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Endowment for Health Awards More Than \$900,000 To Fund Health-Related Projects Across New Hampshire

Concord, NH – The Endowment for Health, New Hampshire’s largest health foundation, recently awarded more than \$900,000 to fund various health-related projects around the state of New Hampshire. Awards were made to 29 organizations for a variety of projects, some with statewide reach and others with a more targeted focus by region or geographic area.

“Many of these grants provide annual funding for the operations of NH’s advocacy, capacity-building and knowledge-building organizations. These nonprofits are the backbone that supports so many health-related projects in our state,” said Endowment for Health Vice President and Chief Operating Officer Mary Vallier-Kaplan. “Other grants provide funds for essential planning efforts – nonprofit work that is not typically funded by other sources.”

The following grants were awarded to reduce economic barriers to health:

UNDERSTANDING NH'S HEALTHCARE SYSTEM: STRUCTURE AND FINANCE – \$53,795
Enhancing public understanding and public policy on health care access and financing.

Grantee: New Hampshire Center for Public Policy Studies

CROSSING THE PUBLIC POLICY DIVIDE – \$25,000
Enhancing the use of research, data and analysis to effect health-related public policy change

Grantee: Institute of Health Law & Ethics/Franklin Pierce Law Center

COOS COUNTY HOSPITAL COLLABORATIVE – \$70,000
Sustaining the region's health care system through an exploration of a multi-provider partnership

Grantee: Upper Connecticut Valley Hospital

CREATING AN ONLINE HEALTH TOWN SQUARE FOR NEW HAMPSHIRE – \$18,952
An online forum to educate policy makers and the public about health care reform efforts in New Hampshire

Grantee: NH Citizens Health Initiative c/o Institute for Health Policy & Practice/UNH

Grants to reduce geographic barriers to health:

SOUHEGAN VALLEY NEMT PROJECT – \$40,000

Planning for non-emergency medical transportation for the region's elderly, disabled and low-income residents

Grantee: Granite State Organizing Project

EVALUATION OF HEALTH BUDDY TECHNOLOGY FOR PEOPLE WITH SEVERE MENTAL ILLNESS (SMI) WITH CO-MORBID CHRONIC MEDICAL ILLNESS – \$25,000

Researching the effectiveness of home monitoring devices to improve mental health outcomes and physical health

Grantee: Riverbend Community Mental Health

Grants to reduce social cultural barriers to health:

SUSTAINING THE NEW HAMPSHIRE MINORITY HEALTH COALITION – \$25,000

Health-related knowledge development and advocacy for NH's minority populations

Grantee: New Hampshire Minority Health Coalition

NATIVE AMERICAN HEALTH SURVEY – \$5,316

Assessing the health care needs and concerns of NH's indigenous people

Grantee: Wajokadoak/Lutheran Social Services of Northern New England

IMPROVING NH'S HEALTH CARE DELIVERY FOR CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES – \$30,000

Increasing provider capacity to address the medical needs of NH's children with disabilities through film and dialogue

Grantee: Institute on Disability

Grants to improve the mental health of New Hampshire's children and their families:

SUSTAINING THE NATIONAL ALLIANCE ON MENTAL ILLNESS – \$25,000

Building capacity and advocacy to support and improve NH's mental health system. Grantee: National Alliance on Mental Illness-New Hampshire

IMPROVING ACCESS TO MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES FOR ABUSED CHILDREN IN NH – \$47,617

Enhancing the role of child advocacy centers

Grantee: Crimes Against Children Research Center/UNH

CENTRAL NEW HAMPSHIRE EATING DISORDER CONFERENCE – \$9,450

Eating disorder education and intervention strategies for health care, mental health and school professionals

Grantee: Eating Disorder Institute/Plymouth State University

IMPROVING OUTCOMES FOR NH'S NEGLECTED AND ABUSED CHILDREN – \$30,903

Planning for research-based interventions within NH's family courts and child welfare system.

Grantee: Dartmouth Trauma Interventions Research Center/Dartmouth College

Grants to Improve Oral Health in NH

COALITION FOR NEW HAMPSHIRE ORAL HEALTH ACTION – \$91,442

Advancing New Hampshire's Oral Health agenda through public policy

Grantee: Bi-State Primary Care Association

Non-Theme Grants

THE HEALTH COVERAGE FELLOWSHIP – \$15,000

Deepening the media's understanding of and reporting on medicine and health care in New England

Grantee: Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts Foundation

SUSTAINING THE CHILDREN'S ALLIANCE OF NH – \$25,000

Advocating for New Hampshire's children and their families

Grantee: Children's Alliance of New Hampshire

SUSTAINING THE NH CENTER FOR PUBLIC POLICY STUDIES – \$25,000

Research and analysis that deepens understanding of NH's health care system

Grantee: New Hampshire Center for Public Policy Studies

SUSTAINING THE NH CENTER FOR NONPROFITS – \$25,000

Developing nonprofit capacity and empowering the state's nonprofit leaders

Grantee: New Hampshire Center for Nonprofits

SUSTAINING THE INSTITUTE FOR HEALTH, LAW & ADVOCACY – \$25,000

Developing best practices for health-related advocacy in NH

Grantee: Institute of Health Law & Ethics/Franklin Pierce Law Center

IMPLEMENTING THE NH MENTAL HEALTH PLAN – \$50,000

Transforming mental health in NH

Grantee: Mental Health Council c/o New Hampshire Public Health Association

PUBLIC HEALTH REGIONALIZATION IN NH – \$49,313

Creating a public health system to deliver essential services throughout New Hampshire

Grantee: Community Health Institute/JSI Research & Training

SUSTAINING NEW HAMPSHIRE PUBLIC RADIO – \$25,000

Expanding reach, enhancing knowledge and engaging NH's residents in robust health care dialogue

Grantee: New Hampshire Public Radio

SUSTAINING NH PUBLIC HEALTH ASSOCIATION – \$25,000

Strengthening the state's public health policies and infrastructure

Grantee: New Hampshire Public Health Association

HEALTHY EATING/ACTIVE LIVING PROJECT – \$50,000

Improving the personal wellness of all NH residents through effective interventions that promote healthy eating and active living.

Grantee: Foundation for Healthy Communities

SUSTAINING LEADERSHIP NH – \$10,000

Building a community of informed and civically engaged leaders in NH

Grantee: Leadership New Hampshire

SUSTAINING NH LEGAL ASSISTANCE – \$25,000

Health-related legal advocacy for NH's vulnerable and underserved populations

Grantee: New Hampshire Legal Assistance

CREATING NONPROFIT ADVOCACY CAPACITY IN NH – \$40,000

Advocacy education and support for nonprofits

Grantee: New Hampshire Center for Nonprofits

NORTH COUNTRY PALLIATIVE CARE COLLABORATION – \$20,000

Improving systems for compassionate and coordinated end-of-life care for North Country residents

Grantee: Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center

MINDFUL THINGS: EXPLORING MEMORY LOSS THROUGH SCIENCE AND ART – \$5,000

Educating seniors, families and providers on memory loss issues and Alzheimer's disease

Grantee: Grafton County Senior Citizens Council, Inc.

The Endowment for Health was established in 1999. Since 2001, the Endowment has awarded nearly 621 grants totaling more than \$27 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 2009 program year, visit www.endowmentforhealth.org

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