

## **Grant-Making Program**

Over the past ten years the Foundation has awarded a total of \$224,350 to FQHC's statewide.

We are presently beginning a process of assessment of the impact of these funds on the overall efforts to provide health services to the health centers. Part of the Foundation's commitment is to convey to our many stakeholders how we have assisted the community health centers make a difference through these grants. Each health center was awarded \$4,000 in 2013.

### Charter Oak Health Center, Inc. ~ To Your Health! Project

Charter Oak Health Center will hire a consultant to provide branding and materials for community outreach workers and others employees to build awareness of the health center. Promoting Healthy Communities will be one of the brochures distributed, which describes COHC and the services they offer. The second will discuss the rights, responsibilities, and codes of conduct of patients. Charter Oak continues to define and identify the organization's brand and establish it's personality in the community.

### Cornell Scott- Hill Health Center ~ Access 360: Ensuring Access to Care through Improved Communications

Cornell Scott- Hill Health Center's project is focused on utilizing mobile texting, email, and direct voice communications to increase awareness of and compliance with healthcare programs and treatment plans. The grant will provide them with the opportunity to incentivize patients and also obtain their communication preferences. Defining the best practices for communication will allow the Cornell Scott-Hill Health Center to increase confirmation rates amongst patients.

### Fair Haven Community Health Center ~ Patient Telephone Access Improvement Project

Fair Haven Community Center will hire a consultant to allow them to evaluate their phone system. This grant will not only fund the evaluation, but assist with training and transition costs. The evaluation of their current phone system will ensure lower wait times and accurate feedback for their patients.

### Generations Family Health Center, Inc. ~ Production of Generations' Video for Outreach and Education Purposes

Generations is planning to further expand its ability to conduct outreach and education by creating educational videos about a variety of healthcare topics and services offered at Generations. These videos would be utilized at outreach events, on their website and in their waiting areas. This grant will help write, product and film these educational branded videos for both their current and potential patients.

### Optimus Health Care, Inc ~ Loving Support Through Peer Counseling

This grant will help train identified mothers in the evidence-based, "Loving Support Through Peer Counseling: A Journey Together", curriculum as Peer Counselors to new mothers that require assistance and support with breastfeeding. The funds will go toward training and technical assistance programs that will enhance initiation and duration rates. Peer counseling

has been found to be very effective, and Optimus Health Care's plan to increase its training capabilities.

Southwest Community Health Center ~ Improvement of UDS Measures in Internal Medicine & Pediatrics

Southwest will use the grant to continue the same plan that proved to be an effective strategy in achieving better clinical outcomes for the population we serve. The program will provide eight in-service programs, four on diabetes and four on hypertension, presented by a committed clinical team, over the next year. Patients who fall below the expected clinical measures or would benefit from additional education, are eligible for participation in these group sessions.

Staywell Health Center ~ Prenatal Program/ Nurturing Families Network

Staywell will continue to assist in funding prenatal ultrasound testing and lab work for uninsured and low income pregnant patients who are unable to afford the out-of-pocket expense for this vital testing. Additionally, this grant will help fund their Nurturing Families Network (NFN) program to offer a family educational fieldtrip. NFN is a no-cost, voluntary program that provides information, guidance and assistance to first-time parents. The fieldtrip allows program staff to work with families to teach appropriate parenting skills in a community.