

Faith Community Nurse Network

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Program Accomplishments:

- The Education Committee continued to meet bi-monthly, planning, implementing and evaluating our professional education programs. Members of the valuable committee include Valborg Tollefsrud, Mary VanDerWerf, Pat McLaughlin, Cynthia Ashley, Carolyn Torp, and Wanda Alexander. The Committee has selected the 2008 presentation topics.
- Five professional education programs (15 CEUs) were offered in the past year, with an average attendance of 55 nurses. Topics included Depression, Spiritual Development of Children, Spiritual Journaling, Women's Heart Health, Complementary Health, and Risk Watch: Child Safety Issues.
- The FCNN survey of faith community nurses (funded by Hennepin County's Resource Development office) was mailed to more than 280 nurses in January and 74% of the nurses responded. Preliminary results were presented at the University of Minnesota Nursing Research Day April 20; final results will be presented to the Board in June of 2007/
- A Request For Proposals announcing \$1,000 grants to promote mental health through faith community nursing programs was issued this month. FCNN expects to award at least 13 grants totaling \$13,000.
- A \$2,500 grant was awarded to the Ethiopian Orthodox Church of Savior to launch their faith community nursing program. One additional \$2500 grant will be awarded this year to a low-income, new immigrant congregation.
- Four Jewish congregations, including Temple Israel, and the Majid Anur Mosque now have active programs, with more in the planning stages. JFCS has led this effort through its NORC program.
- FCNN partnered with the Hennepin County Golden Tracks project to provide laptops to 17 faith community nursing practicing in Hennepin County.

Resource Development:

- The Bremer Foundation (\$15,000) awarded FCNN \$15,000 to complete the survey of faith community nurses and launch some programs.
- Hennepin County pledged \$15,000 a year for three years to support the programs of FCNN. MHP (\$13,000 cash and \$5,000 in-kind). Metropolitan Health Plan (MHP) is providing funds for 2007 - \$10,000 in cash and \$5,000 in direct marketing/communications work.
- MHP continues its support of the FCNN Professional Education Workshops, providing \$3,000 to support the workshops in 2007.
- The Annual Campaign garnered \$1,820 with 100% Board participation!
- In-kind Contributions from Hennepin County totaled over \$50,000, including \$9,500 of funding for the survey project. Our total in-kind gifts exceeded \$60,000, including volunteer time and meeting space.

Organization Development:

- Directors completed the Hamline/Compassionate Capital nonprofit leadership program, attending more than 52 hours of educational workshops.
- The fcnn.org web site was launched and is in development. The names and contact info for many faith community nurses will be added to the site within the month.
- The Strategic Plan was reviewed and updated, with assistance from Community Action Programs of Suburban Hennepin. All key goals established in 2005 have been accomplished and new goals are being set.
- Directors created the FCNN Award Program, presenting its first recognition award to Wanda Alexander in January, 2007.