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FROM THE DIRECTOR:

Welcome to the April Women's Health Research Newsletter. We hope you will find useful information in the resources below. If you are successful in finding funding from this newsletter, please let us know.

– The Deborah E. Powell Center for Women's Health Presents –
6th Annual Women's Health Research Conference
A Focus on Women's Mental Health and Neurosciences
Monday, September 21, 2009
McNamara Alumni Center, University of Minnesota

*****CALL FOR ABSTRACTS*****

The 6th Annual Women's Health Research Conference: *Hot Topics in Women's Mental Health and Neurosciences* will take place on Monday, September 21st, 2009. The Powell Center invites abstract submissions on **ANY** topic regarding women's health or gender-specific research across the lifespan. Some topics include, *but not limited to*, cardiovascular health, community-based research, diabetes, genetics, mental health, neuroscience, nutrition, oncology, osteoporosis, obstetrics and gynecology, quality of life including violence prevention and sexual and reproductive health.

DEADLINES:

To be considered for an award: **July 1st, 2009**

To be included in the program: **August 3rd, 2009**

Abstracts can be submitted online at

http://apps.ahc.umn.edu/WomensHealthResearch/facultymembership/fabstract_07.html.

There will also be a poster session and a Women's Health Resource Fair with organizations from the University and the community. More information is available at www.womenshealth.umn.edu. Please call 612-626-1125 if you have any questions.

NEED HELP RECRUITING FOR YOUR RESEARCH STUDY?

One of the research components goals is to facilitate the recruitment of women and minorities in research studies. To help reach this goal we disseminate information and opportunities to participate in research studies at community outreach events, on the Powell Center website and in the Powell Center newsletters. If you would like your study to be posted on our website, newsletters or disseminated at community outreach events contact Autumn Grimm at wmhealth@umn.edu.

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A. FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

1. WOMEN'S HEALTH INTERDISCIPLINARY SEED GRANTS

The Powell Center for Women's Health is requesting proposals for seed grants to be given to faculty proposing interdisciplinary studies in women's health. The grants will be targeting new interprofessional partnerships with an identified leader who plans to submit an application for federal funding within the next year.

The proposals should focus on women's health or diseases that primarily affect women, diseases that present differently or require differential treatment in women, or sex and gender differences in issue of health and diseases how the problems presents or is addressed differently in women and men. While we prefer proposals in the Center's three priority areas, consideration will be given to strong proposals that address any of the AHC research priority areas (corridors).

DEADLINE: Letter of Intent – April 24, 2009, Full Proposal – May 22, 2009
MORE INFO: www.wmhealth.umn.edu or 612-626-1125

2. HISPANIC IMMIGRANT HEALTH

The Powell Center for Women's Health is leading an effort to have the University of Minnesota join the Migration and Health Research Program (PIMSA) which is the research arm of the Health Initiative of the Americas (HIA) headed by faculty of University of California, Berkeley (<http://hia.berkeley.edu/>). The HIA objective is to coordinate and optimize the availability of health resources for Mexican immigrants and their families through bilateral training, research, and health promotion activities. It facilitates the development of complementary and coordinated projects involving key stakeholders in Mexico and the United States. The Powell Center is requesting a letter of intent to explore local interest for this proposal and to assist in identifying a Mexican institutions and PIs if needed.

DEADLINE: Letter of Intent – April 24, 2009, Full Proposal – July 31, 2009
MORE INFO: www.wmhealth.umn.edu or 612-626-1125

3. CHEST FOUNDATION CLINICAL RESEARCH AWARD IN WOMEN'S HEALTH (CHEST FOUNDATION AWARD FOR CLINICAL RESEARCH IN WOMEN'S HEALTH)

The award will be granted for clinical research in women's health. Subjects relating to women's health may include proposed research in studying gender differences in various diseases states, such as lung or heart disease, COPD, or lung cancer, among others. The award will not support basic or bench level research. One award of \$10,000 will be granted. The award will be given for a one-year term for research projects conducted between July 1, 2009, and June 30, 2010. The grant is made directly to the institution on behalf of the winning applicant. Indirect costs may not be deducted from this award by the research institution. The award recipient may receive supplemental income in accordance with institutional policy.

DEADLINE: April 30, 2009
MORE INFO: <http://fundingopps.cos.com/cgi-bin/fo2/getRec?id=92314>

4. LESBIAN HEALTH FUND (LHF)

The Lesbian Health Fund (LHF), a program of the Gay and Lesbian Medical Association (GLMA), was established in 1992 to define, study, and educate lesbians and their health care providers about lesbian health issues. LHF's mission is to improve the health of lesbians and their families through investigation and research. Research goals include

- determination of rates and risk factors for cancers and other diseases among lesbians;
- issues of access to medical care for lesbians;
- study of mental health concerns of lesbians and their families;
- definition and investigation of lesbian family issues; and
- methodologic exploration of diversity in the lesbian population.

Grants range from \$500 to \$10,000. Grant award checks will be made to the primary institution identified on the application cover page.

DEADLINE: May 1, 2009; October 31, 2009

MORE INFO: <http://fundingopps.cos.com/cgi-bin/fo2/getRec?id=63124>

5. MENTAL HEALTH DISSERTATION RESEARCH GRANT TO INCREASE DIVERSITY (R36)

The purpose of this Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) is to increase the diversity of the mental health research workforce. It will enable qualified doctoral candidates to pursue research careers in any area relevant to the research mission of the National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH). These awards are available to U.S. citizens or permanent residents who are predoctoral students advanced to candidacy in accredited research doctoral programs in the United States (including Puerto Rico and other U.S. territories or possessions).

DEADLINE: May 08, 2009; Aug 24, 2009; Dec 22, 2009

MORE INFO: <http://fundingopps.cos.com/cgi-bin/fo2/getRec?id=117996>

6. SUICIDE PREVENTION AND COUNSELING RESEARCH (SPCR)

The supplemental appropriations for Fiscal Year 2008 in the Defense Health Program appropriations provided \$273.8 million under "Battle casualty and psychological health research" to address prevention, diagnosis, treatment, and mitigation of deployment-related injuries and psychological health concerns. Of these funds, approximately \$3.5 million is dedicated to support research efforts from this funding opportunity.

The Military Operational Medicine Research Program will manage efforts directed toward Suicide Prevention and Counseling Research. The goal of this funding opportunity is to enhance the adoption of best practices and cost-effective prevention and treatment strategies in the military community to reduce suicidality and suicides among military and veteran populations. Translational and clinical research efforts are sought to ensure that results of scientific research will be used to directly benefit and preserve the human lives of military and veteran populations.

Research is sought in the following areas:

1. Studies to validate existing suicide prevention strategies that focus on suicide prevention interventions across phases of the deployment cycle (i.e., predeployment, deployment, postdeployment cycle)
2. Studies to validate new and existing suicide risk assessment measures and screening tools in military and veteran populations
3. Studies to validate new and existing crisis intervention strategies, and clinical post-intervention and case management approaches for Service members and Veterans identified at higher suicide risk
4. Studies to validate new and existing treatment models for patients at risk for suicide with mental and/or physical illness
5. Studies to develop valid treatment-related outcome measures and tracking systems for supporting clinical care across treatment settings and in geographically separate locations

Additional information can be found at the following URL:

<https://www.momrp.org/>

DEADLINE: May 14, 2009

MORE INFO: <http://fundingopps.cos.com/cgi-bin/fo2/getRec?id=118011>

7. ANNA LALOR BURDICK PROGRAM

The Anna Lalor Burdick Program seeks to educate young women about human reproduction in order to broaden and enhance their options in life. The program focuses particularly on young women who have inadequate access to information regarding reproductive health, including the subjects of contraception and pregnancy termination, and as such may be particularly lacking

options in their lives.

Because limited foundation funding is available in the field of human reproductive education for young women, the trustees are interested in stretching the benefit of foundation grants as far as possible. Accordingly, the Anna Lalor Burdick Program emphasizes support for

- one-time projects, ongoing projects, and new projects and initiatives that demonstrate realistic plans to achieve greater financial self-sufficiency;
- new or smaller organizations (including grassroots efforts for which funding will increase public visibility, improve standing with funders, facilitate overall organizational development, or, in the case of the well-defined projects of larger organizations, add a new dimension or capability to operations);
- collaborative efforts among nonprofit organizations;
- organizations that can demonstrate a proven ability to reach out to, include, and involve young women with inadequate access to information regarding reproductive health; and
- new ideas, initiatives, and demonstration projects, which, if proven effective, may be successfully replicated or may provide multiple benefits.

Reproductive education must be the centerpiece of the proposed project, which should include attention to the subjects of contraception and pregnancy termination. The project must focus on young women, including young mothers and preteens.

DEADLINE: May 15, 2009; November 15, 2009

MORE INFO: <http://fundingopps.cos.com/cgi-bin/fo2/getRec?id=64856>

8. PRETERM BIRTH INITIATIVE

The initiative is designed to bring together a diverse interdisciplinary group with expertise in genetics/genomics, immunology, microbiology, and proteomics along with the more traditional areas of parturition research such as maternal fetal medicine, obstetrics, and pediatrics to address scientific issues related to preterm birth. Proposals must have an interdisciplinary approach and should address the biomedical causes and mechanisms underlying (preterm) parturition including but not limited to peri-implantational events, placentation, fetal determinants, fetal-maternal immune responses, biological basis for racial-ethnic disparities, mechanisms relating preterm birth to other adverse pregnancy outcomes, biology of normal labor, etc. Proposals seeking to identify biomarkers predicting preterm birth are welcome.

DEADLINE: Jun 01, 2009

MORE INFO: <http://fundingopps.cos.com/cgi-bin/fo2/getRec?id=118144>

9. PROMOTING CAREERS IN AGING AND HEALTH DISPARITIES RESEARCH (K01)

The purpose of this Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA), Promoting Careers In Aging and Health Disparities Research (K01), is to provide support and protected time to eligible individuals who have been determined by the grantee institution to be committed to a career in health disparities research related to aging and who are members of or knowledgeable about health disparity population groups. Nationally, health disparity population groups include, but are not limited to, African Americans, Hispanic Americans, American Indians/Alaska Natives, Native Hawaiians, Pacific Islanders, the medically underserved, low socioeconomic populations, and rural populations.

DEADLINE: Jun 12, 2009; Oct 12, 2009; Feb 12, 2010

MORE INFO: <http://fundingopps.cos.com/cgi-bin/fo2/getRec?id=118148>

10. PILOT AND FEASIBILITY CLINICAL RESEARCH GRANTS IN DIABETES, ENDOCRINE AND METABOLIC DISEASES (R21)

This Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) encourages exploratory/developmental clinical research related to the prevention or treatment of diabetes, obesity, and endocrine and genetic metabolic diseases. The Pilot and Feasibility Clinical Research Grants Program is designed to allow initiation of exploratory, short-term clinical studies, so that new ideas may be investigated

without stringent requirements for preliminary data. The short-term studies should focus on research questions that are likely to have high clinical impact. They can include testing a new prevention strategy, a new intervention, or unique combinations of therapies. A high priority is the use of such studies to help stimulate the translation of promising research developments from the laboratory into clinical practice in diabetes, endocrine diseases, and genetic metabolic diseases, including cystic fibrosis.

DEADLINE: Jun 16, 2009; Oct 16, 2009; Feb 16, 2010

MORE INFO: <http://fundingopps.cos.com/cgi-bin/fo2/getRec?id=117995>

11. BEHAVIORAL AND SOCIAL SCIENCE RESEARCH ON UNDERSTANDING AND REDUCING HEALTH DISPARITIES (R01)

The purpose of this Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) is to encourage behavioral and social science research on the causes and solutions to health and disabilities disparities in the U.S. population. Health disparities between, on the one hand, racial/ethnic populations, lower socioeconomic classes, and rural residents and, on the other hand, the overall U.S. population are major public health concerns.

DEADLINE: Sep 18, 2009

MORE INFO: <http://fundingopps.cos.com/cgi-bin/fo2/getRec?id=108485>

12. SOCIETY FOR WOMEN'S HEALTH RESEARCH MEDTRONIC PRIZE

The Society for Women's Health Research (SWHR) and the Medtronic Foundation have established an annual prize to recognize a woman scientist or engineer for her contributions to women's health.

The prize encourages women scientists and engineers to work on issues uniquely related to women's health and rewards women who have devoted a significant part of their careers to this area. The prize honors commitment to the area of sex differences and work to pass this commitment to collaborators and students as both a role model and mentor. The prize is given to an outstanding scientist or engineer in mid-career whose work has led or will lead directly to the improvement of women's health.

DEADLINE: January 28, 2010

MORE INFO: <http://fundingopps.cos.com/cgi-bin/fo2/getRec?id=111558>

For more funding opportunities, please visit www.research.umn.edu

B. UPCOMING CONFERENCES/CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

13. OBESITY TREATMENT AND PREVENTION

Targeted for MD's, NP's, CNM's, PA's, RN's and Dietitians from family practice, internal medicine, pediatrics and women's health settings, this national conference, presented in affiliation with the Centers for Obesity Research and Education (CORE), will provide evidence-based, practical information and tools for helping overweight and obese patients lose weight and maintain their weight loss. Interactive, case-based sessions covering dietary and pharmaceutical therapy, strategies for increasing activity, facilitating behavioral change, influence of hormones on women and weight, health issues after bariatric surgery, and Internet resources will be presented by national experts on obesity management. Special Focus on Pediatric Obesity!

DATES: 04/30/09 - 05/02/09

LOCATION: Las Vegas, NV

MORE INFORMATION: www.contemporaryforums.com

14. ADVANCES IN HEALTH CARE FOR WOMEN OVER 40

Topics include abnormal vaginal bleeding, evidence-based use of hormone therapy, midlife sexuality, osteoporosis, health promotion, sleep disorders, urogynecology, case studies,

dermatology and more. This national conference features an expert faculty and is designed for MD's, NP's, PA's, CNM's and RN's.

DATES: 05/17/09 - 05/19/09

LOCATION: Scottsdale, AZ

MORE INFORMATION: www.contemporaryforums.com

15. OFFICE GYNECOLOGY

2009 Enjoy the magnificent setting of Jackson Hole, WY and the Grand Tetons while attending an outstanding conference focusing on evidence-based assessment and management strategies for a variety of women's health problems. Targeted for MD's, NP's, CNM's, PA's and RN's from women's health and family practice settings, this conference includes topics on GYN endocrinology, contraception, menopause, sexuality, HPV and abnormal pap management, obesity, and adolescent health care, as well as a "recreation-friendly" schedule for relaxing and enjoying all Jackson Hole has to offer.

DATES: 08/02/09 - 08/05/09

LOCATION: Snow King Resort, Jackson Hole, WY

MORE INFORMATION: www.contemporaryforums.com

16. 6TH ANNUAL WOMEN'S HEALTH RESEARCH CONFERENCE – CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

The Powell Center is now accepting abstracts for our 6th Annual Women's Health Research Conference being held on September 21st, 2009! This year's focus is on women's mental health and neurosciences. However, abstracts on all women's health topics will be accepted. Please visit our website at www.womenshealth.umn.edu for more information and to submit your abstract.

C. PARTICIPATION OPPORTUNITIES

For more information on clinical trials, please visit: www.ahc.umn.edu/trials or www.fairview.org/Research/

17. VITAMIN C STUDY

Volunteers who do not consume Vitamin C supplements and who are in the age ranges of 18-22 or 70+ years old are needed for a study of whether brain vitamin C concentration changes with age or dietary supplementation. Study will involve up to 3 MRI scan sessions. Participants will be compensated financially for participation. Contact Melissa Terpstra (melissa@cmrr.umn.edu) with questions or the center for magnetic resonance research (612-623-2350) to find out if you are eligible and sign up for screening.

18. WOMEN IN STEADY EXERCISE RESEARCH

Participants are needed to complete a study about exercise and reducing risk for breast cancer. The Women In Steady Exercise Research (WISER) study at the University of Minnesota, is a four-year study examining the effect exercise has on oxidative stress and estrogen levels in women. The study will involve 400 women between 18 and 30, who will participate for six months. Participants will be randomized into a control or exercise group for four months. A free fitness center membership will be provided for exercise participants. All participants will receive \$300 upon completion of the study. Learn more at <http://ecommunication.umn.edu/t/41450/2657418/23422/0/> (Click on "Becoming a WISER Woman.")

19. MENSTRUAL PHASE AND DEPRESSION SYMPTOMS IN ACUTE SMOKING ABSTINENCE

Female smokers ages 18-40, with or without depression symptoms, are wanted for an outpatient research study of the effects of menstrual cycle on short-term quitting. Participants will be paid. This study will be recruiting for the next three years starting in 2008. For more information call 612-627-4902.

20. PHYSICAL ACTIVITY INTERVENTION FOR SMOKING CESSATION IN WOMEN AGES 50 AND OVER

Female smokers, ages 50 and over are wanted for an outpatient research study of the effect of physical activity on quitting smoking. Participants will be paid. For more information, call 612-741-6426.

21. BRAIN CORRELATES OF AFFECT REGULATION IN BORDERLINE PERSONALITY DISORDER

The University of Minnesota's Department of Psychiatry is conducting a brain imaging research study of emotional response to facial expressions in women with borderline personality disorder. The study involves an interview assessment session lasting approximately 3-3.5 hours. An MRI scan will be scheduled on a separate visit. This is NOT a treatment study. Participants must be female, ages 18-45. A phone screen is conducted to determine eligibility. Subjects will receive \$25 compensation for each visit. Parking is provided. Contact: Nathalie, 612-626-9520

22. MANAGE YOUR HEALTH ONE STEP AT A TIME

If you have diabetes mellitus and leg discomfort, you may have peripheral arterial disease. Step forward and learn more about enrolling in a take-charge clinical trial. Funded by American Diabetes Association and conducted by Dr. Tracie Collins, University of Minnesota researcher, the clinical trial involves a self-managed walking program and/or health awareness counseling. Participants commit for 6 months to learn more about the disease, gain risk-factor management skills, and improve diabetes control. Call 612-884-0853 for more information.

23. CHOLESTEROL MANAGEMENT IN VASCULAR DISEASE

University of Minnesota researchers are seeking participants for a study comparing how two different FDA-approved cholesterol medications may reduce risk of heart attack, stroke, and other heart-related complications in individuals with vascular disease. All participants will receive a medication that targets LDL ("bad") cholesterol. Half of the participants will also receive a medication that raises HDL ("good") cholesterol. Study visits are conducted at a St. Paul clinic. You may be eligible if you are 45 years old or older; have a history of vascular disease such as heart attack, stroke, or significantly blocked arteries leading to the heart, brain, or legs; and have low HDL ("good") cholesterol (approximately 53 mg/dL or less for women and 42 mg/dL or less for men). For more information, please contact Ellen at dodd0039@umn.edu or 651-771-0117, or visit the AIM-HIGH website at <http://aimhigh-heart.com>.

24. COMPREHENSIVE SUPPORT FOR ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE CAREGIVERS

Are you caring for a parent with Alzheimer's disease? Would you like more support and information to help you care for your parent? If so, you may be eligible for a new study at the University of Minnesota researchers at the University of Minnesota School of Nursing are looking for volunteers for their new study. The goal of this study is to determine if flexible and comprehensive counseling and support can help adult children care for a parent's Alzheimer's disease or similar memory disorder. Participating adult children will be randomly assigned to receive the comprehensive counseling support program or usual care. All participants will take part in a series of in-depth interviews with Dr. Gaugler. All participants will have the opportunity to share their experiences about caring for their parents. Interested? Please contact Dr. Joe Gaugler, 612-626-2485 or gaug0015@umn.edu.

25. LUPUS FATIGUE

Participation in this study involves a donation of a small sample of blood, filling out questionnaires and a brief screening physical exam. If you are interested in participating and/or want to know more information, please call or email the study coordinator Valerie Fernent or 612-626-9038.

26. VAGINAL YEAST AND BACTERIA

Women between the ages of 18 and 50, are invited to participate in a research study to determine the effect of a new compound on vaginal yeast and bacteria. Participants must have a history of chronic candidiasis or bacterial vaginosis. Upon completion of the study, Participants will receive \$150 for their participation. If interested, please contact Kristi or Pat at 626-624-9471.

27. BRAIN IMAGING FOR LEFT-HANDED FEMALES

The University of Minnesota Medical School is seeking left-handed females ages 29-35 to participate in a brain imaging (MRI) study. Two visits/\$25 per visit. Parking is provided or free taxi service. For more information, please call Nathalie at 612-626-9520, reference study #101.

28. ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE

Research in the School of Nursing and School of Medicine at the University of Minnesota is now focused on discovering future therapies that will slow or halt the progression of this disease.

Participating in this novel research to identify biological determinants of Alzheimer's disease. If you can remember simple things like the day of the week, your birthday, and where you live and you are between the ages of 59 and 87 (with a particular focus on people in their 60s, 70s, and 80s) you may be eligible for participation.

The study will involve a telephone call to determine if you qualify to participate, and one visit, at no cost to you, to answer questions, get a physical exam and have a blood and urine sample collected. Eligible participants will be offered \$30 after completion of the study; parking costs in the Fairview parking ramp on Delaware Street will also be reimbursed. For more information, contact Dr. Joe Gaugler, Assistant Professor in the School of Nursing, gaug0015@umn.edu or 612-626-2485

29. ANOREXIA NERVOSA DIARY STUDY

Female volunteers ages 18 and older with symptoms of Anorexia Nervosa are needed for a study at the University of Minnesota. This is not a treatment study. Compensation up to \$200. For more information please call the recruitment line 612-627-1991.

30. EATING DISORDER RESEARCH STUDY

Women ages 18 and older who struggle with binge eating and purging are needed for a research study providing free therapy. For more information about this University of Minnesota Study, please call 612-627-1991.

31. BORDERLINE PERSONALITY DISORDER (BPD) STUDY MEN & WOMEN AGES 18-45

Do you have problems getting along with people, frequent arguments, rapid mood swings, an unstable sense of identity, self-harming behavior, irritability, feelings of emptiness, or anger outbursts? You may be eligible to participate in an investigational medication study for Borderline Personality Disorder (BPD) at the U of MN Medical School, Department of Psychiatry. 11 Weekly assessment visits. \$30/visit. Call Ann at 612-627-4890 or email romi0004@umn.edu for more information.

32. NEW WEBSITE FOR OVERWEIGHT TEEN GIRLS AND THEIR MOMS LOOKING FOR BETA TESTERS

Fitsmi, a unique website that helps overweight teen girls make healthy changes in their lives and improve their self-esteem, is looking for beta testers. Its highly flexible design allows users, alone or with their therapists, to design a program of behavioral change that fits their personal situation (hence, the name). Fitsmi for Moms is a separate companion site that provides the support moms need in order to help their daughters.

If you have patients for whom Fitsmi might be appropriate, please email ClinicalInfo@Fitsmi.com for more information about Fitsmi, how you can visit the site, and how girls and moms can sign up. For brief videos about the sites, please go to <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Axdby22iHPo> (girls' site) or <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Sf47EgkJBao> (moms' site).

33. DEPRESSION STUDY

Have your previous medication treatments failed to improve your depression symptoms? Men and women 18 years and older are needed for a research study at the University of Minnesota adding an investigational medication to FDA-approved anti-depressant medications for depression. If you suffer from depression, and medications don't seem to be helping, you may be eligible to participate. Study medications are provided at no cost to participants. For more information, please call Victoria at 612-627-4890.

D. FOR YOUR INFORMATION

34. TRANSLATING RESEARCH INTO PRACTICE

The National Center of Excellence at Virginia Commonwealth University is delighted to announce that, as a result of an AHRQ grant, the 22 presentations from the recent "Women's Health 2006: Translating Research into Practice" program are on line and available for educational purposes, accompanied by audio of the live lectures. We encourage you to help disseminate these fascinating evidence-based lectures to faculty, staff and students, as well as to community practitioners.

Please go to: www.womenshealth.vcu.edu/wh2006lectures.

35. METHODS IN COMMUNITY-BASED PARTICIPATORY RESEARCH FOR HEALTH

Announcing the publication of "Methods in Community-Based Participatory Research for Health" Edited by Barbara A. Israel, Eugenia Eng, Amy J. Schulz, Edith A. Parker. Written by distinguished experts in the field, this book shows how researchers, practitioners, and community partners can work together to establish and maintain equitable partnerships using a community-based participatory research (CBPR) approach to increase knowledge and improve health and well-being of the communities involved. What distinguishes CBPR from other approaches to research is the active engagement of all partners in the process. This book provides a comprehensive and thorough presentation of CBPR study designs, specific data collection and analysis methods, and innovative partnership structures and process methods. For order information, please visit <http://depts.washington.edu/ccph/josseybass.html>.

36. OFFICE ON WOMEN'S HEALTH FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

The Office on Women's Health and Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) has many funding programs available in women's health research. Please visit <http://www.4woman.gov/fund/> for more information.

27. UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES AND PROGRAM ANNOUNCEMENTS

The University's Graduate School provides grants to support new exploratory initiatives in interdisciplinary research, scholarly, and creative activities. Applications are accepted throughout the year. For more information, go to <http://www.grad.umn.edu/faculty-staff/funding>. The Graduate School also provides support for the development of intercollegiate research proposals and networks. For details, go <http://www.grad.umn.edu/faculty-staff/funding/ovpr/intercollegiate.html>.

28. NLM AND ORWH ANNOUNCE NEW NIH WEB SITE SOURCE FOR WOMEN'S HEALTH RESEARCH INFORMATION

A new Web resource providing consumers with the latest information on significant topics in women's health research from scientific journals and other peer-reviewed sources is now available through the National Library of Medicine (NLM). The NLM, of the National Institutes of Health (NIH), through its Division of Specialized Information Services, Office of Outreach and Special Populations has partnered with the NIH Office of Research on Women's Health (ORWH) to create this one-stop resource.

Women's Health Resources from the NLM Web site can be found at:

<http://sis.nlm.nih.gov/outreach/womenshealthoverview.html>.

29. NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF HEALTH (NIH) – OFFICE OF RESEARCH ON WOMEN'S HEALTH

The National Institute of Health (NIH) Office of Research on Women's Health offers information on research grants and upcoming events related to women's health. You can find more specific information on their website at <http://www4.od.nih.gov/orwh/index.html>.

We welcome any input or suggestions you may have on how to make this resource most useful to you. Please feel free to contact the Powell Center for Women's Health at wmhealth@umn.edu or 612-626-1125. If you prefer not to receive future newsletters, please reply to this email with the subject "unsubscribe."