

Cooperative Agreements

Fiscal Year 2000

The Cooperative Agreements described herein are administered by the Office of Minority Health (OMH) of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS). The OMH was created in December 1985 with a mission to improve the health of racial and ethnic minority populations through the development of health policies and programs to address the health disparities and gaps. Consistent with its mission, the role of OMH is to serve as the focal point within the Department for leadership, policy development and coordination, service demonstrations, information exchange, coalition and partnership building, and related efforts to address the health needs of racial and ethnic minorities.

The OMH uses the Cooperative Agreement funding mechanism when it is anticipated that there will be substantial Federal involvement with the recipient during the performance of the project. OMH and the recipient organization enter into an agreement describing the relationship, including the extent of Federal involvement. There are two types of cooperative agreements administered in OMH, standard and umbrella. The standard cooperative agreement has a single scope of work similar to a grant. The umbrella cooperative agreement provides a broad programmatic framework in which specific projects can be supported by various government agencies during the project period. Cooperative agreements support research, demonstration and evaluations, test new and innovative models, increase knowledge and understanding of health risk factors, and develop mechanisms that support better information dissemination, education, prevention, and service deliver to individuals from disadvantaged backgrounds.

The majority of the 7 standard and 28 umbrella cooperative agreements described in this fact sheet are awarded to minority national associations and minority institutions. Under the umbrella cooperative agreements, 89 individual projects support multiple activities. Examples of specific project activities include: conducting community-based cancer outreach; establishing Family Life Centers to address the increasing incidence of violence and abusive behavior in low income, at-risk communities; improving health care access; sponsoring minority student interns to develop professional and technical skills through on-the-job experiences and academic courses; supporting national on-line telecommunications systems to improve dissemination and communication channels with community, researchers, and policy-makers, in order to enhance the awareness of minority health; supporting minority youth initiatives to increase the number of minority youth entering the biomedical and allied health careers; and establishing HIV/AIDS prevention programs.

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STANDARD COOPERATIVE AGREEMENTS

Albert Einstein Medical Center, Philadelphia, PA

In FY 95, a three-year cooperative agreement was awarded to Albert Einstein Medical Center to develop a model community-based cancer outreach program for minorities living within a five zip code area of North Philadelphia. The program provided cancer-related health education and screening for breast, cervical, and prostate cancer, and a case management and clinical pathways system to assure that individuals with abnormal screenings received appropriate treatment and support. The model involved a coalition of several departments within Einstein and community agencies with well-developed linkages in the minority community.

In FY 98, OMH extended support for the Cancer Awareness and Prevention Program in North Philadelphia for an additional three-year period. This continued support enables Albert Einstein Medical Center to enhance the program's existing educational, screening, and continuity of care activities to include two additional cancer sites (colorectal and oral), to screen the Asian population for hepatitis in order to identify those at-risk for hepatocellular cancer, and to increase the targeted project area from five to seven zip code areas within North Philadelphia.

Children's Hospital of Philadelphia, Philadelphia, PA

In FY 97, Children's Hospital of Philadelphia through a three-year cooperative agreement initiated the Community Asthma Prevention (CAP) Program within a predominantly African-American community. This program is designed to increase the knowledge and understanding of both parents and children about asthma. Parent and teen facilitators are trained to conduct asthma education classes at sites throughout West Philadelphia. Home visits are conducted as part of the Home Visitor Study Program and environmental interventions are implemented at the homes sites. In FY 00, this cooperative agreement will continue for an additional three years with activities expanded to increase the number of children in the program and the educational sites.

City University of New York Research Foundation/Health Force, New York, NY

In FY 97, a three-year cooperative agreement was awarded to the City University of New York Research Foundation/Health Force to establish a peer model program for asthma attack avoidance education among predominantly Hispanic children. Under this project, asthma prevention peer educators (adults and teenagers) are trained to conduct prevention courses with asthmatic children and their parents. Teen peer educators work in the summer with younger children having the most difficulty with asthma. Home visits are conducted with participating children in order to reduce indoor pollutants/triggers and to reinforce program objectives with parents. In FY 00, this

program will continue for an additional three years. Emphasis will remain on training asthmatic children and their parents and expanding the home visitors program.

Greater Philadelphia Urban Affairs Coalition (GPUAC), Philadelphia, PA

In FY 99, the City Wide Improvement and Planning Agency in collaboration with Greater Philadelphia Urban Affairs Coalition (GPUAC) launched the Philadelphia Youth in Control - Philadelphia Youth Resource Identification Card project. In FY 00, GPUAC continues this collaborative effort to target 2,500 students in the Philadelphia School System with educational and leadership training programs, services and activities. The purpose of the cooperative agreement is to reduce the rate of crime and violence among inner city youth through alternate activities that encourage their academic and social development. A community coalition comprised of health, social, academic, and law-enforcement agencies, administers the project. The coalition is involved in planning and implementing policy, services, and activities to stimulate the interest and commitment of the students and residents in addressing concerns of the community. An infrastructure is to be created to promote employment and reduce crime and violence. A computerized network system monitors the progress of participating youths in services and activities.

Central State University, Wilberforce, OH

In FY 94, through a cooperative agreement with Central State University, OMH supported 16 Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs) as a series of HBCU models to prevent minority male violence. Three more schools were added in FY 95. In FY 97, OMH renewed the Central State University cooperative agreement as the Family and Community Violence Prevention Program for an additional five years. The purpose of the program is to impact the increasing incidence of violence and abusive behavior in low income, at-risk communities through the establishment of Family Life Centers and the mobilization of community partners to address these issues. Currently a total of 25 minority institutions partner with community organizations to address the academic and career development needs of those who are at risk; improve the quality of life; and reduce the potential of violent behavior activity of those residents who live in the impoverished communities which surround many of the college campuses.

Thomas Jefferson University Hospital, Philadelphia, PA

In FY 99, a one year cooperative agreement was awarded to Thomas Jefferson University Hospital with the collaboration of the New York University Downtown Hospital to establish a program to improve health care access to 9,000 isolated and underserved individuals in the Philadelphia and New York City Chinese and Vietnamese communities. The project works with individuals who are at-risk for hyper-tension, heart disease, stroke, diabetes, Hepatitis B and tuberculosis and link those in need of care to appropriate services for assessment and treatment through support, referral and follow-up services to Chinese and Vietnamese communities. Systems are to be established for service delivery, continuity of care, and service coordination and follow-up. In addition, the program is to enhance services to approximately 2,000 pregnant women and their infants in the Chinese language speaking communities through the establishment of a childbirth education program for Chinese language speaking women in New York City, providing health counseling and home visiting during and after pregnancy in

Philadelphia and New York City; and ensuring continuity of care by tracking and linking women and their children to health care providers.

Thomas Jefferson University Hospital, Philadelphia, PA

In FY 00, The Thomas Jefferson University Hospital in Philadelphia, received a one year cooperative agreement to expand the scope of its multi-disciplinary team approach to the management of sickle cell disease for adult patients through the Division of Internal Medicine of the Department of Medicine at Jefferson Medical College. Hematologic sub-specialty consultation will be provided through the Cardeza Foundation for Hematologic Research of the Department of Medicine. The Interdisciplinary team will include a clinical director, a hematologic consultant, a full-time nurse coordinator and a social worker. The project will involve: increasing patient access to outpatient services; improving coordination with other health centers and services such as vocational skills training for employment; and providing additional support services for high needs patients through the Transitional Rehabilitation Unit at the Ford Road campus of Thomas Jefferson University Hospital.

UMBRELLA COOPERATIVE AGREEMENTS

American Indian Higher Education Consortium (AIHEC), Alexandria, VA

- ***Tribal Colleges and Universities HIV/AIDS Awareness Project: AIHEC HIV/AIDS Prevention Education Project*** establishes a culturally competent HIV/AIDS prevention education program for the 31 Tribal Colleges and Universities (TCUs) in the United States. A review of the literature will be conducted to assess the effectiveness of using traditional philosophies in HIV prevention education, and the possible effects of culture and acculturation on the risk for acquiring HIV/AIDS. Information processed from the literature review will be used to develop a survey/inventory of current health education programs conducted at the TCUs. An educational media campaign will be developed that specifically addresses the cultural needs of TCU students with regard to HIV/AIDS.
- ***Capacity Building Program for Tribal Colleges and Universities Project*** promotes the creation of a strategic plan to increase the capacity of Tribal Colleges and Universities (TCUs) to provide biomedical and health care career opportunities for students and to conduct research, through capacity building and infrastructure development at TCUs. The project also intends to establish an AIHEC Central Office Liaison for American Indian Tribal Colleges and Universities to support health care and biotechnical capacity building efforts.
- ***Student Summer Internship Program*** in FY 99 sponsored sixteen Native American and Tribal Colleges and Universities students for a nine-week summer internship at the Department of Health and Human Services to develop professional and technical skills through on-the-job experiences and academic courses. The project collaborates with the Washington Internships for Native Students Program administered through the American University in Washington, D.C. The program combines academic course work, research, a workplace internship, and cultural and social activities. AIHEC will continue to sponsor interns in FY 2000.

Asian and Pacific Islander American Health Forum (APIAHF), San Francisco, CA

- ***National Asian and Pacific Islander Health Information Network (APIHIN)*** project continues to support a national on-line telecommunications system to improve dissemination and communication channels with appropriate stakeholders, including the community, researchers, and policy-makers, in order to enhance the awareness of Asian and Pacific Islander health and related data issues. An on-line "ListServ" service provides a web site and two electronic mailing lists (one closed) which serve as an information and referral point for individuals and organizations that provide alcohol, substance abuse and mental health services in and to the AAPI communities. Eighteen Asian American and Pacific Islander community-based organizations have been funded through the Local Community Contractors (LCC) program to build their own online programs based on the needs of the communities they serve. In FY 00, an evaluation

will be conducted on the APIHIN Program and focus groups established to review the past performance of the LCC program.

- ***The American and Pacific Islander Community Leadership Project*** promotes leadership development in the AAPI communities to address HIV/AIDS prevention and care. A National Asian American and Pacific Islander Leadership Summit on HIV/AIDS is proposed for at least 10 participants from national AAPI organizations for the purpose of increasing the awareness and responsibility of national AAPI community leaders on HIV/AIDS. Community based organizations located in New York, Los Angeles, San Francisco and Honolulu, are to develop programs promoting leadership and self-advocacy skills among AAPIs living with HIV/AIDS. In addition, four organizations under contract with APIAHF are to develop an agency internet website to include treatment information for HIV positive clients translated in Asian and Pacific Islander languages; conduct a HIV positive client leadership skills development workshop for 10 clients in Los Angeles; translate a “Navigator” treatment guide for HIV positive clients into Vietnamese; and conduct an HIV positive client leadership skill development workshop for 10 clients in Honolulu.
- ***The National Asian and Pacific Islander HIV/AIDS Information Network*** proposes to improve dissemination and communication channels with appropriate stakeholders (including the community, researchers, and policy-makers) in order to enhance their awareness of AAPI HIV/AIDS and related issues and to increase the HIV/AIDS programmatic capacities of AAPI organizations. Approximately 10 local community contracts are to be awarded to community-based organizations (CBOs) to facilitate their technology capacity building efforts including technical assistance and training sessions with other CBOs to improve their online capacities. Also, in collaboration with the APIHIN, three technical assistance and training sessions are to be held to improve online capacities of CBOs.

ASPIRA Association, Inc., Washington, D.C.

- ***National Mentoring Program*** is being developed as a model for use by community-based organizations and other entities to encourage and increase the involvement of health professionals in effectively mentoring Hispanic students. The intended result of the mentoring program model is to increase the number of Hispanic students choosing careers in the fields of substance abuse and mental health services.
- ***Promoting Healthy Communities Through Leadership Development*** is an HIV/AIDS health promotion and education campaign program targeting the Latino community with a specific focus on youth and limited English-proficient individuals. Project activities include: development of HIV/AIDS education workshop materials and training guides, HIV/AIDS public awareness workshops, media outreach, and web page development.

Association of American Indian Physicians (AAIP), Oklahoma City, OK

- ***Annual Conference of Association of American Indian Physicians*** serves as a forum for organizations and health care professionals to collaborate on issues affecting the health care of American Indians/Alaska Natives. The 29th Annual Conference will be assembled at the Westin LaPaloma, in Tucson, AZ August 3-8, 2000. It is anticipated that over 300 American Indian physicians, medical students, nurses, medical school faculty, tribal health organizations and other health care professionals and community members interested in Indian health will attend. The 28th Annual Conference entitled “Native American Women and Children’s Health,” was convened at Asheville, NC July 1999.
- ***Indian Health Network*** supports activities to increase American Indian/Alaska Native (AI/AN) awareness of health issues, increase the extent and quality of health education, prevention, and promotion activities targeting AI/ANs, improve access to health services, and enable AI/AN tribal and community-based organizations to play an increased role in preventive health efforts, as well as direct health care service delivery. AI/AN physicians and allied health care providers are to increase their role in health preventive efforts by providing informational materials and disease-specific training to AI/AN lay health educators working in community-based service delivery. Activities carried out under the project include: maintaining and upgrading the information service on AI/AN issues using the AAIP web page; continued training of Indian health professionals on computer resources; establishing linkages with Tribal Colleges and Universities to promote recruitment of AI/ANs in the health professions; and expanding the Health Professional Recruitment section of the Network to assist tribal and urban clinics and hospitals to fill staff vacancies.
- ***National Native American Youth Initiative*** works to increase the number of American Indian/Alaska Native (AI/AN) youth entering the biomedical and allied health careers and to encourage students to consider future career options with the Department of Health Human Services (DHHS). This project also increases students’ awareness of health issues and their information base on the extent and quality of health education, prevention, and promotion activities targeting AI/ANs. The nine-day summer program provides 50 Native high school students with exposure to DHHS agencies and an overview of relevant health and biomedical programs.
- ***HIV/AIDS Education and Awareness Program for AI/AN*** provides youth and young adults with information and resources for ethnic communities. An Advisory Committee responsible for project oversight will approve culturally appropriate materials and a medical resource database accessible on AAIP’s web site. At conference workshops, the project will highlight successful prevention strategies to physicians, medical students, tribal health officials, allied health care providers, medical institutions, and organizations.
- ***American Indian/Alaskan Native Research and Development Network*** formally institutes an organization by establishing a board and developing an organizational infrastructure which encourages and networks the Native American scientific research

community. The project plans an expanded electronic network for existing Native American biomedical and health researchers. The goal is to increase the number of Native American professionals working in the fields of biomedical and health research. This project will work in partnership with Native American communities to recruit Native Americans into the biomedical fields.

Association of Asian Pacific Community Health Organizations (AAPCHO), Oakland, CA

- ***National Information Infrastructure for Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders*** focuses on developing the communications and information dissemination capacity of AAPCHO and its member health organizations, and expanding linkages with government agencies and other health care facilities that serve Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) populations. Access to resources, and current culturally and linguistically appropriate materials for AAPI health care are provided through AAPCHO's web site. Linkages, through the Internet, are established with emerging AAPI communities for access to appropriate health care services and materials. Video conferencing capabilities are being developed to facilitate cross member communication. Approximately 15 new subcontracts are proposed to community based organizations in the Midwest and Mountain states to support access to the Internet.
- ***Promoting Health Care Access to Rural and Isolated Asian American and Pacific Islander Communities*** project continues to identify emerging but isolated Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) communities and develop a strategy to link these communities to culturally and linguistically appropriate health care services. Linkages of health care providers, who serve newer and less established AAPI communities, to already existing resources in historically established AAPI communities will be promoted and/or improved. These activities are taking place within Colorado, Idaho, Illinois, Iowa, Kansas, Minnesota, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, Ohio, Utah and Wisconsin. Three mini-contracts were supported in FY 98 and four to five additional mini-contracts are being proposed to develop and implement innovative ideas around linking emerging AAPI communities to resources on both a regional and national basis. Also during this year, focus of the project will concentrate on the facilitation of problem solving and strategy development, in order to address emerging communities' identified needs. This will be accomplished through linkages with appropriate resources, technical assistance to the growing AAPI communities and the providers who serve them.
- ***Asian American and Pacific Islander Community Coordination*** project ensures appropriate outreach to Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) communities about the Department of Health and Human Services' (DHHS) AAPI Initiative and further develops and expands the national network among AAPI community organizations through AAPCHO's increased outreach capacity. The objectives include: (1) planning, organizing and conducting community meetings with specific AAPI populations to inform them about the initiative, and holding discussions on issues of importance to the communities; (2) providing technical assistance to community groups on organizational and communication infrastructure development and how to access health and human

services; and (3) preparing and disseminating reports to AAPIs on the meetings, discussions, and reviews that identify and rank key issues of concern. Activities addressing these objectives will raise awareness and increase community understanding of the DHHS initiative, and build community capacity through AAPCHO, the community coordinators' organizations and the larger AAPI community to have greater access to and involvement in DHHS programs.

- ***Capacity Building in the Asian American and Pacific Islander Community*** is enhancing the Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) community's capacity to become involved in the spectrum of Department of Health Human Services (DHHS) programs and developing a strategy to raise awareness in AAPI communities for assuring representation in clinical trials and research studies. Activities include convening a Project Advisory Committee of AAPI community representatives, identifying the scope of need for AAPIs' participation in various DHHS programs, organizing town hall meetings to facilitate discussions, and generating a resource list of individuals from organizations interested in conducting health-related research.
- ***HIV/AIDS Health Promotion and Education to Underserved Asian American and Pacific Islander Communities*** project intends to build AAPI health care providers capacity to address HIV/AIDS for underserved AAPI populations. An Advisory Committee composed of a minimum of 6-10 AAPI healthcare providers will be convened to oversee the project and serve as community liaisons. A survey will be conducted on current HIV/AIDS health promotion and education activities in Community Health Centers (CHCs) where a majority of the patient population are AAPIs. From information gathered on the survey, the needs of CHCs for improving these primary care settings capacity to address HIV/AIDS health promotion and education will be identified. Based on the needs identified, AAPCHO, in collaboration with the CHCs, will develop an action plan to support increasing capacity at the CHCs.

Auxiliary to the National Medical Association (ANMA), Washington, D.C.

- ***National African American Youth Initiative*** brings together African-American students from across the country, who have expressed an interest in pursuing careers in medicine and are matriculating in the secondary grade levels. This program encourages and motivates, African-American youth by increasing their knowledge base regarding career opportunities in the health arena. The youth are introduced to policy makers at the national level and they become knowledgeable of the various national health organizations. In FY 99, sixty students participated in the program.
- ***Project Sun*** provides elementary and middle school students with an education and opportunities to dialogue about healthy lifestyle choices to assist them in making appropriate health decisions. The objective is to deliver intervention on health issues to a targeted population of approximately 100 high risk students. The activities are designed to increase the participants' knowledge of health and preventive health issues as demon-

strated on pre- and post-tests. The healthy lifestyle choices will focus on Nutrition, HIV/AIDS, Emotional/Mental Health, Pregnancy Prevention, Violence, and Alcohol, Tobacco, and Drug Abuse, specifically designed and directed to the needs of youth.

The Congress of National Black Churches, Inc. (CNBC), Washington, D.C.

- ***Faith Outreach for HIV/AIDS*** is an outreach and education campaign to inform the clergy and their congregations about HIV/AIDS and to engage the black church in playing an active role in reducing the occurrence of HIV/AIDS. This project includes a national church-based continuing education campaign and a demonstration pilot site in Harlem, NY which is establishing an HIV/AIDS Education Center.
- ***HIV/AIDS Series for CNBC Member Denominations*** is conducting a series of discussion forums, awareness activities, and capacity-building strategy sessions to increase awareness of HIV/AIDS and related issues among CNBC's eight member denominations and to increase their capacity to engage in ongoing HIV/AIDS prevention and care activities. Initial discussion forums will be held in Memphis, TN, New York, NY, and Atlanta, GA, and plan to address HIV/AIDS prevention, risk factors, and housing and hospice care.

Hispanic Association of Colleges and Universities (HACU), Washington, D.C.

- ***HACU National Internship Program (HNIP)*** is designed to enhance the awareness of federal sector career opportunities among Hispanic students by exposing academically qualified students from Hispanic-Serving Institutions and other colleges and universities to a challenging set of professional and educational experiences in the federal sector. The HNIP has placed more than 1,100 students in internship assignments with federal agencies in Washington, D.C. over the past seven years. This year, approximately 60 students are participating in internships with the Department of Health and Human Services in either a ten-week Summer Program or one of two, fifteen-week Semester Programs.
- ***HACU Professions Capacity Building Program - Faculty Fellows Program*** seeks to increase the capacity of Hispanic-Serving Institutions (HSI) and selected faculty members to participate in federal, state, and private-sector scientific health-related research activities. This project builds individual capacities of selected faculty members and strengthens the Offices of Sponsored Programs and Research of 10 HSIs through participation and direct involvement in workshops, conferences, and other sponsored program activities. The project will continue in FY 2000 with representatives from 10 different HSIs.
- ***Hispanic-Serving Institutions Capacities Database Project*** defines and strengthens the relationship between Hispanic-Serving Institutions (HSI), Hispanic-Serving Health Professions Schools and the National Institutes of Health (NIH) in order to foster

increased opportunities for Hispanics to participate in NIH programs. Activities include developing effective methods of information dissemination between HACU and NIH, exploring both agencies' information infrastructure, and establishing a database proposal on HSI capacities to share with NIH.

- ***HACU Science/Policy Advisory Board Project*** seeks to involve science, math, engineering and information technology faculty at HACU Member and Associate Member Institutions in the areas of science and education technology issues and policy. A planning conference will be held to initialize development of the framework for an Advisory Board. The Board, once established, will advise HACU on science, education and technology.

Hispanic-Serving Health Professions Schools, Inc., (HSHPS), Washington, D.C.

- ***The Hispanic-Serving Health Professions Schools (HSHPS), Inc. Research Fellowship Program*** fosters the development of academic and research skills among newly graduated Hispanic medical residents in order to increase the number of Hispanic medical faculty in HSHPS schools. Research, clinical, teaching and mentoring activities are the focus of the two-year program. A total of three fellows from member institutions will be selected to participate.
- ***The Hispanic-Serving Health Professions Schools, Inc. Technical Assistance Project*** carries out a technical assistance effort addressing the critical need to train current medical school faculty to become involved in Hispanic medical research. This involves the conduct of technical assistance meetings to increase: the number of Hispanics who develop and implement studies in health services research targeting Hispanics in the U.S.; the amount of Hispanic health services research; and awareness of the resources and opportunities for Hispanic health services research through federal and non-federal agencies. HSHPS works to identify appropriate participants from the faculty of its membership institutions.

Interamerican College of Physicians and Surgeons (ICPS), New York, NY

- ***National Hispanic Youth Initiative in Health, Biomedical Research and Policy Development (NHYI)*** encourages, motivates and prepares Hispanic high school students to remain in the academic pipeline and to pursue careers in the health professions (including science and biomedical research). The NHYI program is conducted in the Washington, D.C. area in two, one-week summer sessions with approximately 50 students attending each session. Students visit health, academic, and government institutions, and participate in discussions on health care issues, scientific research, demography of the Hispanic population, health legislation, and public policy.
- ***Substance Abuse Regional Training Initiative*** consists of a series of substance abuse regional trainings for primary health care clinicians and other health providers serving

predominantly monolingual Spanish-speaking clients. Participants are provided with the most recent findings related to drug abuse, addiction research and prevention, and treatment methods. Additionally, they receive information to facilitate: the enhancement of screening, assessing, integrating, and managing services; the development of community partnerships; and the delivery of culturally competent treatment services. Two documents on substance abuse services adapted from English to Spanish are disseminated at these trainings.

- ***HIV/AIDS Education, Expanding Access*** is an educational outreach training program for private-practice Hispanic primary care physicians in Miami and New York City. The one-on-one HIV/AIDS training course is conducted in the physician's office by medical educators and consists of four one-hour sessions in combination with independent study and examinations. The training curriculum includes: etiology, pathogenesis, epidemiology, screening, risk assessment, testing and pre- and post-test counseling, and the availability of local services and resources. Upon successful completion of the training course, participants are awarded up to 10 Category 1 Continuing Medical Education credits. The intended result of this program is to increase the number of private-practice, Hispanic primary care physicians who participate in the prevention and early diagnosis of HIV/AIDS in the Hispanic community.

Inter-University Program for Latino Research (IUPLR), Austin, TX

- ***Latino HIV/AIDS Education and Health Promotion Project*** is implementing a national health education campaign on HIV/AIDS in the Hispanic community in partnership with the 16 IUPLR network institutions, community artists, and a radio program. Using educational posters, a series for public radio, advocacy workshops, and electronic communication (Internet) targeted to Latino communities across the country, the campaign will be designed and disseminated through university-based research centers, community-based organizations, and community and migrant health clinics reaching diverse audiences, including traditionally hard-to-reach youth.
- ***National Youth Sports Program Evaluation Project*** is evaluating the scope and design of the National Youth Sports Program (NYSP), a student and youth outreach program of the National Collegiate Athletic Association, as well as studying potential program effects on the knowledge, attitudes, and behaviors of youth participating in the summer 2000 program. Project activities include a complete review of the NYSP; selection of five program sites to review as case studies; design and implementation of a student survey; development of reports on findings; and preparations for follow-up surveys of participating students.

Latino Council for Alcohol and Tobacco (LCAT), Washington, D.C.

- ***Latino Health in the USA: Growing Challenge*** will prepare a manuscript on the health status of Latinos in the U.S. The book will represent an updated comprehensive

document in public health literature describing and analyzing the health status of Latinos.

Meharry Medical College, Nashville, TN

- ***Meharry Research and Demonstration Project: Integrated Health Delivery Systems in a Historically Underserved Community*** is centered around the merger between Meharry Medical College and the Metropolitan Nashville General Hospital which allows both institutions to improve service delivery for poor and indigent citizens through an efficient distribution of resources. The project further develops the integrated health delivery system by combining services and systems between Metropolitan Nashville General Hospital and Meharry, and broadening the range and types of services available to the target population through the participation of other partners.
- ***Triangle II - A Peer Counseling Program*** is an HIV/AIDS peer counseling program primarily targeting African-American youth, aged 13-19, in the North Nashville area. The program is comprised of three components: a school based, peer-led counseling/educational program; a peer advisory committee and peer-youth information development; and case management and advocacy. Forty students will be trained as peer educators in each of the first two years of the three year project. These students, in turn, will work in teams to provide education to approximately 200 students per year at targeted inner city high schools.
- ***Health Services Research Fellowship*** is a fellowship training program in health services research and administration for primary care physicians. One fellow will participate in the one-year program, which offers didactic and mentored experiences to strengthen research skills, supplement medical skills with practical business knowledge, and better prepare the fellow to understand cultural issues. Successful elements of the program will be integrated into the family practice residency and other primary care residencies as well.

Minority Access, Inc. (MAI), Hyattsville, MD

- ***Identifying Institutional Role Models Among Minority-Serving Institutions, Including HBCUs, to Expand Participation of Minorities in Bio-Medical Research*** project will identify institutional role models that attract, retain, and facilitate research involving minorities at HBCUs and majority institutions that educate large percentages of minorities. It proposes to identify the essential features of the infrastructure that produce the pool of minority health care professionals and researchers. Activities include: compiling a list of HBCUs and majority institutions with students and faculty members that conduct research and biomedical research, identifying factors that contribute to their success in conducting research; conducting a national conference to present institutional role models; publishing a report on role models and best practices; convening workshops with successful minority biomedical researchers, and sponsoring research seminars featuring the presentation of research papers by minority students before a panel of

judges.

Minority Faculty Development Program/Harvard Medical School (MFDP/HMS), Boston, MA

- ***Health Policy Summer Program*** provides experience in health services and health policy research to approximately 12 undergraduate juniors and/or seniors. Students are selected from institutions participating in the National Institutes of Health Minority Access to Research Careers Program, Historically Black Colleges and Universities, and Harvard Medical School-sponsored programs such as its Biomedical Science Careers Program. The mentored research experience increases student awareness of career opportunities in various fields (e.g., public health, health policy, medicine, epidemiology). The ten-week summer program is conducted at Harvard University and its affiliated institutions, and coordinated by its Minority Faculty Development Program.
- ***Senior Health Policy Internship Program*** provides an opportunity for three selected minority physicians from the Commonwealth Fund/Harvard University Fellowship in Minority Health Policy with training and placement in Health Resources and Services Administration field offices for one year. There they experience the problems and challenges encountered by public health leaders. The goal of this program is to create a cadre of well-trained physician leaders committed to the health care needs of underserved populations and prepared to assume leadership positions in minority health policy at the regional and/or state level.

Minority Health Professions Foundation (MHPF), Atlanta, GA

- ***Training Project for Office of Sponsored Programs*** initiates a process to build and enhance the capacity of Office of Sponsored Programs (OSP) at minority institutions of higher education by establishing an OSP Training Center for Minority Institutions at the Minority Health Professions Foundation. The Center provides 60 hours of in-class training and subsequent technical assistance over a 12-month period on infrastructure development and capacity-building approaches. Training is designed to assist participating institutions in strengthening their capacity to manage grant funds and attract and sustain funding for biomedical/health services research and other health-oriented projects. In FY 2000, the MHPF will provide the OSP Training via distance learning and/or teleconferencing to participants from Historically Black Colleges and Universities, Hispanic Serving Institutions and Tribal Colleges and Universities.
- ***Capacity Building for Researchers HBCU Faculty Technical Assistance Project*** broadens exposure and access to government funding information and opportunities of the Association of Minority Health Professions Schools (AMHPS) member institutions and allows for a discussion on the types of projects and research activities relevant to AMHPS members. The project hosts a conference to review research projects and concepts and allows attendees an opportunity to meet with federal agency program

officials.

- ***Annual Symposium on Career Opportunities in Biomedical Sciences*** serves as a mechanism to expose talented, prospective minority students to the opportunities inherent in the biomedical sciences field, and to support and encourage their pursuit of biomedical science careers and health professions.
- ***Consumption of Alcohol Among Participating Undergraduate Students (CAMPUS)*** project will ultimately add data on the consumption patterns of African-Americans to the present literature by assessing the alcohol consumption patterns among African-American college students attending Historically Black Colleges and Universities. This project will be conducted in collaboration with the National Association for Equal Opportunity in Higher Education.
- ***Workshop on HBCU Participation on the Development of Culturally Appropriate Standards and Criteria for Institutional Review Boards (IRBs)*** provides opportunities for Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs) to provide input about the culturally appropriate standards used to select members of Institutional Review Boards (IRBs). The intent of the workshop is to educate HBCU faculty and staff about the IRB process and draw upon the perspectives of people of color in order to obtain culturally appropriate public policy recommendations.
- ***Mississippi Delta Multimedia Health Education for Adult Low-Literate Learners in the Mississippi Delta Region*** will study two alternative audio-visual presentations on the proper use of household chemicals to determine relative effectiveness of instructional strategies designed for low-literate adults in the Mississippi Delta Region. This study will be conducted in collaboration with various Historically Black Colleges and Universities located in the Mississippi Delta Region.
- ***FDA Summer Fellowship Program*** provides students from the 12 MHPF member institutions hands on research experiences in community education/prevention projects, clinical and laboratory projects, and epidemiologic investigations. Through this program, students are afforded opportunities to work along side leading public health scientists, researchers and educators throughout the country. Pre-doctoral students (M.D., Ph.D., DVM, Pharm or equivalent degrees) gain exposure to the production and manufacture of safe and effective drugs and medical devices.
- ***HIV/AIDS Town Hall Meeting - Planning Partnership in South Florida*** is the first of a series of 12 Town Hall Meetings which will be conducted at sites around the country. The HIV/AIDS Town Hall Meeting project is to serve as a forum to identify needs, disseminate information, increase understanding and gain acceptance for community-based educational interventions. The project will foster community-provider-government-media networks in order to increase access to care, link health services to research, expand local networks to include hard-to-reach populations, and develop

community dialogue on the extent of the HIV/AIDS problem, as well as, gather data in order to mobilize community solutions.

- ***Bioethics Research and Laboratory Project*** will facilitate the development of research capabilities for the Tuskegee University National Center for Bioethics in Health Care and Research. The aim of the project is to centralize and strengthen the research infrastructure for the Center in order to allow researchers to avail themselves of a full range of research activities, and to pursue funding for research endeavors. In addition, the Center will support academic training programs for veterinarians and graduate level science students, and continuing education for laboratory personnel.

The National Alliance for Hispanic Health, Washington, D.C.

- ***National Hispanic Prenatal Hotline*** provides individualized, culturally/linguistically appropriate information on prenatal care to Hispanic consumers in the United States and Puerto Rico through a national hotline. Project developments include a database of local health care providers which meet the needs of Hispanics, bilingual (English and Spanish) patient education materials regarding pregnancy and prenatal care, and Spanish language publications on pregnancy-related issues distributed to callers.
- ***Youth Theater and HIV Prevention Project*** is developing a training and technical assistance network of state and local organizations that focus on delivering HIV prevention messages to at-risk Hispanic youth using theater as a tool. Three Hispanic community-based organizations located in Phoenix, AZ, Denver, CO, and St. Paul, MN, serve as implementation sites and will develop youth theater troupes to create plays which focus on HIV prevention messages for presentation to other youth in their communities. A needs assessment will be conducted of The Alliance member organizations to determine their interest in receiving training and technical assistance on using the theater model for HIV prevention.
- ***Caring for Hispanics: Culturally Competent Systems of Care Project*** is enhancing the capability of organizations to respond to the needs of a growing Hispanic population by providing technical assistance to selected health systems and organizations in order to promote and institutionalize their cultural competency. Activities of the two-phased project include establishing a National Advisory Committee of provider organizations, conducting needs assessments of these organizations, and providing needed training, technical assistance and resources.
- ***13th National Biennial Conference on Health and Human Services*** will provide health and human service professionals with an opportunity to increase their knowledge and build their skills in the area of health promotion and disease prevention in the Hispanic community. The conference entitled, "Charting Our Course: Ensuring Access and Defining Quality," will focus on providing information and skills on the development and implementation of community-based services that meet the health and human service needs of Hispanic communities. The 2000 conference was held April 26-29 in San

Diego, CA.

- ***The Hispanic Community Leadership Agenda on Strengthening Community Capacity in Health Service Delivery*** conducted a meeting of Hispanic community leaders to examine their role in the changing health care infrastructure and to develop strategies that will strengthen community leadership efforts in playing a key role in health service delivery to a growing Hispanic population. The meeting will take place July 14-15 in Anaheim, CA. A consensus paper will be developed for dissemination based on the deliberations of the community leadership group at the agenda meeting.

**National Asian Pacific American Families Against Substance Abuse (NAPAFASA),
Los Angeles, CA**

- ***National Asian American Pacific Substance Abuse Needs Assessment*** will identify the types of substance abuse and mental health services provided to Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) populations by AAPI community-based organizations. The capacity of these organizations will be assessed to see if they meet the substance abuse and mental health needs of AAPI population. This effort should facilitate the development of effective research-based AAPI substance abuse and mental health services, and develop effective treatment strategies.
- ***Pacific Island Collaborating Initiative for Substance Abuse and Mental Health Systems Development*** will foster a collaborative network among government agencies and non-government organizations working within the Pacific Island Jurisdictions in order to improve the quality and availability of substance abuse and mental health prevention, treatment, and rehabilitative services in the region. The project will be carried out through four interrelated components that address a range of training, education, communication, and capacity building issues; and will facilitate resource sharing and knowledge exchange in the six U.S. Associated Pacific Islands Jurisdictions.

**National Association for Equal Opportunity in Higher Education (NAFEO),
Silver Spring, MD**

- ***DHHS Internship Program*** provides undergraduate and graduate students from Historical Black Colleges and Universities majoring in health fields first hand knowledge of public health programs and agencies. The experience of working on-site as part of the federal government provides individual career building experiences and supplements the students' academic training. The program exposes students to the federal process and provides them the opportunity to interact daily with health related activities. Forty-two students served in internship positions during FY 99.
- ***Getting the HIV/AIDS/STD Message Out*** supports collaboration between Historical

Black Colleges and Universities (HCBUs) and faith/church-based organizations in African-American communities. Through existing relationships with HBCUs the grantee will increase the level of HIV/AIDS information and promote behavior change on college campuses, and in communities, particularly rural African-American communities.

- ***Technical Assistance for Historically Black Colleges and Universities*** project supports technical assistance activities for health services research at Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs). The technical assistance includes supporting workshops targeted toward faculty of NAFEO member institutions including logistical support to attend these workshops. The workshops will enhance the skills of HBCU faculty in health services research.
- ***Bioethics Research at Tuskegee University*** project supports a workshop on bioethics and research regarding racial and ethnic minority populations. This workshop will be conducted through the Tuskegee University National Center and will assess informational needs of faculty at HBCUs on bioethic issues.
- ***Clinical Faculty Fellowship Training at Morehouse School of Medicine*** project supports the first stage in the development of a training program for clinical faculty at Morehouse School of Medicine. This initiative will plan, develop, and implement a clinical faculty training program to include didactic components, mentoring relationships and independent research experiences for the purpose of increasing the pool of trained minority clinical investigators among academic faculty.
- ***CSAT Community Town Hall Meeting*** convened a Community Town Meeting in Washington, D.C. February 13, 2000. The assembly gathered 80 representatives from community institutions and grassroots organizations within the African-American community, as well as a number of experts in the HIV/AIDS field to consider new strategies to address HIV/AIDS in the African-American community. The meeting focused on specific questions of how to address complacency and denial that are associated with the transmission of HIV by injection drug use and sexual contact with a drug user.
- ***Partner Initiative to Collaborate Health Project*** initiates a coalition building process to increase the number of minority community based organizations in communities of color. This will be accomplished by developing a plan of action to build capacity and develop infrastructure by utilizing State/Regional Offices of Minority Health, Historically Black Colleges and Universities, and faith community linkages. The project will also capture the critical health issues of communities of color in rural and urban settings and close disparities in HIV/AIDS prevention activities.

National Council of La Raza (NCLR), Washington, D.C.

- ***Latino Children's Health Insurance Initiative*** promotes knowledge and awareness about health insurance coverage in the Latino community, in order to increase the

participation of Latino children in the State Children's Health Insurance Programs (SCHIP) within five targeted states – Arizona, California, Florida, Illinois, and Texas. The project focuses on the involvement of Latino community-based organizations in the outreach and recruitment of Latino children in SCHIP. Training sessions conducted with Latino community-based organizations in each state provide an overview of SCHIP; provide strategies for navigating the enrollment process; and discuss overcoming barriers to enrollment.

- ***Regional Training Sessions/Public Awareness Campaign: Minority Reviewer Project*** proposes to increase the number of minority reviewers serving on review panels for Federal government grant programs that affect HIV/AIDS prevention and care services. National, regional, and local mechanisms will be established for identifying, training, and maintaining information about minority reviewers; thereby, increasing the effectiveness of public health efforts to reduce the disparate impact of HIV/AIDS in communities of color. The program is designed to galvanize and support minority community leaders to help control and ultimately prevent the spread of HIV/AIDS in their communities, and develop and implement a public health campaign in partnership with minority communities and the public and private sectors. The program will create a database of names of racial and ethnic minorities to serve as reviewers for the federal government that will be accessible to federal agencies.
- ***Aprendiendo a Crear Consciencia Sobre Seguro de Salud: Project Access*** will test the readability, both in terms of content and language, of Health Care Finance Administrations "Medicare y Usted 2000," and the "Guía Sobre Seguro de Salud Para personas con Medicare" pamphlets through the use of focus groups and in-depth interviews in five cities. The findings will be utilized to publish more user friendly pamphlets.
- ***Latino HIV Needs Assessment Project*** will assess which factors in Latino women's lives serve as barriers to accessing HIV/AIDS messages, and determine the types of messages that are effective in reaching Hispanic women, in order to increase the probability of reducing risky behavior. Focus groups and key informant interviews will be conducted in five major cities with high levels of HIV infection among Latinas. This assessment will help define the needs of Latino women and serve as a critical first step in shaping the design of future intervention models that focus specifically on Latino women in communities across the country.

National Hispanic Medical Association (NHMA), Washington, D.C.

- ***National Hispanic Mentorship Program*** is a demonstration mentorship project which matches physicians, especially of Hispanic heritage, with Hispanic medical students in San Antonio, TX. The pilot project will serve to assess the feasibility and performance of a mentorship program among Hispanic medical students in order to eventually institute a national program.
- ***Annual Conference*** entitled "NHMA Fourth Annual Conference, "Eliminating Health

Disparities for Hispanics: A Call to Action”, was held in Washington, D.C. on February 18 to 20, 2000, and served as a forum for policy makers, health professionals, physicians and medical students to discuss strategies to improve the health status of Hispanics.

- ***Organizational Development Project*** strengthens the infrastructure capacity of the NHMA by developing the organization’s administrative, communication and public relations activities. The project supports the development of a membership database, list serves, monthly mailings, and a directory of NHMA Board and National Advisory Committee members.

National Hispanic Religious Leaders Partnership for Community Health (NHRLPCH), Washington, D.C.

- ***Hispanic Churches Data Bank Project*** developed an infrastructure to meet the health needs of the Hispanic community, by identifying ways in which Hispanic religious organizations can partner with the Federal government and private organizations to address the numerous disparities which exist in the area of health. The databank identifies and connects services, programs, resources and funds that address health related needs.

National Latino Children’s Institute (NLCI), Austin, TX

- ***HIV/AIDS Youth Education and Information Initiative*** focuses on health education. Project goals include: building the Hispanic community’s capacity to reduce behaviors that put Latino youth at risk for HIV infection by training youth health educators; strengthening the cultural values and identity among Latino youth by empowering them with communication skills to inform others about risks, avoiding dangerous situations, and developing better communication with parents and other adult mentors; and developing relevant culturally appropriate public education information for use in public service announcements, at community special events, and at youth forums.

National Medical Association (NMA), Washington, D.C.

- ***National Symposium*** provides a forum for the discussion of important health issues that impact the African-American community and provides recommendations that may have health policy implications for the implementation of health programs for minority populations. Programs that are initiated under this symposium include the Mazique, Racism in Medicine and HIV/AIDS forums.
- ***Increase the Participation of Minorities in Clinical Trials*** is designed to increase the knowledge of African-American physicians and patients about medical research and clinical trials. Professional education opportunities for physicians will be developed to facilitate participation of African-American physicians in clinical trials research. A mechanism is to be formulated for effective dissemination of information regarding

biomedical research involving African-American physicians and consumers. Resources and materials are to be developed to educate African-American patients about the value of participating in clinical trials in a balanced, informative, comprehensive manner and to facilitate their personal decision making process regarding participation in a clinical trial.

- ***Leadership Development in HIV/AIDS Prevention Treatment Control*** project is to develop a national education and technical assistance program to increase the knowledge base among African-American physicians about HIV/AIDS treatment. It is also designed to promote participation by African-American physicians in HIV/AIDS prevention and control activities with their patients.
- ***Influenza/Pneumonia Immunization*** project is to build an infrastructure to increase flu and pneumococcal immunization rates in the African-American population and to increase the influenza and pneumococcal immunization rates among Medicare beneficiaries in the care of a large group of physician members of the National Medical Association.

National Minority AIDS Council (NMAC), Washington, D.C.

- ***Addressing AIDS in Minority Populations*** project monitors the implementation of the biannual Report to the Secretary on HIV in Racial and Ethnic Minority Communities; provides treatment information to people of color living with HIV/AIDS; and supports the annual United States Conference on AIDS.
- ***Galvanizing Leadership and Promoting Capacity for HIV/AIDS Prevention and Health Promotion Among Women of Color*** is designed to increase the capacity of women of color in underserved communities to galvanize development and implementation of integrated HIV/AIDS and substance abuse prevention and health promotion initiatives targeted to women of color at risk for living with HIV/AIDS. In developing knowledge and skills among approximately 50 women of color, NMAC will use community organizations, leadership development, coalition building, issue advocacy and the use of media to promote HIV/AIDS prevention and health promotion activities.
- ***Research and Public Awareness Project*** is to review and summarize the world's Randomized Controlled Trials in Minority Communities and prepare and disseminate these reviews. In addition, this information will be made available to minority AIDS and other organizations. Also, the project is to close the gap in HIV/AIDS care and treatment services in the African-American community by developing greater awareness among both community and national leaders about HIV/AIDS, galvanizing these individuals to educate, motivate, and mobilize their communities in the fight against HIV/AIDS; and creating sustainable public and private partnerships.
- ***Committee for Hispanic Children & Families HIV/AIDS Prevention (Proyecto Goal)*** will target Latina females, who join Latino men on soccer fields in New York City, to learn important survival skills in avoiding risky sexual behavior in the prevention of

HIV/AIDS. This will be accomplished through a multi-stage process involving interactive discussions, skills building in safer sex measures, the viewing of media tapes, and skits which develop negotiating skills in the targeted women.

- ***Crisis Response Project*** is a one year project which will provide technical assistance by the Crisis Response Team (CRT), experts from Health and Resources Services Administration, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, National Institutes of Health, and Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, to minority communities disproportionately impacted by the HIV/AIDS epidemic. Technical assistance will include assisting the communities in identifying potential strategies to enhance prevention efforts; maximizing community health, support, and services networks; and providing access to care for the most vulnerable populations.

Public Health Foundation (PHF), Washington, D.C.

- ***Core Organizational Support*** continues to make maximum use of existing information resources and allows PHF to serve as a vital link and resource around information system issues. Substantial activities involve enhancing PHF's ability to meet information needs of federal, state and local public health agencies; strengthening linkages with Federal agencies and national partner organizations; and providing technical assistance and resources to support the development and promotion of comprehensive state, territorial, tribal, and local Healthy People 2010 plans.
- ***Empowerment Zones/Enterprise Communities (EZ/EC) Health Benchmark Demonstration Project*** assists EZ/EC sites in assessing their health needs and assets, and in developing benchmarks for improving community health. Major activities carried out in Denver, CO, New Haven, CT and Wilmington, DE include identifying community priorities through a needs and assets assessment, documenting the process and results, and developing health-related benchmarks. As a follow-up activity to the benchmark initiative, PHF is initiating a survey of approximately 140 EZ/EC sites to assess their capacity to engage in health improvement planning efforts. Findings from the survey will help EZ/EC localities in devising health planning programs that reflect community needs and appropriate public health standards.

Quality Education for Minorities (QEM) Network, Washington, D.C.

- ***The Bennett and Spelman Colleges Technical Assistance*** project enables the colleges' respective science faculties to prepare more students to successfully pursue biomedical science careers. Under this project, QEM will conduct a three-part workshop series on proposal preparation, curriculum development, and scholarly productivity; establish a joint planning committee of science faculty from the two institutions to provide institutional linkage and leadership to this initiative; and create a QEM ListServ and chat room. QEM conducted a workshop attended by faculty from Bennett and Spelman Colleges which sought to increase participant's knowledge and understanding of: various

federal and private foundation programs and priorities; potential sources of support for proposal ideas; and how to prepare successful proposals in order to enhance their institutions' abilities to attract, prepare, and retain larger numbers of minority women students in the biomedical sciences and other health-related careers.

- ***Improving the Health Status of African American Women and Youth through Enhanced HIV/AIDS Education and Awareness*** is an education and awareness program targeting two groups that are showing a steady rise in rates of HIV/AIDS infections, African-American women (ages 16-44) and youth (ages 15-24). The focus of the program will be on pre-college, undergraduate students, and women who are residents of low-income public housing or other low-income communities located near Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs). This program proposes to increase knowledge and understanding among African-American women and youth of the HIV/AIDS epidemic to enable them to make more informed decisions as well as to share their new insights with peers and others in their communities. Over the three year project period, 450 high school students are to participate in focused discussions on HIV/AIDS epidemic and its impact on youth in their age group. Students are to be recruited from two existing high school programs, to lead HIV/AIDS education-focused academic year projects for peers at school or in their communities and encourage a group of teacher consultants to incorporate information on HIV/AIDS into their regular classroom. Starting in the second year of the project an HIV/AIDS education campaign will be initiated by summer interns on five HBCU campuses. HIV/AIDS Education Workshops are to be conducted for women residing in low-income public housing or other low-income communities.

Summit Health Institute for Research and Education, Inc. (SHIRE), Washington, D.C.

- ***Community-Based Planning for Healthy People 2010*** will establish a demonstration project in Maryland that builds on the Healthy People 2000 Progress Review for Black Americans by developing guidelines and community-specific strategies for achieving Healthy People 2010 goals and objectives and eliminating selected health gaps. The project will engage organizations and individuals who participated in the DHHS Healthy People 2000 Progress Review in convening community planning sessions, facilitating broad community participation, and producing a "how-to" manual documenting the project's process and results for possible replication in other states and communities.
- ***Developing A United Health Agenda for Communities of Color: A Campaign to Eliminate Racial and Ethnic Disparities in Health*** will convene a national Multi-cultural Working Summit among communities of color to create and advocate for a united health agenda. The project is a collaborative effort between SHIRE, Asian and Pacific Islander American Health Forum (APIAHF), Latino Council of Alcohol and

Tobacco (LCAT) and the National Indian Council on Aging, Inc. to respond to the President's Racial and Ethnic Health Disparities Initiative to eliminate health disparities by 2010. The project proposes to empower each racial and ethnic community to work towards equity in health for all Americans.

- ***Reduction of Perinatal HIV Transmission: A National Model Targeting Pregnant African-American Women*** promotes reduction of perinatal HIV transmission among African-American women by standardizing prenatal HIV testing practices and increasing the number of women who choose to be tested. Printed materials and technical assistance will be made available to providers who offer prenatal care, emergency and/or urgent care, counseling and other services to pregnant teens and women. Additionally, health care providers will be trained to share information they receive with their patients regarding HIV transmission and HIV testing.