

The Rogosin Institute In New York Receives Grant To Address National/Regional Nursing Workforce Issues

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[NY, New York] - The Rogosin Institute (Rogosin) announced today that it has been chosen as one of eleven foundations nationwide to receive funding from Partners Investing in Nursing's Future (PIN). The PIN program is a multi-year, multi-million dollar national investment in America's nursing workforce to prepare them with the skills needed to serve an older and more diverse population. Importantly, it recognizes the centrality of nurses and nursing to the achievement of better health for all people in ways that are both cost-effective and sustainable.

Led by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation and the Northwest Health Foundation, Partners Investing in Nursing's Future (PIN) supports the capacity, involvement and leadership of local foundations to advance the nursing profession in their own communities. PIN invests in local partnerships that create innovative model projects that can be tested and, if successful, shared nationally. Now in its sixth year of funding, PIN leverages \$14 million in grants by RWJF with more than \$14 million in matching funding.

Rogosin, and its Dreyfus Health Foundation (DHF), is partnering with collegiate nursing programs in the six U.S. Affiliated Pacific Island jurisdictions (USAPI) to strengthen professional nursing capacity and address local public health needs. These include the nursing programs of American Samoa Community College, University of Guam, Guam Community College, Northern Marianas College, College of the Marshall Islands, College of Micronesia-FSM and Palau Community College. Additionally, the Center for Population Studies at The University of Mississippi and the University of Hawaii-School of Nursing and Dental Hygiene will serve as evaluation partners for the initiative.

This new PIN partnership grant builds upon the Dreyfus Health Foundation's previous PIN grant in rural Mississippi and the USAPI Pacific PIN of the Friends of the College of the Marshall Islands Foundation, which remains a contributing partner in this new grant. Additional Pacific PIN partners include the World Health Organization (WHO), the American Pacific Nurse Leaders Council, the Pacific Islands Health Officers Association, the Micronesian Area Health Education Center, the University of Hawaii-School of Nursing and Dental Hygiene, the Bank of Guam, Tripler Army Medical Center and the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Region IX Office of the Regional Health Administrator.

The newly-funded project will tap the Dreyfus Health Foundation's "Problem Solving for Better Health®" (PSBH®) framework, used in underserved communities

in more than 30 countries, to develop feasible and innovative strategies to accelerate leadership development and enhance nursing education in the USAPI jurisdictions.

The PIN 18 month grant of \$75,000 will be matched by \$75,000 in local and regional funding.

"Rogosin's Dreyfus Health Foundation, together with the USAPI Nursing Partners, are focused on strengthening the nursing workforce through faculty development and enhancing access to all levels of nursing education - associate degree, baccalaureate, masters and doctoral, with the overarching goal of achieving better health and quality of life for more people," said Barry Smith, MD, PhD, Director of Rogosin. Dr. Smith further explained that this project will utilize Dreyfus' Problem Solving for Better Health® methodology so that solutions to problems are developed and implemented by local nurses and healthcare delivery is improved, with health professionals working together in teams and leveraging one another's strengths.

"This grant provides a unique opportunity to capitalize on the work of, and lessons learned in, two previous PIN grants in rural and island underserved communities, fostering new synergies between these projects and their partners. Our aim is to elevate already existing nurse leaders in the USAPI jurisdictions and expand their capacity to address local public health challenges," said Pamela Hoyt-Hudson, Global Nursing Coordinator, Dreyfus Health Foundation.

"The directors of the USAPI nursing programs and other Pacific PIN partners are excited about this opportunity to work with the Dreyfus Health Foundation, " said Florence Peter, director of the nursing program at the College of the Marshall Islands. "The Dreyfus' Problem Solving for Better Health® methodology will serve as a tool to help us strengthen nursing education and address critical public health needs in our respective jurisdictions and the region. In Marshallese we say, 'Dijo im Ukoj', which means 'working together to accomplish what would otherwise be impossible."

The goal of the PIN Synergy project in the Pacific is closely aligned with the recommendations of the recent Institute of Medicine report, *The Future of Nursing: Leading Change, Advancing Health*, which seeks to prepare the nursing workforce to meet the needs of America's health care system and the patients it serves and to ensure an adequate supply of nurses required to address population needs. These needs can be quite varied. For example, for the USAPI jurisdictions, there are some areas with a growing elderly population, while, in others, there is a burgeoning young population. Beyond these concerns, a well-prepared nursing workforce is particularly critical in the USAPI jurisdictions, where all jurisdictions are confronting extremely high rates of obesity and diabetes and some jurisdictions also contend with high infant mortality, leprosy, multi-drug resistant TB, malnutrition and frequent

natural disasters.

This new funding creates a new total of 61 PIN projects in more than 37 states and collectively, collaborating with more than 500 partners. There are over 220 partners that provide local funding, including private foundations, hospitals and health systems, workforce investment agencies, economic development programs, banks, private industry and individuals. "All health care is local, and nurses are the cornerstone of our health care system. We need community solutions that address the challenges facing a changing health care system and that utilize local and regional experience," said Judith Woodruff, J.D., director of workforce development at the Northwest Health Foundation and program director for Partners Investing in Nursing's Future. "With this partnership, Rogosin and its Dreyfus Health Foundation will serve as catalysts in developing strategies that are needed to build a highly skilled nursing workforce in adequate numbers for the 21st century."

For more information about Partners Investing in Nursing's Future, visit www.partnersinnursing.org.

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Rogosin is affiliated with NewYork-Presbyterian Hospital, Weill Cornell Medical College and is a member of NewYork-Presbyterian Healthcare System. The Institute is a leading research and treatment center that focuses on treating kidney disease, including prevention, dialysis and transplantation, and disorders caused by cholesterol. A leader in clinical research, Rogosin is conducting studies on new and novel treatments for kidney disease, diabetes and cancer. www.rogosin.org

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