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MEMORANDUM

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To: Community entities and existing health centers
From: David J. Zentner, Director, Medical Services
Subject: State grant application to assist in federal grant application concerning Community Health Centers

I would like to take this opportunity to inform you of the availability of grant funds to support community development and grant writing services for the purpose of submitting a federal grant application to establish or expand community health centers. The 2003 North Dakota Legislature appropriated \$50,000 for the biennium, to the Department of Human Services (DHS) for this program. In 2004, DHS awarded \$30,000 in grant funds, leaving \$20,000 for this second round of distribution to be accomplished by June 30, 2005. Community entities are eligible for grants not to exceed \$10,000/each.

The intent of the state grants is to make North Dakota communities more competitive for federal dollars in the application for the Health Center New Access Point or Expanded Medical Capacity Grants. The DHS grant will support a portion of the cost of community development and grant writing services and will supplement the funds committed by participating community/ies.

The community health center federal grant will support improvement and expansion of access to primary health care services for underserved populations. For more information concerning this program, please see <http://bphc.hrsa.gov>.

The North Dakota state grant application will be awarded to:

1. Community entities determined to be most prepared to become a community health center;
2. Community entities capable of leveraging funds to establish a health center;
3. Community entities who have demonstrated significant planning efforts at the time of grant submission; and
4. Community entities proving to have greatest need for assistance in the federal grant application process.

To be considered for state grant funding, please complete the attached Community Mini-grant Application and include 1) a one-page narrative indicating how state grant dollars will be spent; 2) a brief description of the entity's immediate readiness should federal grant funds be awarded; and, 3) a brief description of the entity's five year goals should federal grant funds be awarded

State grant applications will be scored by staff of the Department of Human Services and a representative from the Community HealthCare Association of the Dakotas. Applications must be received by February 28, 2005 for consideration this fiscal year. Applicants will be informed in writing regarding award distribution.

Questions concerning the grant application should be directed to:

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