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Foundation for Community Health Grant Awards

The Foundation for Community Health is announcing their most recent grant awards to health and human service organizations that serve the needs of the people living in northeastern Dutchess and southeastern Columbia Counties in New York and northwestern Litchfield County in Connecticut. The awards were made to support or enhance existing programs and services or to conduct new ones in the categories of mental health, access to services, oral health and new opportunities. Their primary goal is to improve the lives of the residents in this community by strengthening the ability to access health care services and by supporting the establishment or the improvement of locally-based quality and comprehensive health services.

The awards in Mental Health/Behavioral Health for Capacity Building included: Astor Services for Children & Families, \$45,000 to provide primary care providers, caring for children experiencing mental illness, with access to psychiatric consultation services for those patients; Berkshire Taconic Community Foundation, \$7,800 for underwriting the Housatonic Youth Service Bureau's participation in a program to strengthen the internal functioning and governance of the organization; Housatonic Youth Service Bureau, \$15,000 to develop a sustainability plan for the Student Assistance Behavioral Health Program.

For Prevention and Early Intervention in Mental Health/Behavioral Health, the grantees were: Council on Addiction Prevention & Education of Dutchess County, \$30,000 to support a prevention project, community coalition sustainability and program development; Housatonic Youth Service Bureau, \$25,000 to support a prevention project, community coalition sustainability and program development; Women's Support Services, \$15,000 to develop, conduct and evaluate prevention education for understanding and addressing cyber bullying in the Region 1 School District, grades 4 – 8 in Connecticut.

The grantee awards in Access to Services for Increasing Access to Services were: Catholic Charities Community Services, NY Archdiocese, \$56,000 to pilot and evaluate a community-based outreach program targeting the Spanish-speaking immigrant population of eastern

Dutchess County; Chore Service, \$30,000 for strategic planning; EMS (Emergency Medical System) Institute, \$25,000 to support efforts that strengthen the ability of the EMS volunteers to provide life-saving, emergency services to our communities in NY and CT; Northwestern CT Community College Foundation, \$98,644 for their nursing program implementation.

Awards in Access to Services for Transportation were: Columbia County Community Healthcare Consortium, \$22,179 to provide medical transportation services in Copake and Ancram, NY; Geer Adult Day Center, \$35,000 for the transportation program in northwestern CT; North East Community Council, \$7,983 for a second year of funding to establish the door-to-door transportation service for eastern Dutchess County; North East Community Council, \$12,800 for ongoing support of the Care Car Program.

Oral Health awards were made to: Columbia Memorial Hospital, \$25,000 for the in-school dental services at the Taconic Hills School District; Hudson River HealthCare, \$73,500 to develop and pilot school-based oral health prevention services in eastern Dutchess County, NY; Maria Seymour Brooker Memorial, \$24,920 for school-based preventive oral health services in the Region 1 School District in CT.

In New Opportunities, some of the grantees were: Connecticut Council on Philanthropy, \$3,000 to increase the knowledge and awareness of CT funders about the aging population; CT Council on Philanthropy, \$25,000 for the Connecticut Health Survey and to the Salisbury Forum, \$1,687 to support the presentation on *U.S. Health Care: Why not the Best*.

Funding for the management and disbursement of the Foundation for Community Health's Pharmaceutical Assistance Fund was made to: Columbia County Community Healthcare Consortium, \$13,500; Dutchess County Community Action Partnership, \$100,000; NW Connecticut Council of Governments, \$61,500.

The Foundation for Community Health's Medical Education funding was \$4,272.

The Foundation for Community Health is an independent, non-profit public charity dedicated to improving the health of the people living in its community through funding, advocacy, outreach and collaboration. For more information about the Foundation visit their website at www.fchealth.org.