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### **Foundation for Community Health Grant Awards**

The Foundation for Community Health is announcing their most recent grant awards to local 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 areas 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 were: Greenwoods Counseling Referrals, \$21,455 for integrating mental health and substance abuse services in the northwest corner of Connecticut; Prime Time House, \$20,771 for a rural mental health initiative serving residents in CT and eastern Dutchess County. For Prevention and Early Intervention in Mental Health/Behavioral Health, the grantees were: Council on Addiction Prevention & Education of Dutchess County, \$44,091 to support a prevention project, community coalition sustainability and program development in eastern Dutchess County; Housatonic Youth Service Bureau, \$20,000 to support a prevention project, community coalition sustainability and program development in northwest Connecticut; Women's Support Services, \$10,000 to develop, conduct and evaluate prevention education for understanding and addressing cyberbullying for the Region 1 School District in Connecticut and the Webutuck and Dover School Districts in New York.

The grantee awards in Access to Services for Increasing Access to Services were: Catholic Charities Community Services, \$15,000 for case management and immigration services in northeast Dutchess County; 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; Universal Health Care Foundation of Connecticut, \$10,000 for leadership development and community engagement to achieve health reform tailored for Connecticut. Awards in Access to Services for Transportation and Convening were: Northwestern CT Community College Foundation, \$96,500 to support the implementation of the

nursing program; Columbia County Community Healthcare Consortium, \$20,000 for the children and adults medical transportation service; Geer Adult Day Center, \$34,000 for the transportation program; North East Community Council, \$17,835 to assist in the establishment of a door-to-door transportation service for eastern Dutchess County; North East Community Council, \$10,000 for the Care Car Program.

Oral Health awards were made to: Columbia Memorial Hospital, \$24,950 for the expanded dental services in the Taconic Hills School District; Hudson River HealthCare, \$60,000 to pay for one of three new dental operatories; Hudson River HealthCare, \$40,000 for the dental van; Maria Seymour Brooker Memorial, \$22,520 for the school-based preventive oral health services in the Connecticut Region 1 School District.

In New Opportunities, funds were provided to: Connecticut Council on Philanthropy, \$3,000 to increase the knowledge and awareness of CT funders about the aging population, Connecticut Council on Philanthropy, \$1,800 to assist in their work supporting the Connecticut grant making community and Grantmakers in Health, \$2,500 to assist in their work supporting the health grant making community.

Awards made to fund the Foundation for Community Health's Pharmaceutical Assistance Fund that is administered through local providers were: Columbia County Community Healthcare Consortium, \$11,370; Dutchess County Community Action Partnership, \$69,855; NW Connecticut Council of Governments, \$68,775.

The Foundation for Community Health's Medical Education funding was \$2,059.

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](http://www.fchealth.org).