December 2009, HP/DP Update and Funding Opportunities

Updates:

1. **Getting to Grocery: Tools for Attracting Healthy Food Retail to Underserved Neighborhoods,** from Public Health Law & Policy (PHLP) is a guide for advocates working to increase healthy food access in low-income neighborhoods and available at: http://www.phlpnet.org/sites/phlpnet.org/files/Getting_to_Grocery_FINAL_090909.pdf

2. CDC Technical Assistance Manual developed for state and **community partners** of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) **to develop, implement, and evaluate an array of nutrition and physical activity projects that aim to prevent and control obesity and other chronic diseases** is available at: http://www.cdc.gov/obesity/downloads/TA_Manual_1_31_08.pdf

3. Available from USDA is **MyPyramid Tracker**, **an online dietary and physical activity assessment tool** that provides information on diet quality, physical activity status. The Food Calories/Energy Balance feature automatically calculates energy balance by subtracting the energy expended from physical activity from food calories/energy intake. This tool can help to better understand the concepts of energy balance and the link between good nutrition and regular physical activity. A slide show tutorial is available at: http://www.mypyramid.gov/tracker/trackertutorial.html and the My Pyramid Tracker is online at: http://www.mypyramidtracker.gov/Default.aspx?Module=4

4. Available from FDA is a **Holiday Food Safety Success Kit**, which provides tips on how to make sure holiday meals are safe (an delicious). It **includes recipes, shopping checklist, food safety tips, and children's activities are included in the multi-media program**. Available at: http://www.holidayfoodsafety.org/

5. The journal *Diabetes*; published ahead of print December 3, 2009 abstract addresses **the association between lactation duration and incidence of the metabolic syndrome (MetS) among women of reproductive age.** This article will be published in the February 2010 issue of the journal *Diabetes*. The study result showed that increased lactation duration was associated with lower metabolic syndrome incidence rates and concluded that lactation may have persistent favorable effects on women's cardiometabolic health. Abstract available at: http://diabetes.diabetesjournals.org/content/early/2009/11/12/db09-1197.abstract

Funding Opportunities:

1. From NIH **- Reducing Health Disparities Among Minority and Underserved Children (R01).** The **grants will fund research** that addresses health disparities among minority and underserved children, with the amount and number of grants dependant on the type and number of applicants. Grants are to be awarded to public and private institutions of higher education, nonprofits with and without 501(c)(3) status, small businesses, state governments, and for profit organizations. **Application deadline is September 8, 2010.**
   For more information visit: http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-07-392.html

2. From NIH - **Small Research Grant (R03) applications**, to support different types of health services research projects including pilot and feasibility studies; secondary analysis of existing data; small, self-contained research projects; development of research methodology; and, development of new research technology. The grant awards

will be made to institutions rather than individuals with an award ceiling of $100,000. **Application deadline is May 07, 2010**.
For more information: http://grants.nih.gov:80/grants/guide/pa-files/PAR-06-448.html

3. From NIH - **Dissemination and Implementation Research in Health (R03)**, to disseminate and implement research-tested health behavior change interventions and evidence-based prevention, early detection, diagnostic, treatment, and quality of life improvement services with an award ceiling of $50,00. **Application deadline is January 07, 2013**.
For more information visit: http://grants.nih.gov:80/grants/guide/pa-files/PAR-10-039.html

4. From the Office of the National Coordinator - **The Beacon Community Cooperative Agreement Program** will provide **funding to communities to build and strengthen their health information technology (health IT) infrastructure and exchange capabilities.** Awards will be made in the form of cooperative agreements to approximately 15 qualified non-profit organizations or government entities representing geographic health care communities. Selected communities must already be national leaders in the advancement of health IT, workflow redesign and care coordination, or quality monitoring and feedback. In addition, successful communities must have advanced rates of electronic health record (EHR) adoption and health information exchange (HIE), and the readiness to incorporate health IT to advance community-level care coordination and quality monitoring and feedback, with an award ceiling of $20,000.00 and floor of $10,000.00. **Application deadline: February 01, 2010.**
For more information visit:
http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=NL1sLhFBQLyTYycysvHmD28hJ5lKhBqHysZnPLsrddZlnttyBshB!-1299818899?oppId=50455&mode=VIEW

5. The National Service Agency announces **changes to availability of AmeriCorps Planning Grants.** Major changes to the planning grant competition include, **1) the competition is now also open to organizations that want to plan AmeriCorps programs in one state, 2) the total funds available increased by $250,000 to $750,000, and 3) the application deadline has been extended to January 26, 2010.** The grants support the development of AmeriCorps programs so applicants are better prepared to compete for an AmeriCorps grant in the following grant cycle. **Indian Tribes Planning Grants are available to federally recognized Indian Tribes. Applications deadline is 5:00 ET Tuesday, January 26, 2010.**
For further information visit:
http://www.nationalservice.gov/for_organizations/funding/nofa.asp,
or call 202-606-7508.

6. The **Administration for Children and Families** (ACF), Office of Community Services (OCS), is accepting applications for grants to support and administer the **Assets For Independence projects** as part of the national Assets for Independence program. Award ceiling $1,000,000.00 and award floor $350,000 per project. **Application deadline for FY2010 is January 15, 2010, March 25, 2010 and June 25, 2010.**
For more information visit: http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/ocs/afi/applying.html