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Colorado Health Foundation Awards $1.3 Million to Community-based Health Organizations Strengthening Connections with the Health Care System

DENVER, CO – The Colorado Health Foundation recently awarded funding to seven organizations as part of a three-year, $4 million initiative designed to build on federal efforts to create a community-integrated health system. These organizations include: American Diabetes Association – Colorado, Colorado Black Health Collaborative, Colorado Coalition for the Homeless, Colorado Springs Fire Department, Denver Health and Hospitals Foundation, Health Solutions and Tri-County Health Network.

The selected projects show promise in collaborating with health systems and community-based resources to identify and address health priorities, including obesity, mental health or substance abuse, diabetes and heart disease. They are geographically dispersed, serving the Denver Metro area as well as Pueblo, Bent, El Paso, Montrose, San Miguel and Ouray counties.

“Each of these organizations has a different approach to improving health outcomes in their community,” said Melanie Herrera Bortz, program officer at the Colorado Health Foundation. “But they share a commitment to improving the health of Coloradans by strengthening connections between existing resources and the health care system.”

The initiative is part of the Foundation’s strategy to support communities to prevent disease and improve population health. In addition to funding, grantees will have access to technical assistance and a peer learning collaborative to share best practices. A second round of funding will be released through a solicited process in June 2016.

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