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Greater Flint Health Coalition's Flint Healthcare Employment Opportunities (FHEO) Project Receives Honorable Mention for the 2006 Community-Campus Partnerships for Health (CCPH) Award

The Greater Flint Health Coalition was recently informed by the Community-Campus Partnerships for Health (CCPH), a nonprofit organization that promotes health through partnerships between communities and higher educational institutions that the Coalition's Flint Healthcare Employment Opportunities (FHEO) Project has been selected for an Honorable Mention for their 2006 CCPH award!

Founded in 1996, CCPH is a growing network of over 1,000 communities and campuses that are collaborating to promote health through service-learning, community-base participatory research, broad-based coalition and other community-academic partnership strategies. These partnerships are powerful tools for improving health professional education, civic engagement and the overall health of communities.

The FHEO Project, a healthcare sector workforce development project funded by the Charles Stewart Mott Foundation, the Community Foundation of Greater Flint in addition to the Michigan Department of Labor & Economic Growth, focuses on creating sustainable employment and promoting career advancement in the healthcare industry within Flint and Genesee County by working with health industry employers to restructure their hiring, retention, and promotional practices for entry-level employment. In addition, the

Project has established collaborative relationships, providing support and guidance, while pursuing opportunities to expand and replicate the project to other communities across the State of Michigan.

The Grant Development Office at Mott Community College received notification of the Call for Nominations for the CCPH annual award earlier this year, and submitted an application on behalf of the FHEO Project. While the Project was not selected as the recipient of the award, the selection committee from CCPH felt that the FHEO Project shouldn't go unnoticed.

The Greater Flint Health Coalition, the lead agency for the FHEO Project is a 501(c)3 organization that serves as a community/institutional partnership and multi-faceted collaborative body. Its mission is twofold: Improve the health status of the residents of Genesee County; improve the quality and cost effectiveness of the health care system in the community. The Greater Flint Health Coalition Board of Directors is a broad reflection of the community's leadership including representatives from government, health providers, labor, business, insurers, education, consumers, and faith-based organizations.

For additional information about the Flint Healthcare Employment Opportunities (FHEO) Project, please contact the Greater Flint Health Coalition by telephone at (810) 232-2228 or by email at gfhc@flint.org.

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