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FROM THE CEO

Greetings from the National Network of Public Health Institutes (NNPHI). The public health community has had an eventful couple of months and we are optimistic about opportunities to broaden and bolster the efforts we are all individually and collectively engaged in. With that in mind, the theme and title of this year's NNPHI Annual Conference is "Navigating Emerging Opportunities." The conference, which will be held June 7-9 in New Orleans, will examine current trends in advancing health system reform and strategies for building partnerships to advance health promotion and disease prevention. During the conference, we will also examine opportunities emerging from the passage of national health reform. I encourage you to learn more about what we have planned and to register for the conference by visiting www.regonline.com/2010nnphi. We look forward to hosting you in New Orleans!



The passage of national health reform is indeed a profound milestone for our nation. NNPHI continues to work closely with national partners, including the Trust for America's Health, to discuss and identify opportunities for public health institutes. Several public health institutes have begun to identify and translate the impact of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act for local and state leaders; NNPHI recently featured a series of briefs produced by the Georgia Health Policy Center, which are available at http://aysps.gsu.edu/ghpc/images/ghpc_images/An_Overview_of_Health_Reform_web.pdf. Additionally, we will be having conversations with the Public Health Accreditation Board (PHAB) to explore the impact health reform will have on the national accreditation effort. We look forward to providing you updates on these ongoing discussions as well as engage in rich dialogue with you at the NNPHI Annual Conference.

On May 6-7, I will be participating in a meeting focusing on linking primary care and community organizations for prevention. During the meeting, which is being hosted by the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality's (AHRQ), the results of a 2009-2010 environmental scan of clinical and community linkages will be presented and I will join fellow meeting participants in identifying ways for these linkages to be strengthened.

Through our work in the Public Health Leadership Society, I participated in meetings last week with the National Public Health Leadership Development Network, the Public Health Leadership Institute, national partner organizations and federal agencies including HRSA and CDC. Our discussions focused on how we can all advocate collaboratively for workforce development within public health.

Two weeks ago, I had the distinct pleasure of attending the Keeneland Conference in Lexington, Kentucky. I found the conference to be particularly enlightening because of our role as the Administrative Service Organization for the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation's support of Public Health Services and Systems Research. The efforts of this field of work will result in an expanded evidence base for effective public health policy and practice so that the public health system is strengthened and individuals will live longer and healthier lives.

We are encouraged by the forward movement we are making toward our collective goals. We look forward to further discussions as well as giving you a taste of New Orleans during the Annual Conference.

Until then, warm regards,

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NNPHI Program Updates

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NNPHI Annual Conference: June 7th -9th, 2010

Register now for the 9th NNPHI Annual Conference, to be held in New Orleans, Louisiana on June 7th- 9th in the historic French Quarter. Registration is now open at www.regonline.com/2010nnphi. The deadline to register is May 17th! Featured speakers will include:

- Dr. Judith Monroe, Director of the new Office of State, Tribal, Local and Territorial Support, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
- Dr. Kyu Rhee, Chief Public Health Officer, Health Resources and Services Administration
- Dr. Jeff Levi, Executive Director, Trust for America's Health
- Dr. Raymond Baxter, Senior Vice President, Kaiser Permanente Community Benefit
- Tyler Norris, Co-Founder, Community Initiatives
- Dr. James Marks, Senior Vice President and Director, Health Group, Robert Wood Johnson Foundation
- Dr. Amanda Parsons, Director of the Primary Care Information Project, New York City Department of Health

Several current and emerging public health innovations will be featured such as Health Reform, Health in All Policies, County Health Rankings, National Voluntary Accreditation, Community Benefit, Health Information Technology, among others. Several institutes and partners will share specific tools, models and strategies to address current and emerging public health issues as well as share new innovations in public health practice and health policy.

As always, the conference will include many opportunities for small group discussion, dialogue with speakers and networking with colleagues. Register today for what promises to be an engaging conference!

Health Reform: Resources and Opportunities

NNPHI has been closely monitoring the developments from the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, in coordination with our partners at the Trust for America's Health, Robert Wood Johnson Foundation and CDC. It is our strategy to work closely with those organizations that have strong connections to the decision makers at the federal level that will be monitoring and contributing to the development of the \$500 million designated to the Prevention and Public Health Fund.

Several public health institute leaders were part of an exploratory conversation with the Trust for America's Health and the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation to help define the role of the federal government in creating healthier, more resilient communities as well as to make recommendations of the competencies and capacities that state and local health departments need to create healthier, more resilient communities and to help define and implement the public health provisions of the new Act. To view a summary of the meeting, please visit: <http://healthyamericans.org/assets/files/PatientProtectionMeeting.pdf>

More Health Reform Resources:

1. Trust for America's Health (TFAH) Resources on Health Reform: <http://healthyamericans.org/health-reform>. Access TFAH's helpful short timeline for Prevention and Public Health Implementation at: <http://healthyamericans.org/assets/files/TFAHShortTimeline.pdf>
2. National Association for City and County Health Officials (NACCHO): <http://www.naccho.org/advocacy/health-reform.cfm>
3. Association of Maternal and Child Health Programs (AMCHP): <http://www.amchp.org/Advocacy/health-reform/Pages/default.aspx>
4. Health Reform GPS - <http://www.healthreformgps.org/>. The site is a joint project of the Hirsh Health Law and Policy program of the George Washington University School of Public Health and Health Services and the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation. The purpose of this web site is to track health reform from enactment through implementation, through notes, expert and public commentary and key documents.
5. Robert Wood Johnson Foundation: The foundation has numerous resources on health reform at the following website: <http://rwjf.org/healthreform/>. For regular updates on Health Reform in the news, subscribe to the Daily News Digest on Health Reform at <http://my.rwjf.org/login.do>.

The NNPHI Annual Conference will feature several speakers who will share the latest on developments in the strategy for implementing health reform. Register today at www.regonline.com/2010nnphi!

State Health Policy Collaborative to Host an Open Meeting at the NNPHI Annual Conference

The State Health Policy Collaborative will host an open meeting for all NNPHI members and partners interested in advancing best practices, collaborating on key issues in health policy and fostering excellence in decision making. The meeting will be held Monday, June 7th from 4:00-6:00PM at the Chateau Bourbon hotel, home of the 2010 NNPHI Annual Conference. The meeting will highlight state and local translations of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act and facilitate brainstorming around how the institutes can position themselves as a credible resource and go-to source for information on health reform in their states. Several key leaders from the institutes will be part of the meeting and will share their activities.

NNPHI Announces Funding to Support Emerging Public Health Institutes

The National Network of Public Health Institutes (NNPHI), with support from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (RWJF), has awarded grants to six emerging public health institutes to build capacity and address challenges facing the public health system.

The funding will enable the six institutes - the Florida Public Health Institute, Healthy Appalachia Institute, Institute for Public Health Innovation, Rhode Island Public Health Institute, South Carolina Public Health Institute and the Tennessee Institute for Public Health - to undertake a range of activities intended to cultivate partnerships, enhance executive leadership and build the capacity to inform health policy.

Emerging institutes have chosen an established institute to help them develop a capacity or conduct organizational planning. Established institutes will serve as mentors over the course of the one-year grant period by attending site visits and meeting with boards and advisory groups. Additionally, the emerging and mentor institutes will hold bi-monthly learning and leadership meetings, including a workshop at the 2010 NNPHI Annual Conference.

For more information about the Fostering Emerging Institutes Project, please contact Erin Marziale atemarziale@nnphi.org or visit the full announcement at <http://www.nnphi.org/home/section/1-15/about-us/view/38/>.

Multi-State Learning Collaborative



The Multi-State Learning Collaborative: Lead States in Public Health Quality Improvement (MLC) has just completed the second year of the project and is moving into its third and final year. In the last few months, site visits were conducted with eleven of the sixteen participating states. The site visits provided states as well as national partner organizations who attended the visits with the opportunity to share their successes with each other as well as benefit from sharing lessons learned in relation to quality improvement projects and preparation for national accreditation.

On April 16th, the MLC also held a webinar on which representatives of Illinois, New Jersey, Wisconsin, and Florida shared about the opportunities for improvement they have identified throughout the course of their work and steps they have taken to realize these opportunities. This webinar along with previous webinars can be accessed at <http://www.nnphi.org/ecatalog>. Search under programs: Multi-State Learning Collaborative.

The MLC is also happy to announce that we will be holding our final Open Forum for the MLC project on September 15-17, 2010. The Open Forum provides an opportunity to spread the word and expand the learning community around QI and Accreditation. More details will follow as we approach the event.

National Public Health Performance Standards Program



NNPHI Hosts 8th Annual NPHPSP Training Workshop in Dallas, Texas

In collaboration with the CDC, NNPHI held the 8th Annual National Public Health Performance Standards Training Workshop in Dallas, Texas on April 13th and 14th, 2010. Ninety representatives from state health departments, local health departments, universities, and public health institutes attended this year's training.

Attendees learned the essentials regarding conducting the NPHPSP assessment and using assessment results for performance improvement. In addition, the training offered skills-building breakout sessions and highlighted the relationship between the NPHPSP and the national voluntary accreditation program for state and local health departments.

Public Health Services and Systems Research

New Grants Announced

The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation announced seven new grants that will help build evidence on how best to improve the quality and performance of the United States public health system. These projects represent the Foundation's latest investment in Public Health Services and Systems Research (PHSSR), the developing field that focuses on the organization, staffing, financing and management of public health. NNPHI currently serves as the Administrative Service Organization for the PHSSR program. Funds from these grants will be used to study some of the most complex and important issues facing the public health field. The seven investigators awarded grants include:

- **Susan Allan at the University of Washington**
"Predictors of state/local public health systems for disease reporting, investigation, and response performance"
- **Beverly Mulvihill at the University of Alabama at Birmingham**
"Interorganizational Relationships and Collaboration to Improve Health Status Indicators for American Indian/Alaskan Native Maternal and Child Populations"
- **Mahmud Khan at Tulane University**
"Cost effectiveness of partner notification and optimal intensity of partner notification for STD control and prevention in Louisiana"
- **Timothy Brown at the University of California, Berkeley**
"Return on Investment for Public Health Expenditures: A Societal Perspective with Local Applications"
- **Hector Rodriguez at the University of California, Los Angeles**
"Local Health Department Influences on the Health of Older Adults: A Statewide Evaluation"
- **Alana Knudson at the National Opinion Research Center at the University of Chicago**
"A Profile of Tribal Public Health Departments"
- **Michael Fiore at the University of Wisconsin**
"Public Health Return on Investment in a Time of Economic Crisis: Lessons Learned from State Tobacco Control Programs"

Additional information about the PHSSR program can be found on the NNPHI website at www.nnphi.org/phssr.

NNPHI Member Headlines

California



New VP of Global Health Programs to join Public Health Institute (PHI)

PHI recently announced that Suzanne Petroni will join PHI as the new Vice President of its Global Health Programs in April. "We are thrilled to welcome Ms. Petroni to PHI. Her leadership and vision will dramatically expand our public health engagement and support in developing countries," said Mary Pittman, PHI president. Petroni has been a senior program officer for The Summit Foundation in Washington, D.C., where she has directed its Leadership for Adolescent Health Program for the past eight years. Suzanne will work from PHI's offices in Washington, D.C., but frequently will be visiting PHI's headquarters in Oakland, beginning in mid-April. To read more about Suzanne, see the press release posted on PHI's Web site www.phi.org.

AGALI director presents at joint meeting of UN Inter-Agency Task Force on Adolescent Girls

Project director Denise Dunning recently presented the achievements of the Adolescent Girls' Advocacy & Leadership Initiative (AGALI) at PHI to a joint meeting of the United Nations Inter-Agency Task Force on Adolescent Girls in New York. Both supported by the UN Foundation, AGALI and the UN Inter-Agency Task

Force each advance adolescent girls' health and development in Africa and Latin America. While AGALI strengthens the capacity of civil society leaders and social entrepreneurs to advocate for adolescent girls, the UN Task Force is implementing a multilateral response to achieve the Millennium Development Goals by addressing adolescent girls' needs. To learn more about AGALI's work, visit <http://www.agaliprogram.org>.

BIG TOBACCO HAS OFFICIALLY ENDED ITS SPONSORSHIP OF RODEOS!

As of January 2010, the US Smokeless Tobacco Company no longer sponsors the three major national rodeo and bull riding associations. The Buck Tobacco Sponsorship Project at PHI has been leading a nationally-recognized effort to restrict tobacco sponsorship of rodeos since 2002, including collaborating with PHI's Berkeley Media Studies Group (BMSG) to train advocates across the country and develop media advocacy resources. Because of Buck Tobacco's success in mobilizing and collaborating with tobacco control advocates across California and the United States, the following associations officially have cut ties with big tobacco: the Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association, Professional Bull Riders, Inc., and the National Intercollegiate Rodeo Association. In addition, one of Buck Tobacco's funders, the American Legacy Foundation, featured Buck Tobacco in a case study in its publication "Building Effective Collaborations: Organizations Working Together in Tobacco Control." The publication is available at: http://www.legacyforhealth.org/PDF/Building_Effective_Collaborations_Organizations_and_Communities-Working_Together_in_Tobacco_Control.pdf.



Colorado

Nearly 200,000 uninsured Colorado adults will be newly eligible for Medicaid under state and federal health care reforms approved recently, according to a new issue brief from the Colorado Health Institute (CHI). Health Insurance Coverage among Low-income Adults in Colorado estimates that approximately 147,000 low-income, currently uninsured adults will become eligible for Medicaid under the Healthcare Affordability Act passed by the Colorado legislature in 2009. In addition, the federal Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act signed into law by President Obama in March is expected to increase Medicaid eligibility for nearly 53,000 low-income

Colorado adults.

The CHI issue brief uses 2008 data and focuses on uninsured Coloradans ages 19-64. It provides estimates by county of how many will become eligible for publicly financed health care coverage as a result of the federal and state eligibility expansions.

Under the 2009 Colorado law (HB 09-1293), the state will assess a fee on all Colorado hospitals in order to generate more federal funds for financing health care. It is estimated that the hospital fee will generate \$600 million annually which when matched with federal funds will provide the state with \$1.2 billion each year. The fees will be used to expand Medicaid to new classes of adults previously not eligible for the program, including adults who are not parents of dependent children (childless adults). Eligibility thresholds in Colorado's children's health insurance program also will be expanded to include more low-income children and pregnant women. Hospitals will receive increased reimbursements for providing services to individuals enrolled in Medicaid and the Colorado Indigent Care Program.

Medicaid eligibility for parents of dependent children with incomes up to 100 percent of the federal poverty level (FPL) is scheduled for implementation in May 2010 with an assumed three-year phase-in. Similarly, Medicaid eligibility for childless adults is scheduled to begin implementation in the winter of 2012 and be completely phased in by FY 2013-14.

In 2014, nearly 53,000 parents and childless Colorado adults will become eligible for Medicaid under the new federal reform law.

Georgia

The **Georgia Health Policy Center** hosted the "Georgia Community Benefit Roundtable" on Thursday, March 11, 2010. Leaders from hospitals across the Metro Atlanta area were in attendance as well as representatives from public health, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), health centers, and philanthropic groups to discuss the practice of community benefit in non-profit hospitals. This meeting was sponsored by the National Network of Public Health Institutes (NNPHI) and the CDC with the goal of improving health through community benefit. Seven states are participating in these leadership discussions including Colorado, Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Louisiana, North Carolina, and Wisconsin.

"The goal of the day was to see what was possible by bringing hospitals and public health closer together in the use of community benefit dollars to improve the health of communities," says Glenn M. Landers, Senior Research Associate for the Georgia Health Policy Center. "To that end, the Georgia Hospital Association made a nice offer to include willing non-hospital members on its community benefit committee. Our hope is that organizations will take them up on this and together we will take solid steps to improve health in Georgia."



The Georgia Health Policy Center has formed a work group dedicated to understanding and translating the new health reform law, the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act. The act, signed into law in March 2010, aims to expand public and private insurance coverage, improve the health care delivery system, and increase access to preventive services in the United States.

Experts from across Georgia State University are delving into the details of the law to provide a clear understanding of the impact on state policymakers, agencies, providers, community-based organizations, individuals, and businesses. A collaborative effort, the group is comprised of faculty and staff from the Andrew Young School of Policy Studies, the J. Mack Robinson College of Business, the College of Law, and the College of Health & Human Sciences. Our team offers health expertise in the following areas: policy, administration, economics, law, insurance, financing, employee benefits, risk management, public and private coverage, long-term care, public health, and more.

Visit our website at www.gsu.edu/gphc to view our first policy brief "An Overview of Health Reform." Our health reform package will also include the following targeted communications: State Implications, Community Implications, and the Provider Impact. Other topic-specific information may be provided as well. It is our goal to help you become educated on the new law and prepare for the transition.

Please contact Annette Pope, Assistant Director of the Georgia Health Policy Center, at apope@gsu.edu if you are interested in learning more about our work and how you, your organization, or state can benefit.



Georgia Health Policy Center Honors Legislators

This spring, the Georgia Health Policy Center presented Legislative Health Policy Certificates to Georgia Senators, Representatives, and staff. Conducted over the course of nine months, the program provides legislators and their staff with core competencies in the areas of health financing, coverage, access to care, and the impact of poor health on our state. Now in the second year, 19 members of the Georgia General Assembly and staff completed the certificate program in 2009, joining 15 of their colleagues from 2008. Funding was just

renewed and the Georgia Health Policy Center hopes to offer the next course in 2011.

Michigan

MPHI's Teri Covington co-authors article on Child Abuse & Neglect

Though child abuse rates are declining in the United States, there has been no real change in the number of child maltreatment (CM) fatalities (US Department of Health and Human Services, 2008). While year-to-year numbers vary, there were an estimated 1,530 child abuse and neglect deaths reported by the National Child Abuse and Neglect Data System during 2006, representing 2.04 deaths for every 100,000 children. It is widely accepted that this number is underestimated for many reasons, including inconsistencies in investigation, reporting, legal standards and definitions, and medical diagnosis and death certificate coding (Crume, DiGuiseppi, Byers, Sirotnak, & Garrett, 2002; Ewigman, Kivlahan, & Land, 1993; Schnitzer, Covington, Wirtz, Verhoeck-Oftedahl, & Palusci, 2008). There are a number of risk factors associated with maltreatment fatalities, such as residing in homes with unrelated adults, young age of the child, and prior involvement with child protective services, and this information can aid in developing initiatives to prevent further deaths. Fatalities from neglect remain difficult to identify and prevent given the potential overlap with accidental and medical causes (Brewster et al., 1998; Crume et al., 2002; Hicks & Gaughan, 1995; Knight & Collins, 2005). To better identify, understand and respond to the system issues and prevention possibilities in these deaths, we sought to evaluate changes in our state after the implementation of a citizen panel that reviewed child maltreatment fatalities in the child welfare system.

To view the full article, please visit: <http://mph.org/files/newsevents/CovingtonPublication.pdf>.

New York

Public Health Solutions

New York e-Health Collaborative (NYeC), a new non-profit being incubated by Public Health Solutions, has been awarded three new grants. The Regional Health IT Extension Center (RHITEC) grant, funded by the Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology (ONC), will bring 5,100 primary care providers in NYS counties to "meaningful use" of EHRs over the next two years. Also awarded by ONC is the Statewide Health Information Exchange (HIE) Program; the program seeks to increase the breadth of participation by providers and consumers in HIE by working in collaboration with Regional Health Information Organizations (RHIOS), Community Health Information Technology Alliances (CHITAS) and the State Department of Health. NYS Department of Health has also funded NYeC to advance statewide policy and consistency with federal standards through convening stakeholders, creating common requirements, identifying best practices, developing regional and statewide health information exchange (SHIN_NY) technical infrastructure, working on legal and contractual issues, and providing training and other support for successful health IT adoption and use.

North Carolina

The North Carolina Institute for Public Health March newsletter IMPACT featured the Institute's role as educator, particularly its involvement with students at the Gillings School of Global Public Health.

Read about those interactions and NCIPH's more well-known teaching work with public health professionals by going to http://www.sph.unc.edu/nciph/impact_2468_8563.html.

South Carolina

South Carolina Public Health Institute Receives Grant from Sisters of Charity Foundation of South Carolina

The South Carolina Public Health Institute (SCPHI) has received funding from the Sisters of Charity

Foundation of South Carolina to conduct a comprehensive assessment to inform the development of a Health Policy Certificate Program for members of the South Carolina General Assembly. Modeled after a successful program of the Georgia Health Policy Center, a similar program in South Carolina would enable legislators to examine health-related policy decisions in a systemic context and have a working knowledge of the broader determinants of health. It is important that policymakers in every state understand matters of health and have tools to analyze challenges and develop potential solutions. A Health Policy Certificate Program in South Carolina would provide a stronger foundation of knowledge for legislators to understand health issues and how their specific policy decisions impact health outcomes. The purpose of the current assessment process is to identify the logistical parameters of such a program in South Carolina and to explore content and curricula for the program with the input of legislators and their senior staff.

For more information please contact Megan Weis at megan@scphi.org.

NATIONAL NEWS

Healthy People Healthy Places Webinar Series, hosted by the [Prevention Institute](#)

Where people live, work, and play affects their health. The systems that shape communities--from how food is grown, processed, distributed and sold, to whether neighborhoods are built with sidewalks or parks to transportation systems--can all affect health. Some communities' systems are broken and so don't allow residents to lead healthy lives and prosper. Changing that will require collaboration from an informed, passionate, fair-minded group working across multiple fields.

All calls are on Tuesdays, 11:00-12:00pm PST (1:00 - 2:00pm CST; 2:00-3:00 EST)

- [May 25](#) - Successful Partnerships: Strategies for Multi-field and Cross-Sector Collaborations. This session explores how to partner across a broad spectrum of fields from health to urban planning, transportation, food and sustainable agriculture, and community/economic development to build thriving communities.
- [June 29](#) - A Path from Hope to Change: Implementing Equity-focused Principles and Strategies. It's critical to focus on low-income people and communities of color whose environments often do not allow for healthy choices. In this session, participants will learn how equity-based strategies and principles can form the basis of environmental policy change.
- [July 27](#) - Talking about Healthy People in Healthy Places: Linking Values to Policy and Environmental Change. For most people in the U.S., the starting point for change of any kind is the individual. But when audiences are reminded early in the communication of the influence environments have on health, they are receptive to messages about policies that can change those environments. Panelists will discuss language and techniques that can help participants link environmental conditions to policy change.
- [Sept. 21](#) - The Art and Science of Evaluation: Sound Methods for Assessing Policy and Environmental Change. How do we know if our change strategies are working? Evaluation is a critical component of any effort that seeks long-term sustainable change. In this webinar, panelists will discuss key questions for measuring success in community environments. Watch for email blasts for detailed descriptions of each webinar and announcements about future speakers. You'll receive a reminder and webinar instructions closer to the date of each call.

For questions about the series, please contact Shireen Malekafzali, Shireen@policylink.org.

UPCOMING CONFERENCES, MEETINGS, TELECONFERENCES & DEADLINES

The Social Determinants of Mental Health: From Awareness to Action
Exploring the Ways Social Context Impacts Mental Health and Well-Being

June 3-4th 2010, Chicago, IL

The purpose of the conference, hosted by the Adler Institute, is to increase awareness about how the social context, which is defined by such factors as neighborhood and housing conditions, land use, food security, public safety, employment opportunity, working conditions, the natural environment, and public service systems, impact mental health and well-being; and to create multidisciplinary collaborations to develop new knowledge and practice innovations that are informed by the social determinants framework. For more information and conference registration, please [click here](#).

Society for Nutrition Education Annual Conference

July 24 - 27, 2010, Reno, Nevada

The Society for Nutrition Education (SNE) is hosting its Annual Conference in Reno, Nevada on July 24 - 27. This exciting event for nutrition program planners and evaluators, teachers, dietitians and dietetic technicians, researchers, county extension agents, policy makers, chefs, scientists and more offers access to the latest developments in food, nutrition, and education. SNE will provide new research, creative ideas, and practical techniques applicable in many settings. For more information, please visit <http://www.sne.org/conference/>.

Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Local Funding Partnerships

Application Deadline: June 30, 2010

The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Local Funding Partnerships (LFP) program forges relationships between the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (RWJF) and local grantmakers to fund promising, original projects that can significantly improve the health of vulnerable people in their communities. For more information, visit [Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Local Funding Partnerships](#).

Translational Research for the Prevention and Control of Diabetes and Obesity

Application Deadline: March 1, 2012

The National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases (NIDDK) encourages NIH Research Demonstration and Dissemination Project grant (R18) applications from institutions/organizations to test the effectiveness of interventions for the prevention and control of diabetes and obesity that have a high potential to be adopted, and sustained in applied health care settings. For more information, please visit [Grants.gov](#).

Community-Based Partnerships for Childhood Obesity Prevention and Control: Research to Inform Policy

Application Deadline: May 7, 2012

The purpose of this FOA, issued by the NICHD, is to enhance childhood obesity research by fostering the formation of local, state, or regional teams consisting of researchers, policymakers, and other relevant stakeholders (e.g., community representatives, public health practitioners or officials, educators) in order to identify research questions and hypotheses, design and implement the relevant research, and translate the research into evidence relevant to potential policy efforts in this area. For more information, please visit [Grants.gov](#).

Improving Diet and Physical Activity Assessment

Application Deadline: July 5, 2012 (multiple closing dates)

This funding opportunity announcement encourages innovative research to enhance the quality of measurements of dietary intake and physical activity. For more information, please visit [Grants.gov](#).

Robert Wood Johnson Foundation and Pew Charitable Trusts Announce Health Impact Project

Application Deadline: Open

Up to fifteen projects that demonstrate the effectiveness of health impact assessments and that are led by state, tribal or local agencies, educational institutions or nonprofits will be awarded grants of up to \$150,000. For more information, please visit [this site](#).

RWJF Healthy Eating Research Releases Call for Proposals

Proposal Deadlines: Vary by type of funding opportunity

Healthy Eating Research is a national program of the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (RWJF). The program supports research on environmental and policy strategies with strong potential to promote healthy eating among children to prevent childhood obesity, especially among lower-income and racial and ethnic populations at highest risk for obesity. Findings are expected to advance RWJF's efforts to reverse the childhood obesity epidemic by 2015. See the full call for proposals at [RWJF](#) and the program Web site www.healthyeatingresearch.org.