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## **CDPH Announces Intent to Award California Reducing Disparities Project Implementation Pilot Projects**

SACRAMENTO – California Department of Public Health (CDPH) Director and State Public Health Officer Dr. Karen Smith today announced the intent to award the Implementation Pilot Projects (IPPs) as part of Phase II of the California Reducing Disparities Project (CRDP). The CRDP aims to reduce mental health disparities across five target populations that include African American, Asian and Pacific Islander, Latino, Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer and Questioning (LGBTQ), and Native American communities.

“The California Reducing Disparities Project is an important step toward ensuring access to culturally and linguistically competent mental health services,” said Dr. Smith. “The organizations mentioned in today’s announcement will serve as key players in our effort to achieve health and mental health equity for all Californians.”

Responsibilities for the Implementation Pilot Projects will include addressing culturally and linguistically appropriate mental health services within communities of their respective target population. The primary goal of these projects is to validate community-defined evidence-based practices through rigorous evaluation. The Pilot Projects are the central component to Phase II of CRDP.

The Implementation Pilot Projects will work with the CRDP statewide evaluator and their population-specific technical assistance provider to ensure evaluation guidance and implementation support.

CDPH is pleased to announce that the Population-Specific IPPs for Phase II include:

**African American:**

1. Catholic Charities of the East Bay – Alameda County
2. Safe Passages – Alameda County
3. The Village Project, Inc. – Monterey County
4. West Fresno Health Care Coalition – Fresno County

**Asian and Pacific Islander \*:**

1. Asian Community Mental Health Services – Alameda County
2. Cambodian Association of America – Los Angeles County
3. East Bay Asian Youth Center – Alameda County
4. HealthRIGHT 360 – San Mateo County

## 5. Korean Community Services – Orange County

### Latino:

1. Health Education Council – Yolo County
2. La Clínica de la Raza, Inc. – Alameda County
3. La Familia Counseling Center, Inc. – Sacramento County
4. Mixteco/Indígena Community Organizing Project – Ventura County

### LGBTQ:

1. Asian & Pacific Islander Wellness Center – City and County of San Francisco
2. Gender Spectrum – Alameda County
3. On The Move – Napa County
4. Openhouse – City and County of San Francisco

### Native American \*\*:

1. Friendship House Association of American Indians, Inc. – City and County of San Francisco
2. Indian Health Center of Santa Clara Valley – Santa Clara County
3. Indian Health Council, Inc. – San Diego County
4. Native American Health Center – Alameda County
5. United American Indian Involvement, Inc. – Los Angeles County

CDPH will also be awarding Capacity Building Pilot Projects (CBPPs) in May. These CBPPs are smaller organizations, with annual budgets less than \$500,000, and have a need for organizational capacity building. These organizations will receive six months of additional technical assistance support to then participate as an IPP.

In total, CDPH will award \$60 million to 41 contractors and grantees over six years to implement Phase II of CRDP.

The CRDP is funded by the Mental Health Services Act (Proposition 63) that was passed in November 2004. This act imposes a one percent income tax on personal income in excess of \$1 million.

\*Five awardees were selected as there were only two Capacity Building Pilot Project applications submitted.

\*\*Five awardees were selected as there were no Capacity Building Pilot Project applications submitted and these organizations met or exceeded the minimum scoring requirements.

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