

Kate B. Reynolds Charitable Trust Invest \$1.5 Million in Integration of Care

Winston-Salem, NC — The Kate B. Reynolds Charitable Trust announces new grants totaling over \$1.5 million to bring substance abuse and primary health care providers together in the Health Care Division's most recent round of awards. The integration or co-location of substance abuse services in close affiliation with medical home care provides clients with more efficient and comprehensive experiences with providers who are more aware of their needs and is a best practice approach identified in the North Carolina Institute of Medicine's Substance Abuse Report.

These awards were granted to 14 organizations who proposed programs integrating substance abuse services with safety net medical homes such as health departments, free clinics, school-link health centers, and Federally Qualified Health Centers in order to provide screening and/or treatment to low-income residents. Integrating these services will strengthen the health outcomes of their clients and the communities in which they are located by fostering communication between health care providers.

"The Trust is most interested in work that demonstrates innovation, cross-sector collaboration, and impact. These grantees have designed programs that provide comprehensive services despite complex systems and limited resources," says Karen McNeil-Miller, the President of the Kate B. Reynolds Charitable Trust, whose mission is to improve the quality of life and health for low-income North Carolinians.

Grantees include BAART Community HealthCare (Durham), Bakersville Community Medical Clinic, Inc. (Mitchell), CenterPoint Human Services (Forsyth), Coastal Horizons Center, Inc. (New Hanover), Community Clinic of Rutherford County, Dare County Health Department, Duke University (Durham), Gaston County Health Department, Guilford Adult Health (Guilford), Johnston County Mental Health Center, Rural Health Group, Inc. (Halifax), SouthLight, Inc. (Wake), Wilkes County Health Department, Wilmington Health Access for Teens, Inc. (New Hanover).

The Kate B. Reynolds Charitable Trust was established in 1947 and is now one of the largest private trusts in North Carolina. Its mission is to improve the quality of life and quality of health for the financially needy of North Carolina. The Health Care Division promotes wellness state-wide by investing in prevention and treatment. The Poor and Needy Division of the Trust responds to basic life needs and invests in solutions that improve the quality of life and health for financially needy residents of Forsyth County. Wachovia, a Wells Fargo Company, serves as sole trustee.

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