

## ICSNP Provider Awards and Competitive Grants Summary 2007 – 2008

### Provider Awards

Rural Health Clinics - \$150,000 - Eighty-four of the 142 Rural Health Clinics (RHCs) in Iowa requested funds from the \$150,000 available through the Iowa Collaborative Safety Net Provider Network (Safety Net). Each RHC that applied for the funding is receiving \$1,785 to support infrastructure, statewide coordination, provider recruitment, service delivery, and the provision of assistance to patients in determining an appropriate medical home.

Free Clinics - \$250,000 - All of the 29 Free Clinics in Iowa requested funds from the \$100,000 available through the Safety Net. Each Free Clinic is receiving \$3,448 to support infrastructure, statewide coordination, provider recruitment, service delivery, and the provision of assistance to patients in determining an appropriate medical home. The remaining \$50,000 will be distributed to the Free Clinics on a proportional basis. Sixty thousand dollars was used to support and expand the Volunteer Health Care Provider Program, which is administered through the Iowa Department of Public Health; and use of the remaining \$40,000 needs to be determined between the free clinics organizations and Safety Net staff.

Family Planning Agencies - \$100,000 - The deadline for Family Planning Agencies to request funds is February 15. This coincides with a mid-February federal reporting deadline that affects those agencies.

### Competitive Grants

#### Local Boards of Health Medical Home Capacity Building - \$100,000

- ❖ *Dallas County Board of Health – Dallas County* (\$33,000): The grant will be used to incorporate a medical home initiative into a Building Healthy Communities in Dallas County initiative.
- ❖ *Polk County Health Department – Polk County* (\$33,300): The grant will be used to assess the current system's capacity to meet the needs of the medically homeless.
- ❖ *Calhoun County – Calhoun County* (\$33,333): The grant will be used to expand a current medical home initiative for children to include dental and mental health homes. It will also be used to explore feasibility and plan to develop and implement a medical home initiative for adults.

#### Maternal and Child Health Centers Medical Home Capacity Building - \$100,000

- ❖ *Crittenton Center – Sioux City* (\$29,812): The grant will be used to establish a medical home task force made up of health care and non-health care service providers.
- ❖ *Dubuque Visiting Nurse Association – Dubuque* (\$35,068): The grant will be used to provide enhanced case management services to fully implement a current medical and dental home initiative.
- ❖ *Visiting Nurse Services – Des Moines* (\$35,117): The grant will be used to build medical home capacity through the collection and analysis of information regarding the perceptions, attitudes, and understanding of a medical home by clients and direct service providers.

#### Specialty Care Networks - \$400,000

- ❖ *Polk County Medical Society – Polk County* (\$175,000): The grant will be used to continue and add capacity to an already established volunteer physician network, which will include physician recruitment, retention, and recognition. The project will track patient usage and the value of care received. The goals for the network include: more effectively coordinate physicians and uninsured clients; assist safety net providers in securing appropriate medical care for patients; and ensure availability of specialty care to uninsured patients in a timely manner.
- ❖ *Primary Health Care, Inc. – Des Moines* (\$75,000): The capacity building grant will be used to undertake a planning process for an alternative system for accessing specialty care, specifically

mental health specialty services. PHC will work in partnership with Behavioral Health Resources, a Community Mental Health Center, to develop better and stronger relationships among specialty mental health and primary medical care.

- ❖ *Healthy Linn Care Network – Linn County* (\$75,000): The capacity building grant will be used to develop *Linn County Project Access*, a volunteer physician specialty care referral network, which would assist patients in determining an appropriate medical home. The network will allow individuals who seek medical care in Linn County from more than 80 surrounding communities the ability to receive more comprehensive, coordinated, and timely care. The project will specifically focus on enhancing data collection methods to demonstrate need, facilitate community conversations with the provider community and other partners, build leadership and grow community support, and secure technical assistance.

### **Pharmacy Initiatives - \$400,000**

The Iowa Prescription Drug Corporation (IPDC) has taken the lead on the pharmacy initiatives discussed below and reports back to the Safety Net Advisory Group as well as the Iowa Department of Public Health on a quarterly basis.

#### Drug Donation Repository - March 2007 – December 2007:

- ❖ Units Donated: 318,427
- ❖ Donated Value: \$292,773.87
- ❖ Units Shipped: 143,232.50
- ❖ Shipped Value: \$150,574.78

Currently, nine counties are home to a local drug donation repository, including Woodbury, Page, Hamilton, Story, Polk, Jasper, Linn, Johnson, and Clinton Counties. Most of the local repositories are located within Free Clinics; however, two Community Health Centers now serve as a local repository, as does the Iowa Heart Center.

Medication Discount Card - The Medication Discount Card will allow patients to access discounts on a wide variety of medications ranging in cost from \$8 to \$16. The program will initially be piloted by a few RHCs in February and will then be expanded to RHCs statewide.

### **Primary Care Provider Recruitment Initiative**

Recruiting and retaining a skilled primary health care workforce has become a critical issue for safety net providers. With the creation of a workforce recruitment program, staff and resources can be redirected to providing care to the uninsured and underserved. This program would be designed to coordinate and build on recruiting efforts currently underway by other partners.

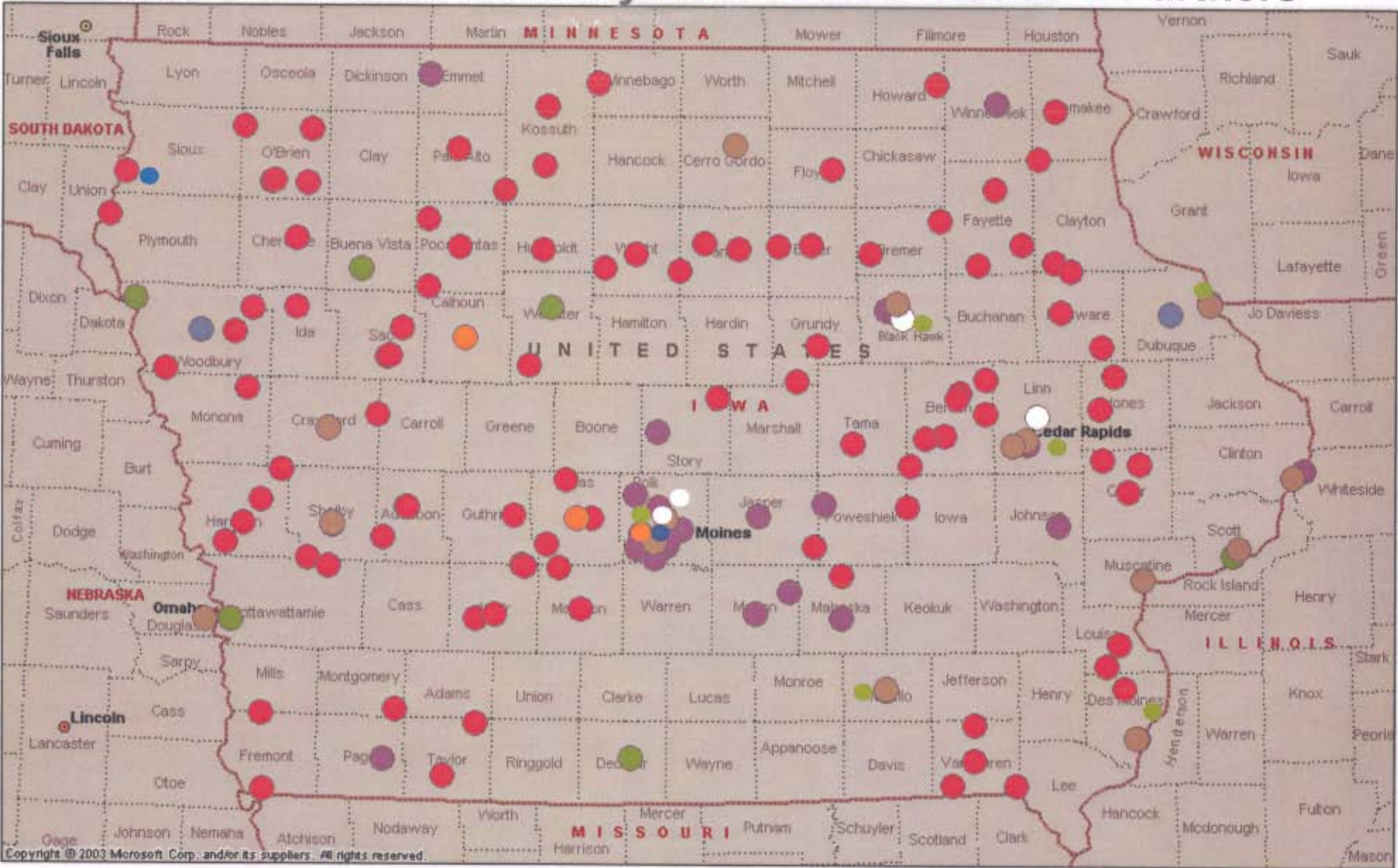
Additionally, the Network will partner with the **Iowa Department of Public Health's Center for Workforce Development** to address statewide recruitment issues.

### **Community Health Center Incubator Program**

Network funding includes support for the Community Health Center Incubator Program, which achieved success in August 2007 when the first incubator site – Crescent Community Health Center in Dubuque – was awarded federal funding. The State's investment in the Incubator Program was instrumental in leveraging local funding and in ultimately securing federal funding for Dubuque. Currently, Greater Sioux Community Health Center in Sioux County is receiving Incubator funding.

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