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New Grants and Donations for Primary Care Services - Koppit

### **Target Corporation Funding for Reach Out and Read Program**

The Lake County Health Department and Community Health Center (LCHD/CHC) received notification from the Target Corporation, that it will receive a grant in the amount of \$5,000 to support the Reach Out and Read program.

Reach Out and Read is a program that makes literacy and reading aloud part of the health care that health center Providers deliver to young children every day. Through the program, doctors and nurses help parents understand that a healthy childhood needs to include picture books and exposure to the written word. If children grow up hearing stories, handling books, and associating books with pleasant affectionate times spent together with a parent, those children are much more likely to be ready to learn to read when they get to school.

The new funding will be used to purchase books for the Reach Out and Read program.

### **Illinois Department of Public Health, Ticket for the Cure Community Grant Program \$25,000 Grant Funding**

The Illinois Department of Public Health has awarded the Lake County Health Department and Community Health Center (LCHD/CHC) an additional \$25,000 in funding to support outreach activities that promote the Illinois Breast and Cervical Cancer Program. The funds will be utilized in the Lake County IBCCP to achieve the following goals:

- Increase community awareness about breast cancer and breast cancer screening;
- Educate healthcare providers and the community about breast cancer and breast cancer screening;
- Increase the number of women receiving screening mammograms.

The LCHD/CHC will use the funds for a portion of Lake County IBCCP staff positions, promotional items and print and billboard advertising. A total of \$10,418 will be used in Fiscal Year 2008 and \$14,582 in Fiscal Year 2009.

### **Kraft Foods *Salsa, Sabor y Salud* \$25,000 Grant**

The Lake County Health Department and Community Health Center (LCHD/CHC) has been notified by the Friends for Health Foundation, that Kraft Foods has again awarded \$25,000 in grant funding to implement the *Salsa, Sabor y Salud* program at the North Shore Health Center for LCHD/CHC patients and their families. This program is the first healthy lifestyles program designed especially for Latino families with children under 12 years of age. Families participate actively in a series of eight sessions that reinforce the importance of achieving “energy balance” through healthier food choices and increased levels of physical activity.

Last year the *Salsa, Sabor y Salud* program was expanded to the Midlakes site, and this year, one eight-week cycle will be implemented at the Belvidere Medical Building site. The program’s unique approach builds on Latino family values, experiences, traditions, language and cultural strengths, and conveys important research based information by recognizing and valuing the contributions of Latinos to the global table. The entire family participates in a series of eight sessions.

The grant will be used for salaries and benefits for staff working in the program, supplies, equipment, food for snacks and cooking demonstrations and prizes for participants.

### **Oral Health Expansion for Section 330(e)**

**Community Health Center Grant \$250,000**

The LCHD/CHC was notified by the Department of Health and Human Services, Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), that it has received a grant for oral health expansion for the Community Health Center Section 330(e) grant. The grant will be added to the base funding award for the Community Health Center, making the total annual grant award \$1,572,085.

The focus of the grant is to increase oral health services at all CHC sites where dental clinics are held (Belvidere Medical Building, North Chicago Health Center, Midlakes Health Center, and the North Shore Health Center). The equivalent of two full-time dental teams will be added to the dental clinics in order to fill excess facility capacity, adding 80 hours of dental clinics during evenings and Saturdays, at each of the dental clinic facilities. The expansion goal is to add 4,010 dental patient visits in Fiscal Year 2009, and 4,090 dental patient visits in Fiscal Year 2010.

The proposed oral health expansion is expected to begin implementation in December 2008. The Dental Director is now actively recruiting for several part-time dentists and a part-time dental hygienist. The dental Office Managers are actively recruiting for additional dental assistants and front desk staff to support the expansion.

Because the expansion will be implemented in Fiscal Year 2009, the additional Section 330(e) funding will be used in Fiscal Year 2008 to purchase electronic dental software, hardware, and implementation services to implement Quality Systems Inc. (QSI) Electronic Dental Record systems at all dental sites. QSI, Inc. is a product that is part of the NextGen Electronic Health Record suite, so it will work in coordination with the implementation of the NextGen Enterprise Practice Management (EPM) system and Electronic Medical Record (EMR).

To accept a total of \$271,666 in additional funds for FY 2008 from the Target Corporation, Illinois Department of Public Health Ticket for the Cure Community Grant Program, Kraft Foods and Friends for Health Foundation, and the Department of Health and Human Services, Health Resources and Services Administration; and to accept a total of \$33,332 in additional funds for FY 2009 from the Illinois Department of Public Health Ticket for the Cure Community Grant Program, Kraft Foods and Friends for Health Foundation, and if deemed necessary by the Executive Director, to recommend to the County Board an emergency appropriation or line item transfer be approved to allow for expenditure of these funds.