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Endowment for Health Awards More Than a Quarter-Million Dollars in Grants

Concord, NH – The Endowment for Health, New Hampshire’s largest health foundation, recently awarded more than \$250,000 in Public Policy and Planning, Convening and Technical Assistance grants. Awards were made to 12 organizations for the planning resources, collaboration and technical expertise necessary to forward health-related policies and projects in New Hampshire. Many of these projects have statewide reach while others address need in targeted geographic areas of the state.

Mary Vallier-Kaplan, the Endowment’s vice president and chief operating officer, explained the importance of the grants. “These grant awards help to build the capacity of communities and nonprofit organizations in New Hampshire. It is therefore critical for us to work together to fulfill our mutual mission of creating system change. This supports 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 who share our passion for this work.”

The following grants were awarded:

Public Policy awards:

- **Commission to Develop a Comprehensive State Mental Health Plan (\$33,500)** – To improve New Hampshire’s mental health system by transitioning the legislative mental health commission from its planning phase to implementation.
- **Lead Poisoning Prevention Collaborative (\$53,873)** – To reduce childhood lead paint poisoning in New Hampshire through a coordinated approach to prevention policies.

Convening grant awards:

- **Bi-State Primary Care Association (\$25,922)** – To create a leadership development curriculum for the next generation of Community Health Centers and primary care leaders who provide services to medically vulnerable residents and in underserved areas.

Planning grant awards:

- **New Hampshire Humanities Council (\$20,000)** – To promote improved integration of New Hampshire’s increasing immigrant and refugee populations through greater cultural

exchange and understanding among newcomers and New Hampshire's receiving communities.

- **Rockingham Planning Commission (\$14,347)** – To establish best practices for integrating volunteer drivers into transportation brokerages in the southeast corner of the state.
- **The Way Home (\$21,000)** – To strengthen organizational capacity to deliver Healthy Home Services in the greater Manchester area.
- **Women for Women Coalition (\$28,184)** – To empower African women and girls in the quest to reduce health disparities by addressing the social and cultural barriers that inhibit access to health services.
- **University of New Hampshire (\$28,905)** – To improve the mental health and well-being of Dover's children, youth, and families through the Dover Kid's Cabinet to assess community needs, develop an integrated community approach, and sustain these efforts.

Technical assistance grant awards:

- **Northeast Deaf and Hard of Hearing Services (\$18,000)** – To develop and implement an online interpreter-assignment system that assists deaf and hard of hearing individuals in gaining access to care.
- **White Mountain Community Health Center (\$7,000)** – To assess needs that will support the planned growth of the center.

The Endowment for Health was established in 1999. Since 2001, the Endowment has awarded more than 500 grants totaling \$23 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 2008 program year, visit www.endowmentforhealth.org

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