**AWARDS FOR ROUND 9 OF THE HCWH NWG MINI-GRANTS**

**AAOHN:** AAOHN will 1) sponsor a 90-minute *Reducing Workplace Exposure to Synthetic Fragrance* class at its annual conference; 2) produce a template that can be used on-the-job for implementing reduction of exposure to synthetic fragrance in the workplace programs; and 3) sponsor a second webcast that goes beyond learning about the dangers of exposure to synthetic fragrance to implementing exposure reduction programs.

**ANA MAINE:** The American Nurses Association-Maine plans to continue their effort to bring environmental health education to nurses in Maine. Their plan includes a daylong seminar for spring 2009 that will provide basic environmental education using the RN No Harm model. They intend to expand this effort with a strong focus on this education being directed to action and advocacy for the efforts happening within Maine in particular chemical policy reform. Their brochure will reflect the call to action.

**CARROLL HOSPITAL CENTER:** Under the auspices of the Green Team, A Red Bag Waste Reduction Team comprised of nurses will be established and charged with developing specific strategies for the hospital and their specific units, raising awareness and educating staff, working with facilities management to track red bag waste reduction, and developing a recognition and awards program.

**KENT COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT:** The Nursing Continuing Education Planning Committee (“the Committee”), working with members of the CEHI, will plan and implement a full-day workshop for public health nurses on partnering with environmental health—environmental health principles, knowledge and skills for the public health nurse. The focus of the workshop will be on pediatric environmental health, in keeping with KCHD programming (maternal, infant and pediatric health).

**NEW YORK STATE NURSING ASSOCIATION:** The New York State Nurses Association will develop a 3 hour workshop on how nurses can assist their hospital with the implementation of a chemical policies review and reform program. At least two workshop sessions will be delivered before September 30, 2009. Principles of a Green Meeting from the guide
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will be adhered as close to as possible. A major foundation document on which this workshop will be based is the HCWH booklet “Guide to Choosing Safer Products and Chemicals, Implementing Chemicals Policy in Health Care” Reference will be directed to the HCWH website for additional resources. Additionally, NYSNA will present the concept of chemical policy reform based on this booklet and the resources of the HCWH website, to the Nurse Representatives of NYSNA for their use at each of their facilities.

**OHIO PUBLIC HEALTH ASSOCIATION DIRECTOR OF NURSING SECTION:** The Directors of Nursing (SoN) Section of the Ohio Public Health Association (OPHA) will develop and implement a series of four presentations focused on environmental health for public health nurses at the annual Ohio Public Health Combined Conference that will be held on May 11, 12, and 13, 2009. The conference has six topical tracks in each of the four presentation sessions that are held on the second and third days of the conference. This conference is co-sponsored (with rotating chairmanship) by the five public health associations in Ohio: OPHA, the Ohio Society of Public Health Educators, the Ohio Environmental Health Association, the Ohio Association of Health Commissioners, and the Ohio Department of Health. The OPHA is chairing the planning committee for the 2009 conference. The chair of the DoN Section and Nursing Director contact for this grant are members of this year’s conference planning committee. The conference planning committee has agreed to devote one of the six topical tracks to the presentations on environmental health for public health nurses. The DoN Section will solicit the Ohio Department of Health (ODH), the Ohio Environmental Health Association (OEHA), and the Ohio Nurses Association (ONA) as co-sponsors of the environmental health topic track.

**PENNSYLVANIA STATE NURSES ASSOCIATION:** The Environmental Health Task Force of PSNA will develop and conduct a one-day educational conference on *Best Practices in Environmental Health for Nurses*. This project endeavors to address PSNA’s EH Goal of “increasing Pennsylvania Nurses’ awareness, understanding and response of environmental health risks in the practice environment”. They will host this conference at Indiana University of Pennsylvania, located in the Western portion of the state. This location seeks to fulfill their goal of educating nurses all over the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

**ST PATRICK’S HOSPITAL:** They intend to research and design a program to make available the reuse and recycling of medical assistive devices to patients and the public. The goal of the first year of this project is to research the need and develop a practical plan for implementation. It would involve working with the University of Montana Rural Institute and
also Home Resource, a local non-profit group that collects and resells recycled building materials. Other healthcare organizations would also be asked for involvement, such as the other hospital in town, Missoula Aging Services, Bridge (a group for post-head injured patients), physician's offices, Opportunity Resources, etc. At the end of the first year, they will have a needs assessment, a business plan, and will have established a coalition of groups that will participate in funding and/or supporting the project.

**UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA:** The OU College of Nursing, working in collaboration with University of Oklahoma Health Science Center, will organize an invitational meeting of nursing, Health Sciences Center, OU Medical Center Hospitals, VA Hospital, University of Oklahoma president and provosts, and local environmental leaders in order to establish a new alliance, promoting environment healthcare issues, in the form of a University of Oklahoma Health Science Center Green Team Initiative.

**WHEN:** Women's Health & Environmental Network (WHEN), building on a partnership with the Theta Chapter of Chi Eta Phi, will engage and train African American nurses in the Philadelphia Region on environmental health and leadership in advocacy at their places of work (healthcare, academia, and government), homes, and places of worship.)