

Prince of Wales Health Network

April 1 – June 30, 2011

- The POW Health Network partnered with Helping Ourselves Prevent Emergencies (HOPE) to write a grant to the State of Alaska Division of Behavioral Health for the development of a domestic violence prevention program on POW. HOPE was awarded \$138,000/year for up to 3 years, totaling \$414,000. The application was based on the foundation laid by the POW Health Network in its Behavioral Health Planning Project (July 1, 2009 – June 30, 2011). The Network will work closely with HOPE during the project period to ensure they receive support of network members and resources, and that work is appropriately coordinated with Network goals.
- The POW Health Network facilitated the 1st meeting of the newly formed POW Behavioral Health Coalition. This community based coalition was formed out of work completed through the POW Behavioral Health Planning Project (July 1, 2009 – June 30, 2011). The coalition will be charged with further defining details in the island's behavioral health strategic plan, ensuring the plan receives adequate follow through, and playing an advisory role to the POW Health Network's Steering Committee.
- The POW Health Network was awarded a Rural Health Network Development Grant from the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) Office of Rural Health Policy (ORHP) for \$180,000/year for up to 3 years, totaling \$540,000 (May 1, 2011 – April 30, 2014). Grant funding will provide continued financial support for the infrastructure of the POW Health Network, allowing Network members to continue collaborating to improve quality of and access to care on POW. Key objectives include improving the full continuum of behavioral health services, improved coordination of maternal and child health services, increased visiting specialty clinics, community health education campaigns, and long-term sustainability of the Network.
- The Network is participating in a pilot study of an Economic Impact Analysis tool being developed by HRSA to demonstrate the economic impact of Network Development grant funding.
- Esther Hammerschlag, Network Director, was named the 2011 Outstanding New and Emerging Network Leader of the Year by the National Cooperative of Health Networks (NCHN) at their annual meeting in Scottsdale, AZ.
- The Network paid travel costs for one visiting specialist (ENT) to POW during this quarter.
- The Steering Committee of the POW Health Network held one telephone meeting and one face to face meeting on POW this quarter. Minutes are available on the POW Health Network website at www.princeofwaleshealthnetwork.org.



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Collaborating to Improve Healthcare on Prince of Wales Island