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Endowment for Health Awards More Than \$2 Million In Grants

Concord, NH – The Endowment for Health, New Hampshire’s largest health foundation, recently awarded more than \$2 million in theme implementation and applied research grants for program year 2007. Grants were awarded to 9 organizations throughout the state to address a variety of health and health care issues, including economic, social-cultural, and geographic barriers to health and oral health.

Mary Vallier-Kaplan, vice president of program for the Endowment, explained the importance of the grants. “These grant awards represent several critical projects that will help forward the Endowment’s mission: To improve the health and reduce the burden of illness of the people of New Hampshire – especially the vulnerable and underserved,” she said. “Our grantees are all respected organizations and key community partners in achieving this important work.”

The following theme implementation grants were awarded:

- **Community Health Worker Training Institute (\$198,389)** – To improve the health and wellness of New Hampshire’s underserved communities by establishing a program to train Community Health Workers (CHWs) to promote health, self-care, self-advocacy and access to health and social services among their clients.
- **Manchester Child Law Collaborative (\$157,408)** – To address the critical link between social factors and health by identifying and addressing the legal issues affecting the health and well-being of low-income children and adults.
- **Manchester Sustainable Access Project (\$520,236)** – To establish a community health care network integrating oral health and mental health with primary care that will increase the availability of coordinated and cost effective services to the local population with a specific focus on serving Manchester’s most vulnerable.

- **The NH Child/Adolescent Trauma Telehealth Project (\$450,538)** – To deliver evidence-based treatments for child clients with trauma histories by implementing a videoconferencing network linking clinical experts to 10 community mental health centers and the Philbrook Center.
- **New Hampshire Telehealth Program (\$145,719)** – To improve access to appropriate and timely health, education, mental health and social services by maximizing the use of cost-effective telehealth technologies throughout the State.
- **Somali Woman Health Educator (\$70,492)** – To educate and empower Somali women and their families to become active participants in their own health care by providing bi-lingual, bi-cultural case management, medical interpretation and home-based health education.
- **Tamworth Dental Center (\$298,809)** – To improve oral health access for the under- and uninsured residents of Carroll County by establishing a new dental center in Tamworth.
- **Transportation Brokerage for Strafford and Eastern Rockingham Counties (\$110,729)** – To improve regional transportation for people in Strafford and Eastern Rockingham Counties by coordinating services offered by COAST and multiple human service providers.

Applied research grant:

- **Frameworks Youth Suicide Prevention (\$109,927)** – To improve understanding of how to effectively reduce youth suicide and increase the earlier use of mental health services by youth and their families.

Endowment for Health grants also help New Hampshire's health-related nonprofit organizations to fulfill their missions more effectively. The foundation also strives to complement its grantmaking efforts with other New Hampshire and national grantmakers. Together, they address health issues at the statewide, regional, and national level.

The Endowment for Health was established in 1999. Since 2001, the Endowment has awarded 472 grants totaling nearly \$22 million to support a wide range of health-related programs and projects in New Hampshire. For more information about proposal guidelines and funding priorities for the 2007 program year, visit www.endowmentforhealth.org