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AAPCHO Applauds Funding of New Access Points Serving Asian Americans, Native Hawaiians and other Pacific Islanders

OAKLAND, November 13, 2013 – The Association of Asian Pacific Community Health Organizations (AAPCHO), applauded the Department of Health & Human Services' (DHHS) decision to award funds to an unprecedented number of community health organizations providing health care to Asian Americans, Native Hawaiians and other Pacific Islanders (AA&NHOPIs).

DHHS, as part of the Affordable Care Act, recently announced its new access point awards, which enables existing community-based organizations to expand its operations through new sites and deliver health care services to more patients.

Five AAPCHO members, of nearly a dozen AA&NHOPi-serving community based organizations, received new access point awards: Asia Services in Action Ohio, Asian Americans for Community Involvement in San Jose, Center for Pan Asian Community Services in Atlanta, MQVN Community Development Corp in New Orleans, and Operation Samahan in San Diego. Community health center, Asian Human Services Family Health Center of Chicago, also received a new access point grant award. Each of these organizations delivers comprehensive services, ranging from primary health care to supportive services such as translation and transportation. Many of the patients served by these organizations are AA&NHOPi, uninsured, low-income and limited English proficient.

“We are thrilled that growing AA&NHOPi communities in Akron, Ohio, Atlanta, and New Orleans, will now finally have access to culturally and linguistically appropriate health care. These communities have had to do without such services for far too long,” said Jeffrey Caballero, executive director of AAPCHO. “Following on the heels of the Affordable Care Act, these new community health center awards will allow very critical health care services to reach more medically underserved individuals, particularly AA&NHOPIs. This is a very exciting time and we applaud President Obama for his commitment to making health care more accessible to all individuals.”

AAPCHO, through its technical assistance program, has worked with each of the five awardees in their respective attempts to increase health care services to vulnerable AA&NHOPi populations across the county. AAPCHO has done so by providing advice, assistance and training that supports the successful development and implementation of each organization’s programs.

About AAPCHO

AAPCHO is a national association of 33 community health organizations dedicated to promoting advocacy, collaboration, and leadership that improves the health status and access of Asian Americans, Native Hawaiian, and other Pacific Islanders in the U.S. For more information on AAPCHO and its Guiding Principles and Values, please visit www.aapcho.org.

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