



Los Angeles County to Receive Grant Funds for Emergency Preparedness

The Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors voted to accept the County's allocation of the 2010 Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) Grant from the Department of Homeland Security. The UASI Grant enhances the capacity of state and local agencies to respond to incidents of terrorism and natural disasters through coordinated training, exercises, equipment acquisition and technical assistance.

The local grant award is administered for the Los Angeles/Long Beach Urban Area by the City of

Los Angeles. The Los Angeles/Long Beach Urban Area, which includes the County, the cities of Los Angeles and Long Beach as well as 26 other participating jurisdictions, received \$69,922,146. The County's portion of the 2010 award is \$8,949,330 to be distributed as follows:

- Chief Executive Office/Office of Emergency Management - \$590,000
- Health Services - \$638,888 (Gurney Purchase Reimbursement to Private and Public Hospitals)
- Fire - \$1,284,694 (the department

has already included all but \$250,000 of its portion of the grant award in its FY 2011-2012 adopted budget)

- Public Health - \$170,000
- Sheriff - \$6,205,748
- Mental Health - \$60,000

The California Emergency Management Agency has provided the Los Angeles County Operational Area with specific guidelines for the administration, management and utilization of the UASI Grant.

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No FQHC for Funding Inland Empire

The Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) awarded a total of 67 Community Health Center New Access Point grants nationwide out of 800 requests received. The Inland Empire, which had applied for this funding, did not receive any of the grant money for health care services in the region.

According to HRSA, the applica-

tions funded were primarily in rural areas and serving special populations, such as homeless patients.

The lack of Federally Qualified Health Center funding in the region places both Riverside and San Bernardino counties on precarious footing in terms of the region's health care system, said Christina Bivona-Tellez, HASC Inland Area regional vice presi-

dent. "This setback will not deter the region's efforts to pursue additional FQHCs for our area. We are currently very under equity in the number of FQHCs to population, with only 10 FQHCs for a population base of almost 4 million."

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Volunteers Needed for CareNow, Inc. Metropolitan Free Clinic Oct. 20-23

Hospital volunteers are being sought for CareNow, Inc.'s free clinic, scheduled to take place Oct. 20-23 at the Los Angeles Sports Arena. In addition to physician and nurse volunteers, the organization is looking for help in the following areas:

- Medical supplies
- Financial support
- Laboratory (such as PAP kits and readings as well as portable lab equipment)
- Educational programs
- Mobile medical vans

For the past two years, three free

clinics have been conducted in greater Los Angeles to provide medical, dental and vision services to thousands of patients over the period of one week. The first two were produced in association with Remote Area Medical (RAM) and the third with Maria Shriver's Women's Conference. The local organizers of these events have formed CareNow, Inc., a new local 501(c)(3) non-profit, to continue producing these events in Los Angeles.

Approximately 5,000 patients are expected to be treated at

CareNow's upcoming free clinic. Follow-up care will be provided to patients who need it. The event can help to reduce the number of patients utilizing ERs for primary care.

Volunteer registration information is available on the CareNow website, www.carenowusa.org. For information on making a financial contribution to support this event, contact Ashley Lautzenhiser, (310) 309-8116, Alautzenhiser@deweysquare.com.

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HASC Members Invited to Sept. 30 Program on Bundled Payments

HASC members are invited to attend a half-day program by the California Association of Physician Groups (CAPG) on bundled payments, Sept. 30 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The agenda will include a status update on bundled payments, a look at strategic and financial considerations from the hospital and medical group per-

spectives, and implications for medical group/hospital relations.

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services' Innovation Center launched a new initiative on Aug. 23 offering doctors, hospitals and other health care providers the opportunity to apply to participate in the Bundled Payments for Care Improvement initiative for regular

Fee-for-Service Medicare beneficiaries.

The event will take place at the Los Angeles Downtown Marriott. The cost is \$100 per person and includes lunch.

Please RSVP to Nelson Maldonado at nmaldonado@capg.org.

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Managing Grief Seminar Is Set for Nov. 16

HASC and the Healthcare Human Resources Management Association of California are hosting *Managing Grief in the Workplace*, scheduled to take place Wednesday, Nov. 16 at Good Samaritan Hospital - Mosley-Salvatori Conference Center.

This one-day seminar is designed to provide those individuals responsible for providing bereavement services with information on the various symptoms and stages of grief and how an organization should respond proactively and compassionately to the bereaved worker.

Program participants will attain the following key objectives:

- Understand the organizational impact of grief
- Define grief and bereavement and identify the various phases and dimensions
- Develop self-awareness regarding cultural values and beliefs about death and grief
- Define the role of the human resources department and its response to the grieving worker

Featured topics for this event include:

- When Grief Touches Your Workplace

- Symptoms and Stages of Grief
- Cultural and Diversity Considerations
- HR's Role and Response to Grief
- Best Practices Panel - The HR Perspective

The program cost is \$200 for the early bird rate (before Oct. 7), \$220 for HASC/HHRMAC members and \$198 for additional colleagues. The registration deadline is Nov. 9. For online registration, please visit <http://www.cvent.com/d/zcqjz7>.

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