

The Healthy Elders Leadership Project

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I. NEWS UPDATES:

It's OUR Healthcare Campaign

SEARAC has endorsed the It's OUR Healthcare Campaign. This campaign is composed of a coalition of consumer advocates, working families, labor organizations and California's diverse communities. The goal of this campaign is to empower and educate Californians to change our healthcare so that it works for everyone. Your healthcare stories are currently needed! Follow this link to find out more: <http://www.itsourhealthcare.org/>.

Assemblymember Jim Beall Jr. Invites You to a Town Hall Meeting on Healthcare

On **Thursday, May 17th from 6-8pm**, Assemblymember Beall Jr.'s (district 24) will host a town hall. This town hall will help educate and raise awareness about the various healthcare reform proposals that are currently being considered in Sacramento. The event will also provide an opportunity to meet with elected officials, learn how the Governor's May Revise impacts the proposals, and express your thoughts on which proposals you think would work best in California. The town hall will be in the Multi-Purpose Room of the **Camden Community Center** located at **3369 Union Ave in San Jose, Ca**. Free parking is available on site. For more information contact Assemblymember Beall Jr.'s office: (408) 282-8920.

29th Annual OCA National Convention

The Organization of Chinese Americans will be holding their national convention on June 28th-July 1st, 2007 at the Sacramento Convention Center and Sheraton Grand Hotel in Sacramento. There will be youth leadership trainings, college leadership trainings, job fairs and much more. Registration varies, for more information, [click here for the OCA website](#).

II. GRANT OPPORTUNITIES:

U.S. Department of Education Mentoring Grant

Assistance is provided to promote mentoring programs for children with the greatest need. Grants are provided to programs that: (1) assist such children in receiving support and guidance from a mentor; (2) improve the academic performance of such children; (3) improve interpersonal relationships between such children and their peers, teachers, other adults, and family members; (4) reduce the dropout rate of such children; and (5) reduce juvenile delinquency and involvement in gangs by such children. [**Grants up to \\$200,000, deadline to apply is May 23rd!**](#)

Robert Wood Johnson Foundation's New Routes to Community Health Grant

A program of the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, **New Routes to Community Health** supports local partnerships among immigrant organizations, media production centers and established community institutions to foster collaborations to improve immigrants' health, work life and civic participation. Up to eight geographically- and ethnically-diverse sites will receive awards of as much as \$225,000 over 39 months. **Deadline is May 17, 2007.** Complete details on the submission process and program information are available at the [Robert Wood Johnson Foundation](#) website.

III. TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES:

2007 Southeast Asian American National Leadership Gathering: Collaborating Actions Among Leaders, JULY 22-JULY 25, 2007 Washington, DC

REGISTRATION OPEN NOW! Please register as soon as possible as free lodging is limited. This year marks the 10th anniversary of the Southeast Asian American National Leadership-Advocacy Training. Since its inception, SEARAC's leadership trainings have trained over 400 leaders. In place of our traditional training, this gathering will unite past leadership training participants and new leaders to strategize on their important role in mobilizing Southeast Asian communities throughout the country. The four day summit will include advocacy education, leadership development, strategizing, collaborative networking, and communication with policymakers. Registration forms are available at www.searac.org. Contact leadershipgathering@searac.org for more information or for a hard copy of the application. **Registration Deadline has been extended! A new date is TBA, but register ASAP to be considered for free accommodations.** Please note, however, that this does not guarantee lodging as it is on a first come, first-serve basis for the first 120 registrants who need lodging.

2007 Community Dialogue Series on Mental Health

The Mental Health Association of the Central Valley in collaboration with the Mental Health Association in California present a series of dialogues to create a network of community organizations that provide services to underserved groups. The purpose is to help the community care for itself by increasing the capacity of traditional community support systems, which already serve these underserved groups. Sessions will range from addressing stigma within mental health to obtaining funding for outreach services. All sessions are in Fresno at Alliant National University located at 5130 East Clinton Way. First session is **May 18th**! **REGISTER NOW!** Contact Christina Alejo at (559) 253-2204 for more information.

CPEHN Statewide Conference

The California Pan-Ethnic Health Network invites you to their statewide conference on **June 7th**: "Voices for Change: Advocacy Solutions for Healthy Communities". The purpose of this conference is to share policy and advocacy tools and solutions that offer a holistic approach to building healthy communities in California, especially for low-income communities and communities of color. The conference is located at The California Endowment's Center for Healthy Communities, 1000 North Alameda Street Los Angeles, CA 90012. **Registration fee is \$100.** **Click here to register online now!**

IV. COMMUNITY RESOURCES:

California Healthcare Reform

Keep up to date with what is happening in the legislature regarding California Healthcare reform! The California Healthcare Foundation has created a website where you are able to receive up to date news, insight and debate on the current healthcare proposals. View the website here: <http://calhealthreform.org/>

CPEHN Multi-Cultural Health Web Portal

CPEHN's multicultural health web portal offers access to events to advance multicultural health care, opportunities for advocacy and also provides links to data and additional resources. You may also contribute other relevant studies to this site. Explore the portal by clicking on the following link: <http://cpehn.org/>

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