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**“Potomac Health Foundation Awards Grants Addressing Mental and Behavioral Health”**

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Potomac Health Foundation awarded \$1,791,865 in Howard L. Greenhouse Large Grants to address mental and behavioral health in eastern Prince William County, Lorton, and North Stafford communities in Virginia. Mental Health is a focus area of the Foundation 2017-2020 strategic plan, along with access to health care and capacity building. The Foundation’s mission to improve the health of the community by increasing access to health care for the medically underserved.

The grants were awarded to 16 agencies and support a variety of strategies, including training current and future health care providers. Greater Prince William Community Health Center and Mason and Partners Clinic of George Mason University will partner to create a preceptorship program for future behavioral health providers. Virginia Center for Health Innovation will offer training to primary care providers on how to implement integrated care into their practices. Funding will also support hiring culturally competent mental/behavioral health providers at a number of direct service agencies, public outreach and education about mental health issues, and support of the Greater Prince William Trauma Informed Care Network.

There are three agencies receiving Potomac Health Foundation grants for the first time. Inova Health Care Services will provide mental health services to people living with HIV at the Inova Juniper Program in Dumfries, Virginia. Postpartum Support Virginia received a grant to provide support groups and educate providers on postpartum depression and perinatal mood and anxiety disorders. Workhouse Arts Foundation in Lorton, Virginia will offer therapeutic art experiences and services to veterans, along with their families and caregivers.

“The Foundation knew it was important and timely to put a focus on behavioral health for this round of grants. Mental and behavioral health are consistently cited as leading health concerns by community members and experts. There are significant gaps in mental health services in Prince William County, including a shortage of providers, with the number of mental health providers in Prince William County for the population a lot lower compared to the rest of Virginia,” said Susie Lee, Executive Director.

Including the mental health-focused grants, the Potomac Health Foundation Board of Directors awarded a total of \$2,641,537 in grants at its June Board meeting. Grant amounts ranged from \$14,492 to \$201,300 and were awarded through a competitive application process. Grants are for one year and begin on July 1, 2018.

Potomac Health Foundation is an independent, private foundation located in Woodbridge, Virginia. A full listing of 2018-2019 Howard L. Greenhouse Large Grant Program recipients and awards is below:

<b>BEHAVIORAL AND MENTAL HEALTH GRANTS</b>		
Action in Community Through Service	Behavioral Health Treatment for Homeless Clients	\$115,460.00
Greater Prince William Community Health Center	Bridging the Behavioral Health Gap - GPWCHC/GMU Preceptorship Pipeline	\$150,000.00
Inova Health Care Services	Expanding Behavioral Health Service Capacity in Prince William County	\$166,204.00
National Coalition of 100 Black Women	Responding & Protecting (RAP) Middle School Students and Parents	\$144,000.00
Northern Virginia Family Service	Mental Health for Children with Families	\$124,428.00

Pathway Homes	Permanent Supportive Housing for Individuals with Serious Mental Illnesses	\$150,000.00
Postpartum Support Virginia	Support for Women Experiencing Postpartum Depression	\$25,000.00
Prince William Drop-In Center	Outreach & Education	\$44,000.00
SCAN of Northern Virginia	Immigrant Family Reunification: Building Resilient Youth and Families	\$105,321.00
The Arc of Greater Prince William	Increase agency capacity to better serve persons who are dually diagnosed (DD/MH)	\$50,000.00
The House, Inc. Student Leadership Center	The Office on Youth Mental Health and Wellness	\$127,000.00
Virginia Center for Health Innovation	Healthy Minds, Healthy Children	\$182,452.00
Voices for Virginia's Children	Building Public Will for Investments in Children's Mental Health and Trauma	\$60,000.00
Workhouse Arts Foundation, Inc.	Workhouse Arts Center - Military in the Arts Initiative	\$73,000.00
Young Invincibles	Healthy Young America Campaign-Northern Virginia	\$125,000.00
Youth for Tomorrow	YFT Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services for the Underserved	\$150,000.00
<b>ACCESS TO HEALTH CARE GRANTS</b>		
Consumer Health Foundation-Regional Primary Care Coalition	Regional Primary Care Coalition	\$23,706.00
George Mason University	VALE-A Multidisciplinary Program for Childhood Obesity Treatment Among Latino Communities	\$127,176.00
Nueva Vida	Increasing cancer prevention and improving continuity of care to underserved Latinas in PWC	\$97,444.00
Sentara Northern Virginia Medical Center	In-Person Interpreter	\$201,300.00
Stafford Schools Head Start	Children's Health Insurance Outreach	\$14,492.00
The Arc of Greater Prince William/INSIGHT, Inc.	Completion of Therapeutic Services	\$79,000.00
The Arc of Greater Prince William/INSIGHT, Inc.	VOSAC III	\$96,750.00
The Doorways	Patient and Family Access Program	\$38,000.00
Virginia Community Food Connections	Improving SNAP Access to Affordable Fresh Food for Community Health	\$46,804.00
Virginia Foundation for Community College Education	Potomac Health Foundation Fellows Program	\$125,000.00

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