbian and bisexual women. The foundation also is offering a special fund through the end of 2002 to provide support to young women working toward social justice in the political and social aftermath of the attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon. For complete application guidelines, visit http://www.thirdwavefoundation.org/default.htm.

The National Network of Libraries of Medicine (NN/LM) is pleased to announce the release of a new Request for Proposal (RFP). The RFP for the Access to Electronic Health Information projects is posted at http://nnlm.gov/projects/funding/aehi_rfp2002/index.html. The deadline for submitting proposals is October 1st, 2002. The period of performance is 18 months from the date of the award. Full and affiliate members may apply for this award. Single institutions may receive up to $10,000 and a group of two or more institutions may receive up to $40,000.

The focus of this solicitation is on projects designed to improve access to electronic health information for such groups and organizations as consumers, underserved and minority health care professionals, public health workers, public libraries, and community-based and faith-based organizations. Please contact your regional RML at 1-800-338-7657 for further information.

$1 Million Available to Fund Mental Health Prevention and Early Intervention Services

Deadline: 10/22/2002

The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) is announcing the availability of funding for grants to support cooperative agreements to meet emerging and urgent mental health services needs of communities. It is expected that approximately $1 million in funding will be available in fiscal year 2003 to fund approximately 2-3 cooperative agreements ranging from $300,000 to $400,000 each for a period of up to 3 years. SAMHSA's Center for Mental Health Services (CMHS) will administer these grants.

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The program is designed to increase the capacity of cities, counties, and tribal governments to provide prevention and early intervention services for infants, toddlers, preschool and school-aged children and adolescents, in mental health settings and other settings that serve children and adolescents, such as schools or child care programs. The grants will help communities build the service system infrastructure necessary to use evidence-based prevention and early intervention programs and services. Eligibility to apply is limited to cities, counties and tribal governments and their agencies. Guidance for Applicants (GFA No. SM 03-004) “Prevention/Early Intervention Services” is available from SAMHSA's website at www.samhsa.gov or by phone at 1-800-729-6686. Contact Gail F. Ritchie, at (301) 443-1752 or gritchie@samhsa.gov. Queries on grants management issues should be directed to Steve Hudak at (301) 443-9666 or shudak@samhsa.gov.

Non-Smoking Teens Eligible for $10,000 Scholarships.
Deadline: 11/15/2002
TeenH.I.P (Helping Influence People), a program sponsored by Lorillard Tobacco Company’s Youth Smoking Prevention Program, is designed to reward teens who choose not to smoke with scholarships. Now in its third year, the TeenH.I.P. Awards program is offering ten scholarships worth $10,000 each to teens (ages 13 to 18) who excel academically, are active in their school and community, exhibit leadership capabilities, and who do not smoke. Official rules, entry criteria, and further information on other TeenH.I.P. programs and applications can be submitted online at http://www.buttoutnow.com

The Robert Wood Johnson Health Policy Fellowships Program is seeking applicants for the 2003-2006 program. Fellowships are available to outstanding, mid-career health professionals and behavioral and social scientists with an interest in health who wish to actively participate in the formulation of federal health policy and accelerate their careers in health policy. Beginning in September 2003, up to eight Fellows will participate in an extensive orientation and a full-time work experience in the congressional or executive branch of the federal government. Initiated in 1973, the program is funded by The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, and conducted by the Institute of Medicine of the National Academy of Sciences. Contact: (202) 334-1506 or visit http://www.pagnet.info/cstrack/out.php?http://www.nas.edu/rwj

PUBLICATIONS

Greenwood Publishing has recently published a reader for students in service learning in elder care classes which would also be appropriate for students in other health related service-learning programs. Called “Elder Care and Service Learning: A Handbook,” the book contains eight sections, each with three to seven chapters. The seven sections are: what is service learning; basic information on aging; the service learning class; communication skills; doing service learning with the elderly; elder care issues, policy and history; case studies of service learning experiences. Appendices include two annotated bibliography; an abridges American Sociological Code of Ethics; and a service learning elder care manual. The co-editors are Susanne Bleiberg Seperson and Carol Hegeman.


A Manual For People Who Want To Change The World
In “Grassroots Grants: An Activists Guide To Proposal Writing,” author and activist Andy Robinson describes in plain English just what it takes to win grants for social justice. With a wealth of insider tips, real-world advice, and sample proposals, this is a must-have resource for any grantseeker. To save 15 percent, simply enter promotion code N8D when ordering online at: http://wwwjosseybass.com/go/chardonpress.

Education For Health Journal Seeks Book Reviewers
If any of you would be interested or could suggest a suitable volunteer to became a book reviewer for the international journal Education for Health, please respond with name and email address of the suggested person, and some evidence of the individual’s suitability for reviewing a publication in a particular subject/topic. This potential book reviewer will then be asked to fill out a small questionnaire in which he/she can indicate areas of interest/expertise, and appropriate categories from a given list of topics.

Your suggestions might help to maintain book reviewers from various parts of the world, in keeping with the international aims of the Journal. You can send your suggestions to the journal office at efh@network.unimaas.nl. For more information on the journal, visit http://www.the-network.org/efh

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CALL FOR PROPOSALS/NOMINATIONS

Request for Applications

Proposals due: 10/1/2002

The UCSF Center to address “Disparities in Children’s Oral Health” are seeking proposals for innovative one-year developmental or pilot research projects for 2002-03 that fit the theme of our Center. This RFA is open to investigators both within UCSF and from other institutions, including those from outside of California. Expected funding date: December 1, 2002. Amount of award: up to $15,000 (including indirect costs). To view the RFA, visit http://www.ucsf.edu/cando or http://www.ucsf.edu/cando/PDF%20Files/Pilot%20Project%20RFA%202002.pdf

Call For Papers! New Service-Learning Journal!

“The Service-Learning Review”


The National Service-Learning Clearinghouse, funded by the Corporation for National and Community Service, is launching a new annual journal that will promote the expansion and improvement of service-learning programs across America. CCPH is a senior program advisor for the Clearinghouse.

The Service-Learning Review provides a forum for the recognition and exchange of service-learning practices, and resources across diverse settings: communities, schools, colleges and universities, and Tribal Nations. Practitioners will be both audience and authors for the journal.

The Service-Learning Review is rigorous and competitive in its selection of manuscripts. Articles must be applied and useful to readers. The goal is to build quality and expand participation in service-learning endeavors.

The Service-Learning Review will publish manuscripts that share new perspectives based on replicated practices, evidence-based studies, or analysis and reflection on key service-learning policy issues.

The Clearinghouse seeks authors from among Learn and Serve America grantees and other service-learning practitioners and scholars. Selection is competitive. Manuscripts will be peer-reviewed by a panel of service-learning experts representing different types of service-learning programs and settings.

Guidelines for Manuscript Submission and Review

1. Full manuscripts must be received by Monday, 10/7/2002. Manuscripts should be in Microsoft Word or rich text format (RTF) only, 12-point font size, double-spaced. Length should be no more than 25 pages and no less than 15 pages.
2. Use American Psychological Association style guide, 5th edition for general formatting, citations and references.
3. Include a cover letter with information on mailing address, phone, fax, and email of each author.
4. Review and selection will be completed by 12/1. Final acceptance may depend on authors’ willingness to make reviewer-recommended revisions.

Submit by email (preferred) or by sending disk (Microsoft Word, PC only) to: Barbara A. Holland, Director, National Service-Learning Clearinghouse, ETR Associates, 4 Carbonero Way, Scotts Valley, CA 95066 or email at nslc@servicelearning.org

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Gulf South Summit-Call for Nominations

Nominations are due 12/16/2002

The University of Southern Mississippi Gulf South Summit planning committee is pleased to announce the call for nominations for the following awards: Outstanding Service-Learning Practitioner Award (Plaque and $1000.00 to practitioner) and Outstanding Creative Collaboration Award (Plaque to each partner and $1000.00 to program/project) The winners will be announced during the Gulf South Summit held February 20-21, 2003 at the University of Southern Mississippi Gulf Coast Campus. For full award criteria, visit www.cce.usm.edu/summit/awards.htm. Award recipients are expected to be present during the awards ceremony.

For more information, contact Rachel Estes, Director of Service-Learning, Birmingham-Southern College by calling (800) 523-5793, or emailing restes@bsc.edu.