## HCWH Nurses Workgroup Mini-Grant Award Table: Round 8

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<td><strong>NANN (National Association of Neonatal Nurses)</strong></td>
<td>The NANN 2009 Conference Planning Committee will develop and implement an environmental health workshop for the Association’s 25th Annual Conference (location to be determined). This educational session will be a 4 hour pre-conference event held in conjunction with the main conference, scheduled for <strong>September 23-26, 2009</strong>. The Planning Committee will seek input from Health Care Without Harm (HCWH) for appropriate content and speakers. Possible topics include: 1) Body Burden in Newborns, 2) How to Reduce DEHP in Your NICU: A Plan of Simple Steps to Promote Change, and 3) Toxic Tour: Environmental Exposures in our Homes, Schools, Communities and Workplaces.</td>
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<td><strong>Tacoma Pierce County Asthma Partnership</strong></td>
<td>The overall goal of this project is to improve the indoor air quality in the homes of chronically ill and older adults with asthma by providing training to 50 nurses on asthma in older adults and methods to improve the indoor environment. They provide and evaluate a one-day, replicable workshop on asthma in older adults and asthma management in the home environment for 50 nurses who either serve clients of Pierce County Aging and Long Term Care (ALTC) or are students at the University of Washington, Tacoma (UWT) RN-BSN or MN program. Other interested nurses in the community will be welcome to attend if space is available.</td>
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<td><strong>Minnesota Nurses Association-3rd District</strong></td>
<td>The Third District Nurses Association will provide speakers who will provide an opportunity for nurses in the Third District, as well as nurses in other MNA districts in Minnesota, to review the changes in physiology that take place as a result of air pollution. This will include exposure in the workplace that can result in respiratory conditions. Every effort will be made to include nurses as presenters. These morning presentations will be followed by environmental groups discussing current projects and initiatives where volunteers are key to effecting change. They will provide opportunities for nurses to become active participants in environmental health issues.</td>
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### United American Nurses

Building on the success of the 2006 and 2007 grants, UAN will again convene a meeting of nurses' unions, particularly the AFL-CIO's industrial coordinating committee, RNs Working Together, to develop content on best practices for environmental health in coordination with the Environmental Health Education Center. UAN will use the content coming out of the meeting and follow-up calls to develop and print a booklet on best practices for environmental health. This booklet can then be used in meetings with standard setting health care organizations, such as the Joint Commission and the American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC), as well as for educating nurses.

### ISAPN

The Illinois Society for Advanced Practice Nursing will develop and implement an environmental health plenary session and concurrent session for the 2008 APN Midwest Conference to inform nurses about current practice issues related to workplace exposures to chemical contaminants.

### Louisiana State Nurses Association

The Louisiana State Nurses Association, in collaboration with Southeastern Louisiana University, will develop an on-line continuing education program for nurses to focus on environmental issues in health care and offers strategies for increasing awareness and advocacy in the workplace. In addition, LSNA will develop a program for the 2009 state convention to inform nurses, legislators, and representatives of a variety or area health care providers, about current environmental issues in healthcare delivery and resources for implementing “green” initiatives in health care delivery.

### Oregon Environmental Council (OEC)

Oregon Environmental Council (OEC), in collaboration with Oregon Health and Science University School of Nursing (OHSU SON), Multnomah County Environmental Health Services (MCEHS), will address the growing need for the education of students, and in particular nursing students, about environmental health topics at the global, community and individual level. Physicians for Social Responsibility (PSR), the Oregon Student Nurses’ Association (OSNA), the National College of Naturopathic Medicine (NCNM), and Healthcare Without Harm (HCWH) will help
create successful concurrent education sessions on current and emerging topics and allow for robust dialogue among participants. The student conference will be part of a larger collaborative to develop an Environmental Health Conference for healthcare professionals to be held in early 2009 in Portland, Oregon. The purpose of this proposal is to secure funding for the development of nursing student-focused seminars within the context of the larger Environmental Health Conference and for the recruitment of nursing students to attend this important landmark event.

South Carolina Nurses Association

The South Carolina Nurses Association will develop and implement an environmental health summit (one day meeting) in Spring 2009 in the state capital to inform nurses about current practice issues related to workplace exposures to occupational chemical hazards.

This project will allow SCNA to gather nurses from across the state at this Environmental Health Summit. From this Summit we will recruit RNs to join the Professional Practice Advocacy Committee with a commitment to implement a plan to promote less toxic substitutes for chemical hazards in the workplace. This summit will serve as a vehicle to better inform SC nurses about environmental health issues and will result in the development of a plan to address workplace environmental health issues.