

Health Care Without Harm Nurses Workgroup Mini-Grant Recipients for Round 10.

Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center Perioperative Environmental Committee

The Perioperative Environmental Committee will develop and implement a cardboard and plastic recycling program in the Perioperative areas including the operating room, central processing, the preoperative, post operative holding and recovery areas. This pilot program will help us collect data on the amount of cardboard and plastic that is disposed of in the hospital trash from the an 11-OR floor in order to justify the costs associated with scaling it to include all 35 ORs.

Clean New York

Clean New York will hold a two-part Women's Health and Environment: Comprehensive Chemical Policy Reform Symposium to educate nurses and policymakers about the links between toxic chemicals and public health – especially focused on women and children. We will engage nursing association representatives and individual nurses to build long-term support from the nursing community.

Connecticut Nurses Association

The Connecticut Nurses' Association in collaboration with the Rhode Island State Nurses Association and New York State Nurses Association will plan and implement a regional environmental health summit consisting of 4 webinar sessions. The sessions will consist of 1) Environmental Health (current and future), 2) Chemical Policy Reform-(state and federal initiatives), 3) Practice green health (what you can do), and 4) Advocacy and Next Steps. We will collaborate with other nursing and environmental groups in the planning and implementation process.

District of Maryland/Columbia Constituent League

The DC/MD Constituent League will implement a half-day environmental health workshop to be held in the spring of 2010 to inform nurses about current best practices and policy issues related to environmental health.

DDNA

A plenary session on environmental health issues affecting people with developmental disabilities will be included in DDNA's 18th Annual Education Conference (May 2010). In addition to the plenary session, there will be at least one break out session focusing on environmental health. The plenary and break out sessions will be planned in collaboration with the DDNA Conference Planning Committee and the DDNA Board

Idaho Nurses Association

This project will provide online educational modules and a symposium for RNs throughout the rural/frontier state of Idaho focusing on environmental health issues related to land, water and air. We will also provide involvement strategies for nurses throughout Idaho to become involved with land, water, and air issues in the state and within their specific healthcare organizations. Additionally, a statewide *Greener Idaho INA Task Force (GIITF)* will be developed. Volunteer members will be recruited, bylaws, goals and objectives established and a one-year plan developed to assure continued involvement of INA in environmental issues.

Main Line Hospital-Bryn Mawr

The Healthy Work Environment Council will develop and implement an educational program for all employees on the environmental impact of hospital waste. They will partner with WHEN to develop a 45 minute presentation that will be used at 15 "lunch and Learn" staff education sessions.

Neil Hodgson Woodruff School of Nursing

The Nell Hodgson Woodruff School of Nursing and Emory Healthcare will plan and host a half-day conference on sustainability in healthcare. It will focus on Atlanta and the challenges faced in this area, discuss available resources and ways to foster sustainable practices in the current economy.

Physicians For Social Responsibility

Physicians for Social Responsibility (PSR) will create a series of three webinars on issues related to chemical policy.

Rhode Island State Nurses Association

RISNA Environmental Affairs Committee will plan a full day professional conference for healthcare professionals and policy makers which will include expert speakers on Environmental Health topics including the Precautionary Principle as well as workshops on integrating Environmental Health principles and research results into practice, health care professional education, and development of state policy. Additionally, RISNA Environmental Affairs Committee will develop and publish a resource guide in print and CD format entitled, "RISNA's Principles of Occupational and Environmental Health with Resource Guide."

Sonoma State University Department of Nursing

Will identify faculty from Northern California CSU Schools/Departments of Nursing who have an expressed interest in environmental health and convene an organizing meeting to develop a plan for the integration of environmental health into nursing curriculum. Additionally, there will be a discussion regarding the creation of co-owned, regionally-specific, web-based curricular materials that can be shared among the schools of nursing using e-Commons. During more "social times" of the 3 day meeting, environmental and environmental justice organizations will be invited to join the attendees to discuss opportunities for joint projects and potential collaborations, as well as raise awareness about critical issues in the region.

University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill

Will offer a one day regional conference on May 7, 2010 for nurses on environmental health and safety.

University of Massachusetts, Dartmouth

Members of the Alliance of Nurses for Healthy Environments Electronic Text Subcommittee along with faculty colleagues at UMD will develop an electronic environmental health text book for nurses and health professionals.

We are requesting funding for year-one of a two-year initiative. This pioneer effort will be important to environmental health education for several reasons as it will be the first comprehensive environmental health text aimed specifically for nurses and health professionals; it will have a broad reach; it will be delivered in a sustainable and dynamic format; it can be accessed in modules specific to various specialty practice needs and it will meet a critical need for accessible and appropriate educational information for practice.

Virginia Nurses Association

VNA and Virginia Association of School Nurses will develop and implement an environmental health and advocacy educational program to inform nurses about current practice issues related to workplace exposures to chemical contaminants and give them tools to implement grassroots movement toward integrated pest management.

Wisconsin

WNA in conjunction with WEHNC will sponsor an environmental health nursing advocacy summit by partnering with the Iowa Nurses Association, Winona State College of Nursing in Minnesota, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee College of Nursing and the American Nurses Association. The purposes of the summit are to embrace a conceptual framework/operational definition of nurse advocacy, target three specific environmental health advocacy issues and collectively develop strategies that can be implemented across three states, Iowa, Minnesota and Wisconsin.

Washington State Nurses Association

WSNA will develop and implement training workshops for nurses who practice in rural and farm communities and care for disproportionately disadvantaged groups. Nurses will be provided with resources, references, fact sheets, and evidence

based research supporting chemicals policy reform so that they may inform their legislators on the critical health effects of these chemicals. Washington Toxics Coalition, in collaboration with WSNA will assist in this endeavor. Additionally, this program will help bridge nurses with Toxic Free Legacy Coalition member organizations in their communities.