

# DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

## FY 2001 Annual Plan on Assistance to Historically Black Colleges and Universities

### Executive Summary

The Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) is pleased to participate in the White House Initiative on Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs), and remains committed to maintaining an overall steady growth in its efforts. In FY 2001, HHS plans expenditures totaling \$214,546,568 for support of HBCUs to conduct a wide variety of activities, including service projects, health professions training, biomedical research and development, as well as a number of tuition assistance, fellowship, and scholarship programs. This figure includes amounts for contracts, grants, and indirect Department technical support of HBCUs.

In FY 2001, considerable thought was given to identifying the most effective use of available resources to enhance the participation of HBCUs in the Department's programs. HHS is committed to ensuring that its programs and activities will strengthen and increase the participation of HBCUs in its health and human services research agenda.

Included in this Plan are copies of the individual agency activities plans, along with narrative descriptions of their activities with HBCUs. The activities included in this report are wide-ranging and reflect the participation of the majority of HHS agencies. This report includes information from the:

- C Administration on Aging
- C Administration for Children and Families
- C Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality
- C Office of the Assistant Secretary for Legislation
- C Office of the Assistant Secretary for Management and Budget
- C Office of the Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation
- C Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
- C Food and Drug Administration
- C Health Care Financing Administration
- C Health Resources and Services Administration
- C National Institutes of Health
- C Office of the Inspector General
- C Office of Public Health and Science
- C Program Support Center
- C Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration

## **Goals and Measurable Objectives**

During FY 2001, the Department will strive to achieve the following goals and objectives:

- C Increase the capacity of HBCUs to participate in HHS research and evaluation activities.
- C Create career paths for HBCU students by employing summer interns, PMIs, and through other mentoring activities.
- C Foster the exchange of information between HBCUs and HHS through utilization enhanced and/or targeted communication means such as the Internet.
- C Address the needs of families and service providers to increase capacity in the areas of leadership/advisory, skill building, and information dissemination through grants awards and programs at HBCUs.
- C Increase the number of HBCU faculty participating in departmental review groups, task forces, and committees as well as workshops and meetings.
- C Prepare a task order to fund HBCUs to develop knowledge synthesis activities related to mental health service access, quality, and outcomes of older Americans.
- C Work with HBCUs to identify problems and issues with health information sent to diverse populations.

## **Exemplary Activities**

### **THE ADMINISTRATION FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES (ACF)**

Projected Support to HBCUs \$18,063,748

ACF will continue a Federal commitment to reduce family and intimate violence and to urge States, localities, cities, and the private sector to become involved in State and local planning efforts, leading to the development of a comprehensive and integrated service delivery system. ACF also provided information on application requirements for grants to States and Indian Tribes. These funds will support activities, shelters, and services related to family violence.

ACF will provide support to HBCUs to operate programs in early childhood, elementary, and secondary education. ACF also plans to continue to provide educational opportunities to 20,830 low-income youth through the National Youth Sports Program.

### **THE AGENCY FOR HEALTHCARE RESEARCH AND QUALITY (AHRQ)**

Projected Support to HBCUs \$1,575,000

AHRQ plans to support the Minority Health Services Research Infrastructure Support Program (M-RISP). This program increases the capacity of minority institutions and its faculty to train health services researchers and to conduct rigorous health services research. AHRQ anticipates that HBCUs will compete successfully for two of the grant awards. The intent of M-RISP is to strengthen the research environments of minority institutions through grant support to develop and/or expand existing capacities in all fields related to health services research.

AHRQ plans to provide an opportunity for HBCUs to participate in the Initiative to Eliminate Racial and Ethnic Disparities in Health and in patient safety priority areas. Participation by HBCUs in these priority areas is critical in building their capacity to contribute to the health services research community.

**THE OFFICE OF THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR PLANNING  
AND EVALUATION (ASPE)**

Projected Support to HBCUs \$301,545

Through a cooperative agreement between the Office of Minority Health, OPHS, and the National Association for Equal Opportunity in Higher Education (NAFEO) ASPE has been able to recruit HBCU interns in past years. ASPE plans to continue building on this relationship to increase opportunities for HBCU students and graduates to participate in ASPE intern positions. In addition, ASPE plans to continue building HBCU research capacity through the recruitment of HBCU IPAs and through the utilization of the HBCU task order contract.

**THE CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION (CDC) and THE  
AGENCY FOR TOXIC SUBSTANCES AND DISEASE REGISTRY (ATSDR)**

Projected Support to HBCUs \$10,673,967

In FY 2001, CDC will continue to fund Racial and Ethnic Approaches to Community Health (REACH 2010) demonstration projects. These are two-phased projects which allow communities to mobilize and organize their resources to develop and implement effective and sustainable programs to eliminate the health disparities of racial and ethnic minorities. One of the primary collaborators in this project is the Morehouse School of Medicine. This grantee will be eligible for funding in FY 2001.

CDC and ATSDR will continue to support training initiatives through cooperative agreements with the Public Health Science Institute at Morehouse College and through the Minority Health Professions Foundation.

CDC and ATSDR will also continue to work closely with HBCUs on the Mississippi Delta project: Health and Environment, a multiphase initiative designed to develop an environmental profile of the key environmental hazards believed to be of consequence to the public health of communities in the region. In addition to identifying environmental toxicants, the project will also develop a comprehensive demographic profile of communities near hazardous waste sites and other sources of hazardous substances identified in the Region, and profile key HBCUs and other partners that can play an important role in collaborating with CDC/ATSDR, other Federal and State agencies, and local community groups.

## **THE FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION (FDA)**

Projected Support to HBCUs \$431,425

FDA will provide training opportunities for undergraduates as well as recent graduates. This ten-week program is a collaborative effort between the Centers for Veterinary Medicine, and Food Safety and Applied Nutrition. The goal of this program is to enhance the quality of the participants' research experiences and training, and to promote personal development and professional skills.

## **THE HEALTH CARE FINANCING ADMINISTRATION (HCFA)**

Projected Support to HBCUs \$1,028,200

HCFA plans to support a program which will assist HBCUs by supporting extramural research in health care capacity development activities for the African American community. It will identify African American researchers to participate in research, demonstration, and evaluation activities of interest to HCFA. It will promote research aimed at developing a better understanding of health care services issues pertaining to African Americans.

HCFA will offer a 12-week summer employment program to seven students attending HBCUs with a 2.5 grade point average, at least 90 credits, and majoring in a field related to careers available at HCFA. These positions will be located at HCFA's headquarters and the regional offices.

## **THE HEALTH RESOURCES AND SERVICES ADMINISTRATION (HRSA)**

Projected Support to HBCUs \$50,503,099

In FY 2001 there is an expected increase in support for training of health professionals to address issues of HIV/AIDS. The AIDS Education and Training Centers (AETCs) provides HIV/AIDS training to multidisciplinary health care providers. The ultimate goal of training sub-contractors under the AETC program is to provide physicians, nurses, dentists, and others with increased care skills and positive motivation to care for HIV/AIDS patients, thus increasing the care giving resources for this population. The program has an ongoing commitment to train minority providers and those who serve a predominantly minority clientele. Four HBCUs will continue to participate in this training program (Howard University, Clark-Atlanta University, Meharry Medical College, and Tuskegee University).

HRSA will continue to provide financial assistance without service or financial obligation to students from disadvantaged backgrounds who are pursuing degrees in medicine, osteopathic medicine, dentistry, optometry, pharmacy, podiatry, veterinary medicine, nursing, allied health, and public health.

## **THE NATIONAL INSTITUTES OF HEALTH (NIH)**

Total Support to HBCUs \$121,099,000

The National Institute on Aging (NIA) has developed a new professional staff position specifically designed for scientific recruitments with a special focus on minority scientists.

Dr. Yolanda Mock, who holds a Ph.D. from Meharry Medical College, was recruited to this position after completing a postdoctoral fellowship at the NIA Gerontology Research Center. She has made four visits thus far to HBCUs and plans five visits to HBCUs in FY 2001.

In FY 2001, the National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH) will seek to establish training alliances between NIMH-supported COR Education and Training Undergraduate Programs and NIMH-supported Predoctoral Institutional Training and Education Programs. The Mental Health Education Award will be used to support innovative strategies designed to provide COR students and faculty at six HBCUs (Jackson State University, Hampton University, Morgan State University, Grambling State University, Howard University, and Morehouse College) with access to graduate level mental health research expertise and instructional networks. It is anticipated that COR students will be afforded opportunities to participate in summer research projects and courses hosted by participating NIMH Institutional Training Programs and preceptors.

The National Institute of Dental and Craniofacial Research (NIDCR) is announcing an RFA to establish Centers for Research to Reduce Oral Health Disparities. The overall objectives of this initiative are to support research that will lead to an understanding of factors associated with health disparities as well as to support the development, testing, and evaluation of interventions designed to reduce health disparities in oral, dental, and craniofacial diseases and disorders. To be eligible for this initiative, each center is required to involve a partnership with one or more minority institution.

## **THE OFFICE OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND SCIENCE (OPHS)**

Projected Support to HBCUs \$8,835,079

OPHS will continue funding the Family and Community Violence Prevention Program (FCVP) through a cooperative agreement between the Office of Minority Health and Central State University (CSU). The purpose of the FCVP Program is to decrease the incidence of violence and abusive behavior in low income, at-risk communities through the mobilization of community partners to address these issues. CSU awards \$200,000 grants to minority undergraduate institutions to establish and maintain Family Life Centers (FLCs). Each of the FLCs are engaged in violence prevention activities directed at youth who are considered to be at high risk for involvement in violent and other abusive behavior. An immediate goal of this program is to increase the academic, personal, cultural, and career development of youth who are at risk. Approximately 1,500 minority youth participated in structured programs supported by the FCVP in FY 1999.

The Office of Population Affairs will provide funding for a third year training project entitled “A Program to Train Title X FP Service Providers in Male Reproductive Health Behavior and Strategies” with the purpose of training a hard to reach population (males) in reproductive health issues, responsible behavior, and effective strategies for family planning.

**THE PROGRAM SUPPORT CENTER (PSC)**

Projected Support to HBCUs \$39,875

PSC plans to support three interns during the summer of FY 2001 under the program administered by NAFEO. The interns will be placed in policymaking situations with specific projects to be completed during the assignment period. The interns will work closely with a PSC staff person and will spend some time shadowing the director of their office.

**THE SUBSTANCE ABUSE AND MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES  
ADMINISTRATION (SAMHSA)**

Projected Support to HBCUs \$1,751,630

SAMHSA will fund an initiative to increase the quality of mental health care in nursing homes and to reduce the anxiety, and stress of care givers of elderly persons with mental illnesses. The institutions supported by this grant program will evaluate the status of mental health care in nursing homes with regard to screening and assessment, utilization, staffing and staff training, quality of care standards and monitoring procedures, and innovations in mental health treatment, including medical and behavioral, financing, coordination, and design.