



Human Service Cooperative Community NEWS LETTER December 2006

Federated HSC® Updates

THE FEDERATED HSC EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION

The 2003 – 2006 CMS CPASS grant that funded the start up and development of the HSC Co-op model has officially closed. To generate funding for continued HSC co-op development, management, education, and community outreach the HSC Educational Foundation received its 501c3 status this year and is working on a capital campaign. Campaign efforts are focusing on various funding opportunities including private donations and foundation and government grants. Funds will go to support self-determination and self-direction while

enhancing the quality of life for people with disabilities.

Tax deductible donations can be gifted to the HSC Educational Foundation at PO Box 22120 Phoenix Arizona 85028. Please consider the HSC Educational Foundation as a recipient of your charitable contributions. And please help us spread the word by sharing the Human Service Cooperative story and cause with friends and family. **We need your help!**

A SUCCESSFUL FIRST ANNUAL FEDERATED HSC CONFERENCE

The level of interest, enthusiasm, and commitment for the Human Service Cooperative movement couldn't be more apparent than at our First Annual Conference. We were privileged to have guests traveling in from Tennessee, Michigan, California, and throughout Arizona to participate and learn from one another.

Learning and sharing information is the cornerstone of cooperation. We extend a special thanks to session leaders, board trainees, and panel presenters who openly shared their experiences, expertise, and knowledge.

Our conference wouldn't have been complete without the outstanding line up of guest speakers including: Barbara Brent, AZ DES/DDD Acting Director; Jami Snyder AZ Governor's Council Executive Director; and Ric Zaharia District II Program Manager. Our utmost respect and appreciation goes to our keynote speakers.

On a final note, the Human Service Cooperative movement shows no sign of slowing. We look forward to the Second Annual Conference and hope to see you all there.

COMMUNITY RECOGNITION AWARDS PRESENTED TO AZ LEADERS

Nominated by HSC co-op members, three Arizona leaders were elected to receive the Federated HSC Community Recognition Award (CRA) for outstanding achievements and efforts that improve the quality of life for people with disabilities.

Award recipients are: Amina Kruck, Director of Advocacy Programs for Arizona Bridge to Independent Living (ABIL); Gretchen Jacobs, Chairman of the Governmental Affairs Practice Group at Greenberg Traurig; and The Scenic Route. Awards were presented by David Carey, Inspire HSC board chair, on Thursday September 12, 2006 during the Federated HSC 2006 Conference Opening.

HSC Growth and Progress

Arizona

HSCONA, HSC

August 2006 marked HSCONA's one year anniversary which was filled with great successes. Receiving excellent audit reviews from Arizona Division of Developmental Disabilities (DDD) HSCONA is operating with a positive fund balance. Amy Phillips, board president and member representative for HSCONA, was recently honored with the Irwin Siegel Direct Support Professional Award Runner-up for 2006.

HSCONA aspires to expand their service delivery spectrum based on the needs of its members. Recently, HSCONA developed a custom tailored independent living program for two adults transitioning out of foster care. They are also exploring opportunities in specialized training for children with autism. HSCONA continues to pave the road for other self-directed service delivery systems.

HSCONA's successes are due in part to their valued partnership with The Center for Habilitation (TCH).

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GALA, HSC

Establishing a strong position in the marketplace, GALA HSC is specializing in services for the Latino population and children with Autism. With a continually growing membership and staff, GALA HSC is serving 30 families and staffs 35 active employees. GALA HSC is operating with a positive fund balance and received excellent audit reviews from Arizona DDD. In support of further growth, GALA HSC is enhancing training and family support by developing new programs hiring part-time staff. This spring GALA, HSC looks forward to their first anniversary and their first membership meeting.

As a self-directed leader in Maricopa County providing Home and Community Based Services (HCBS), GALA HSC has garnered support from the Mexican Consulate, the United Way and other non-profit organizations. GALA, HSC is exploring possible expansion into Tucson. The passion of its directors and member owners provide GALA HSC with unmatched vigor.

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Inspire, HSC

Overcoming traditional business start-up challenges Inspire, HSC is taking a strong leadership role in the community. Unwilling to compromise quality and self-direction Inspire's board of directors are working diligently to build a strong and effective infrastructure for quality human service delivery. Currently they are finalizing their qualified vendor status and plan to begin service delivery in early 2007.

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HSC Growth and Progress Cont.

Michigan

Jackson, Kalamazoo, Oakland, and McComb

With support from the Michigan Association of Community Mental Health Boards four self-directed groups are developing HSC organizations in the mental health community. Excited to share information and learn from fellow leaders; two board members attended the Federated HSC conference in October. In November the Federated HSC met with all four groups for board training. With perseverance one group, BRINCS, is moving forward after several difficult start-up years. Two filed for incorporation, and the fourth is in early planning. Michigan's self-advocates are experienced leaders in self-direction and have a wealth of knowledge to share.

Tennessee

Tennessee continues to demonstrate strong interest in the HSC cooperative movement. Forming in 2005, the Freedom Co-op HSC formed and has since faced challenges that have delayed progress. Since then, two new community members from Tennessee participated in the Federated HSC 2006 Conference and joined the HSC network as an Associate Partner. We look forward to growing with Tennessee community members as we pursue true self-direction and self-determination.

California

California is another leader in the HSC co-op movement. In fact, two California HSC co-op development representatives attended the Federated HSC conference and successfully completed Train the Trainer for Board Training Certification and two groups have been taking steps to form HSC co-ops in their communities and are currently exploring financing opportunities.

Frequently Asked Question

What is the relationship of the HSC Educational Foundation to the HSC co-op community?
HSC Educational Foundation's was established to enhance self-directed alternatives in health and human services that improve life satisfaction for people with all types of disabilities.

Their vision is: to educate, build awareness and generate funding, charitable donations and contributions that support the Federated HSC in enhancing self-directed human service systems.

Their purpose is: for self-direction and self-determination to be fully embraced within the community.

What the HSC Educational Foundation does...

Non-Profit Board operates on behalf of the Federated HSC and members.

Campaign Staff are responsible for generating and securing capital donations and contributions and maintaining relationships with donors and sponsors

Together the board and staff work to ensure that all efforts are strategically in line with the Foundations's charitable mission and with current goals and objectives that are congruent with that of the Federated HSC and its members.

Fund allocation is directed to the Federated HSC and or its Local HSC co-op members.

A Quote to Remember

"You must be the change you wish to see in the world."

Mahatma Ghandi

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