African American Health Disparity Project
A Project of the Hospital Council of San Francisco

Proposal for 2011

Submitted by
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Director

October 28th, 2010
The purpose of this document is to set forth the budget and plans for AAHDP for the year 2011 and provide a context for future developments.

**Brief Review of Activities in 2010**

The past year was the eighth year of activities for AAHDP and there were many notable accomplishments including those highlighted below

1. Successful collaborations 108 Community Partners (See Appendix A) with 165 Dimensions (See Appendix B).

2. Through small grants supporting more than 30 community based events reaching over 1000 persons and greatly expanding the reach, visibility and influence of the African American Health Disparity Project. (See Appendix C, Appendix D, Appendix E)

3. Supported six targeted mini-health fairs in the Western Addition and Bayview communities in health outreach activities that touched over 700 persons with information on health plan enrollments, health screening and information.

4. Expansion of the Community Advisory Committee to reach the major sectors of the city engaging a broad based array of community stakeholders, hospitals, service providers, the department of public health and individuals from the community at-large.

5. Received 2 Community Service Awards: Visionary Donor Award from Black Coalition on AIDS, Public Service from San Francisco Department of Public Health – HIV/AIDS Research Section, and was a nominee for UCSF Community Partnership Award.

6. National Recognition through election to the Office of Minority Health’s Region IX Planning Board, a federal body setting policy to address Health Disparities in the Region, California, Hawaii, Washington, New Mexico, Guam.

7. As a partner in the BHSF, organized the African American Health Disparity Projects collaboration center, and provided key input and support for the Vital Signs report on the Health of San Francisco.
Budget Proposal and Programs for 2011

Program in the budget for 2011 will extend the work performed in 2010 as well as set forth some actions for the future. Exhibit 1 below provides a high level description of the major programs in terms of goals, objectives, performance measures and costs. Exhibit 2 provides the detailed budget allocations.

Looking Forward

The AAHDP has two major areas of activity in addressing health disparities in San Francisco’s African American communities: (1) supporting and advancing the efforts of its hospital funders in demonstrating its commitment to improving service, treatment and health outcomes; and (2) coordinating the activities of appropriate community-based health services organizations who are doing complementary work in addressing health disparities. Activity 1 above is rightfully supported by the Hospital Council as an extension of its commitment to community and patient service. Currently activities in the second area are funded from limited funds from the Hospital Council and the resources of the community-based organizations themselves. Over the past years the basis of collaboration with community-based programs has been opportunistic (based on visibility and levels of existing support these organizations have been successful at attaining). In all cases effective services have been provided.

Going forward it will be increasingly important to think more systemically about how these two areas of activity will relate, especially in light of the uncertain trends affecting the composition of San Francisco’s African American communities, the character of their disease states and developments in health care provision (i.e., national healthcare policies, advances in medical treatment, etc). This will allow more targeted investment by the Hospital Council and a more systemic approach to the selection of community-based programs that AAHDP will collaborate with to address health disparities over the long term. Gathering useful data from those activities will also be important in order to provide useful information on the effectiveness of treatment and care for both the hospitals and the community at large. Some of the funding initiative work in the 2011 budget will focus on moving this work ahead as well as broadening the level of support AAHDP can provide for community-based organization performing the most effective services.
I. Funding Initiative 2011

**Goal:** The AAHDP shall seek philanthropic and other institutional support for future and ongoing projects beyond the core funding needs of the AAHDP. The Hospital Council shall continue to support the core needs: salaries of personnel, office, and other Infrastructure needs of the AAHDP with financial, technical, and in-kind supports.

**Objective:** Solicit the services of grant writing consultants to identify, and apply for external funding from local foundations and corporations based in the San Francisco as well as other private foundations to create a pool of targeted and unrestricted funds to support future community projects. The Hospital Council will provide 70% of the funding for projects in 2011. As the pool of foundation funding grows over the next 3 years, Hospital Council funding of projects will vary from 30 to 60% of total project costs tending towards a greater reliance on corporate funds from targeted and unrestricted pool.

**Measure:** 30% of 2011 Budget supported by funding derived from external (non Hospital Council Funding).

II. Access – Transitions Clinic

**Goal:** To improve African Americans access to health services in San Francisco

**Objective:** From Jan – Dec 31st 2011, the AAHDP will support the development of a pilot project through funding their Community Health Worker (CHW) to provide Discharge Planning and services to Reentry persons coming to the Transitions Health Clinic located at South East Health Center in the Bayview. The pilot will assess the efficacy of targeted outreach, education and coordination of medical services to 25 – 50 clients in 2011. Initial data suggest that as much that this approach shows a 14% reduction in this populations use of hospital ERs over other non-targeted approaches in the city

From Jan – Dec 31st 2011, The AAHDP working with the San Francisco Department of Public Health – HSF, the San Francisco Health Plan, and community Stakeholders to address policies that inhibit the access of African Americans to enroll in the existing health plans. Using the growing influence of the AAHD to focus attention on innovative ideas and approaches to reduce access barriers to reach underserved African Americans in San Francisco.

**Measure:** 1. By Dec 31st 2010, the AAHDP will produce a report detailing the outcomes of the persons followed in the pilot and provide recommendations to the Hospital Council as to how best to use this pilot to reduce costs and misuse of the ER in member hospitals and affiliated medical facilities.

2. By Dec 31st 2011, the AAHDP will produce a report of findings to the Hospital Council with recommendations for further action.
Exhibit 1

III. Chronic Disease – Diabetes – Awareness and Management

**Goal:** To increase awareness and reduce the incidence of chronic disease in African American communities.

**Objective:** From Jan 2011 to Dec. 2011 the focus of the African American Health Disparity Project will target diabetes, obesity, and asthma as chronic health conditions.

**Measure:** In concert with our Hospital Council partners, conduct 2400 screenings at our member hospitals and clinics and connect individuals to appropriate care. Coordinate ongoing monthly reports at AAHDP Steering Committee Meetings producing a final report for Hospital Council review by Dec 31st 2011

IV. Communicable Disease – HIV

**Goal:** To increase awareness and reduce the incidence of Communicable disease in African American communities.

**Objective:** From Jan 2011 to Dec 2011 the African American Health Disparity Project will target HIV/ AIDS as a communicable disease. The project will work to develop a city wide coalition and develop the **Safe Space initiative** begun in 2010 as a long term strategy to address HIV/AIDS in the African American Communities in San Francisco.

**Measure:** Partnering with community partners in San Francisco, to provide integrated support at 4 planned community health and education information session occurring in 2011.

V. Violence Prevention/ Trauma

**Goal:** To raise awareness of the effects of violence on men, women, and children in the African American Community

**Objective:** From Jan 2011 to Dec 2011, The African American Health Disparity Project will work with service providers and community based organizations to engage youth in peace activities in the public schools and community at-large.

**Measure:** The AAHDP will support the development of programs and strategies to address violence through school based activities and other community partners that target
Exhibit 1

## VI. Visibility of the African American Health Disparities Project

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<th>Goal:</th>
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| **Objective:** | 1. From Jan 2011 to Dec 2011, the AAHDP staff will attend 80 - 100 community based meetings and serve as liaison to SFDPH, community based organizations, and other community partners to represent the interests of the Hospital Council as it relates to health disparities in the African American communities in San Francisco.  
2. Facilitate and coordinate the training of 100 students in a training with the U.S. Office of Minority Health focused on reducing key factors in Black Infant Health Mortality and Morbidity  
3. Facilitate and coordinate 2 health conferences in partnership with SFDPH – MCAH department to produce 2 forums on parenting and resiliency of Black Families in San Francisco |
| **Measures:** | 1. The measure of success of this initiative will be reflected in appearance in the minutes, committee and community work done in the 80 -100 meetings occurring from Jan to Dec 2011.  
2. From Jan – July 2011, the AAHP will facilitate and coordination 1, 2-Day Training focused on reducing key factors in Black Infant Health  
3. By Jan – August 2011, the AAHDP will facilitate and coordinate the delivery of 2 Trainings / Forums directed at African Americans in San Francisco |
## VII. Adverse Childhood Events Measures - ACE, and ‘Metabolic Syndrome,’ Breastfeeding Training

**Goal:** To continue to share information about the ACE measures and metabolic syndrome at 2 hospitals in 2011 with a focus on the importance of screening for these conditions in health assessments.

**Objective:** Between Jan 2011 and Dec 2011, work with member hospitals and clinics to develop information sessions through established education and communication channels to key hospital staff and service providers in modules that can be introduced at ‘Grand Rounds’ at our member hospitals to inform them about ACE and ‘Metabolic Syndrome’ and their potential impact on Health Disparities in African American Communities.

**Measure:** Within 2011 and in conjunction with our hospital partners, deliver 3 modules covering ACE screenings, Metabolic Syndrome information, and Breastfeeding training and certification for our hospital partners at Grand Rounds or seminars.
Progress on Deliverables for 2010
at a Glance – Revised 10/28/10

I. Funding Initiative

**Goal:** The AAHDP shall seek solicit philanthropic and other institutional support for future and ongoing projects beyond the core funding needs of the AAHDP. The Hospital Council shall continue to support the core needs: salaries of personnel, office, and other infrastructure needs of the AAHDP with financial, technical, and in-kind supports.

**Objective:** Solicit the services of grant writing consultants to identify, and apply for external funding

**Measure:** 30% of 2011 Budget supported by funding derived from external (non Hospital Council Funding).

**As of August 2010** – The AAHDP has applied for support from three sources:
- RWJF Grant for 300k – Status – Not Granted
- UCP – UCSF’s Community Partnership grant – 50k – Status – Not Granted
- CHW – 25k – Status – Pending

II. Access – Healthy San Francisco Initiative Enrollment

**Goal:** To improve African Americans access to health services in San Francisco

**Objective:** Building upon the success of HSF outreach initiated in 2009, the AAHDP will support the enrollment or re-enrollment of 500 uninsured or underinsured African Americans in one of San Francisco's four health plans (Medical, Healthy Families, Healthy Kids, or Healthy San Francisco.

**Measure:**
1. Success of this goal will be measured by achievement of the target number of individuals enrolled.
2. Design a follow-up study of the individuals enrolled from 2009 effort to access on-going needs, report findings to Hospital Council for future consideration.
3. Implement designed study and deliver report on results by Dec 31st, 2010

**As of August 2010** – There have been 280 African Americans enrolled in Healthy San
Francisco. There have been approximately 65 African Americans enrolled in HealthyFamilies. The AAHDP will seek to support the enrollment of the remaining 131 African Americans in the available health plans.

## III. Chronic Disease – Diabetes – Awareness and Management

**Goal:** To increase awareness and reduce the incidence of chronic disease in African America communities.

**Objective:** From Jan 2010 to Dec. 2010 the focus of the African American Health Disparity Project will target diabetes as a chronic disease.

**Measure:** In concert with our Hospital Council partners, conduct 750 screenings at our member hospitals and clinics and connect individuals to appropriate care. Coordinate ongoing monthly reports at AAHDP Steering Committee Meetings producing a final report for Hospital Council review by Dec 31st 2010

As of August 2010 – Kaiser Permanente has screened 2040 African Americans for Diabetes, St Mary’s Medical Center has screened 353,

## IV. Communicable Disease – HIV

**Goal:** To increase awareness and reduce the incidence of Communicable disease in African American communities.

**Objective:** From Jan 2010 to Dec 2010 the African American Health Disparity Project will target HIV/ AIDS as a communicable disease. The project will work to develop a city wide coalition and develop a community wide response to AIDS in the African American Communities in San Francisco.

**Measure:** Partnering with community partners in San Francisco, i.e. Black Coalition on AIDS, San Francisco AIDS Foundation, The Shanti Project, etc to provide integrated support at a planned community health and education information session occurring in Spring 2010.

As of August 2010, the AAHDP has conducted 4 community health and information sessions for African Americans in San Francisco.

## V. Violence Prevention/ Trauma

**Goal:** To raise awareness of the effects of violence on men, women, and children in the African American Community

**Objective:** From Jan 2010 to Dec 2010, The African American Health Disparity Project will continue to pilot the Mind Body Awareness Program’s 10 session series in partnership with the San Francisco Wellness Initiative in San Francisco Public Schools. The partnership will extend its reach to two schools in the city.
Measure: The AAHDP will review the pre and post tests from the pilots and report on the efficacy of the intervention.

This goal is currently unmet and is being restructured as new partners need be recruited in order to access students in SFUSD.

### VI. Visibility of the African American Health Disparities Project

**Goal:** To increase awareness of the African American Health Disparities Project

**Objective:**
1. From Jan 2010 to Dec 2010, the director will attend 50 community based and serve as liaison to SFDPH (Community Benefit Committee, Community Health Committee, community based organizations (African American Subgroup for health disparities, African American Health Disparity Learning Community, and other community partners to represent the interests of the Hospital Council as it relates to health disparities in the African American community in San Francisco.

2. Between Jan 2010 and Apr 2010, the AAHDP will help promote information about the US Census and its importance for the African American Communities in San Francisco.

**Measures:**
1. The measure of success of this initiative will be reflected in appearance in the minutes, committee and community work done in the 50 meetings occurring from Jan to Dec 2010.

2. Work with the US Census and other community partners, the AAHDP will support community efforts to get the most complete census count.

*As of September 2010, the AAHDP has participated in over 163 community based meetings and activities.*

### VII. Adverse Childhood Events Measures- ACE, and ‘Metabolic Syndrome’

**Goal:** To share information about the ACE measures and the importance of screening for them in health assessments.

**Objective:** Between Jan 2010 and Dec 2010, work with member hospitals and clinics to develop a CEU modules that can be introduced at ‘Grand Rounds’ at our member hospitals to inform them about ACE and ‘Metabolic Syndrome’ and their potential impact on Health Disparities in African American Communities.

**Measure:** Within 2010 and in conjunction with our hospital partners, deliver at 2 modules
cover ACE screenings and Metabolic Syndrome information for our hospital partners at Grand Rounds.

Dr. Robert Lustig of UCSF is being recruited to develop a Grand Rounds Training at St. Mary’s Hospital on Metabolic Syndrome. This module is projected to be delivered in October 2010.

A module using ACE and Complex Trauma information is being developed and is scheduled to be presented in Grand Rounds at San Francisco General Hospital, November 2010.
# Exhibit 2

African American Health Disparity Project  
January 1, 2011-December 31, 2011

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APPENDIX A

Frequency of Meetings with Select Partners

Other 51
UC San Francisco 13
SF Department of Public Health 11
Isms Collaboration 6
Building a Healthier SF (BHSF) 4
AfroSolo Theater Company 3
SF Unified School District 3
Health Equity Council 3
Arthritis Foundation 2
SF Health Plan 2
Black HIV/AIDS Awareness 2
Robert Wood Johnson Foundation 2
Community Advisory Board Meetings 2
SEVA- Bayview Hunters Point/UCSF 2
SF Community Clinic Consortium 1
Saint Francis Medical Center 1

TOTAL 108
## Appendix B

### Frequency of Project Meeting Types

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**TOTAL** 165
A total of **165** project meeting functions have been completed in 2010.
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**TOTAL PROJECTS** 26
**Projects by Region of the City**

Western Addition 5
SF Wide 12
Ocean View 1
Merced Heights 1
Ingelside 1
Bayview-Hunters Point 3
Visitation Valley 2
Sunnydale 1

Total 26
September 13, 2010

Dear Hospital Council CEO’s,

The African American Health Disparities Project is providing a needed resource in San Francisco. It keeps an awareness of the problem and inequity of African American health disparities in everyone’s consciousness. It helps to demonstrate how these disparities and inequities cross multiple issue areas and compromise the daily lives of African American children and adults. It reminds us about the role of the social determinants of health and the impact across generations.

The project also facilitates networking within the African American community and across agencies and organizations addressing issues relevant to African Americans allowing service providers to form relationships and work with African American coalitions and service agencies.

Michael Huff has provided a needed voice and perspective to issues related to obesity and its co-morbidities, as well as children and maternal and child health. His support of the San Francisco Childhood Obesity Task Force and the training, Childhood Obesity 2010: The Next Generation of Prevention and Management, was important to the task force and its mission. Michael is doing important work to break down silos and enhance cross cultural and interdisciplinary dialog to address disparities in San Francisco.

This work needs to continue and to grow to make a substantial difference in the African American Community in San Francisco. I urge you to consider continued support because the work done to date demonstrates the commitment of the hospitals to truly improve health in the community.

Very truly yours,

Gloria Jane Thornton, MA
Senior Health Promotion Consultant
Northern California Region
Anthem Blue Cross State Sponsored Business
September 10, 2010

CEOs, San Francisco Division Hospital Council
Attention: Michael A. Huff, PhD
Director - African American Health Disparities Project
1550 Bryant Street, Suite 450
San Francisco, CA 94103

To Whom It May Concern:

The Forensic AIDS Project (FAP) is a program of Jail Health Services, the division of the San Francisco Department of Public Health responsible for providing healthcare to prisoners in the San Francisco county jails. As such, FAP has had the opportunity to work with Michael Huff and the African American Health Disparities Project (AAHDP).

With the support of AAHDP, we have been able to purchase 16 condom machines and have installed 1 in each housing unit in the San Francisco county jail located in San Bruno, CA. Condom machines have improved access to our jail based condom distribution program and have reinforced our public health efforts to increase safer sex awareness for high risk populations.

Additionally, the AAHDP has agreed to fund a digital story-telling project with African American female prisoners. FAP prioritizes developing HIV prevention programming in the jails for women of color who are a population significantly impacted by HIV in San Francisco. The digital story-telling project will allow women to record their personal storied while also documenting their own reflections, knowledge and expertise about HIV.

We’d like to acknowledge the support and fast turn-around the AAHDP provides and Dr. Huff’s quick grasp of jail-based issues that have provided FAP with the opportunity to do some genuinely innovative HIV prevention work with African American prisoners. This collaboration has strengthened our efforts to address health disparities among this population.

I can be reached at 415.271.5733, should you wish to contact me.

Sincerely,

Kate Monico Klein
September 13, 2010

San Francisco Hospital Council
c/o Ron Smith, Hospital Council Senior Vice President
235 Montgomery Street, Suite 1158
San Francisco, CA 94104

Dear Dr. Smith:

I am pleased to write this letter in support of the critical work of the African American Health Disparities Project (AAHDP.) I’m writing in my role as the Director of the Community Engagement and Health Policy (CE&HP) program of University of California, San Francisco’s Clinical and Translational Science Institute (CTSI.) The CE&HP program is committed to translating research to practice and bringing community expertise to the research endeavor through partnerships, capacity building, training, and consultation. As evidence shows, African Americans experience greater health disparities and worse health outcomes in San Francisco compared with other groups. The focus on and commitment to African American health by the Hospital Council is therefore a significant component in the citywide response to redress this disparity.

In his role as the Director of the AAHDP, Dr. Michael Huff has provided catalyzing leadership around the topic of African American health disparities. As a participant on the Coordinating Council of the CTSI’s newest initiative, the San Francisco Bay Health Improvement Program, Dr. Huff has brought energy, focus, and critical community connections. His involvement ensures that this new program is relevant and responsive to African American community needs.

Additionally, the AAHDP Community Advisory Committee Luncheon has provided us the opportunity to network with potential community partners and share our resources with others who might not be able to navigate easily the bureaucracy of UCSF. Dr. Huff’s well-attended events have become an expected opportunity for diverse stakeholders to meet personally and develop working partnerships, invaluable in this time of silo’ed services and efforts.

We look forward to our continued partnership with Dr. Huff and the AAHDP.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call me at 415-206-6892 or email me at kgrumbach@fcm.ucsf.edu.

Sincerely,
September 14, 2010

San Francisco Hospital Council’s, CEOs.
San Francisco, California

To Whom It May Concern:

As Director of the Urban Male Health Initiative of the Alameda County Public Health Department, I am writing this letter in support of African American Health Disparities Project.

The African American Health Disparities Project (AAHDP) has work with the UMHI for several years and has represented the voice of African American community of the Bay Area exceptionally. In fact, the insight and knowledge provide by Director Dr. Huff has been critical to the work of the UCSF prostate committee that I chair. Additionally, the work of the AAHDP was very helpful with identifying some of the key policy issues identified in Alameda County Male Health Status Report called “HIS HEALTH. The first male gender specific report by a county in the Nation designed for health education an advocacy for communities of color.

The African American Health Disparities Project has been an effective community partners for the Alameda County Health Jurisdiction. It really is true when “Spider Webs Unite they can Tie up a Lion”. If you have any questions or need any additional information please feel free to contact me at (1-510-2682282).

Sincerely,

Michael Shaw, Director
September 13, 2010

Chief Executive Officers
San Francisco Hospital Council

Re: Health Literacy and Advocacy Project

Dear Sir or Madam:

I wish to express our sincere appreciation for investing funds to support the OMI Community. It is an area of the city that is underserved and often overlooked. Your funding of the Health Literacy and Advocacy Project demonstrates your commitment and recognition of non-profit community-based organizations serving vulnerable populations.

This funding has enabled the NIA/UJIMA Wellness Nursing Center to provide continual and expand improved health promotion and disease prevention to seniors living with chronic illnesses.

The support that Michael Huff provides to the African American community is outstanding. Dr. Huff’s leadership is essential to slow down the “Out Migration of African Americans from San Francisco”.

Sincerely,

Edna James, RN, BSN, MSN, MA
President
September 12, 2010

Michael A. Huff, PhD
Director - African American Health Disparities Project
1550 Bryant Street, Suite 450
San Francisco, CA 94103

Dear Dr. Huff,

Please accept this letter of enthusiastic support for the continued work of the Hospital Council of San Francisco African American Health Disparities Project. As Director of Community Education & Outreach for the UCSF Cancer Center, which includes the very dynamic Faith Communities Committee and Prostate Education Committee, both based in Bay Area African American communities, I can underscore the continuing need for and importance of the AAHDP.

Your program is a model for maximizing limited resources through dedication and collaboration. We place a high value on our partnership with you through which we are better able to address the full range of cancer disparities that weigh so heavily upon African American families throughout our region.

Please know that we strongly support and deeply value all your efforts, and we commit to our ongoing participation.

Sincerely,

Rena J. Pasick, Dr. P.H.
Dear Mr. Smith,

In these daunting economic times we have found an angel in Dr. Michael Huff and the African American Health Disparity Project (AAHDP).

In San Francisco, African American fetal and infant death rates more than triple the rates of the rest of the population.

The Black Infant Health Program is a community based effort that identifies “at risk” pregnant and parenting Black women in order to:

- Increase infant survival and well-being by reducing infant deaths, low birth weight and the SIDS rates in San Francisco through comprehensive client education and individual case plans
- Help clients access and stay in health care for themselves and their infants
- Connect families to resources for mental health, housing, domestic violence, substance abuse, and provide family support services such as parent education, nutrition education, breastfeeding support and life skills.

In the face of the total elimination of our State funding, the AAHDP has filled a critical funding gap that allows us to proceed with the core work of our prenatal and postnatal classes and community education programs. The Black Infant Health Program reaches a vulnerable population of young, unemployed and single African American pregnant women and new mothers who in spite of their circumstances are the promise of our city’s future.

We appreciate the collaborative community that AAHDP has developed, the practical financial support they offer, and the connections they facilitate to help us leverage our services and dollars.

We trust that continued support of AAHDP is your priority.

With respect and appreciation,

Jenée Johnson
Program Manager
San Francisco Juneteenth Committee

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San Francisco Hospital Council

RE: Letter of Support

Dear San Francisco Hospital Council’s CEOs:

It is with great pleasure that I write this letter supporting the very fine work of the African American Health Disparity Project. We were fortunate to partner with them in hosting a Community Health Pavilion as part of our 60th Annual Juneteenth Weekend Celebration.

We had 25,000 people attend the event. As a result, we were able to provide screenings, health care information and connect community members directly with service providers. These services proved to be critical as a majority of the people seen were low income and uninsured. We are planning to partner with the African American Health Disparity Project again in June 2011 to build upon last year’s success and expand the services and screenings available.

The African American Health Disparity Project has also been beneficial in acting as a conduit to bringing different members of the health care community and service providers together to collaborate on projects to enhance our overall quality of life.

I greatly appreciate the consideration you give towards supporting the African American Health Disparity Project. Please feel free to call me if you have any questions at 415-931-2729.

Sincerely,

Louis L Garrett:
__________________________          Date: _________________
Chairman

Dexter Woods
__________________________          Date: _________________
Executive Director
September 10, 2010

San Francisco Hospital Council

Dear Sir:

This is a letter of support for the African American Health Disparities Project which has provided needed support to the Bay Area Black Nurses' Association (BNA). Over the last six years, BNA has worked to improve the health disparity in the African American community by providing cholesterol, glucose and blood pressure screenings. As the information about the services became known to many community groups, the demand to participate in community events has increased. BNA does not have funds for the supplies and request the organizations to pay for the supplies and BNA provides the manpower. Some organizations have not had funds for the event, and the African American Health Disparities Project has been supportive in these situations. BNA has screened approximately 520 individuals in San Francisco this year, and have four more events scheduled to participate in through December. We would not have been able to provide the services which has helped community residence improve their health through knowing their numbers and improving their health through healthy eating and exercise, and following medical recommendation. BNA appreciate the tremendous support provided by the African American Disparities Project in our common goal of eliminating the disparities in the African American community.

Sincerely,

Mildred Crear, Chairman

Nursing and Community Education Committee