

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

FY 2000 Annual Plan on Assistance to Historically Black Colleges and Universities

Executive Summary

The Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) is pleased to participate in the White House Initiative on Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs), and remains committed to maintaining an overall steady growth in its efforts. In FY 2000, HHS plans expenditures totaling \$159,382,094 for support of HBCUs to conduct a wide variety of activities, including service projects, health professions training, biomedical research and development, as well as numerous tuition assistance, fellowship and scholarship programs. This figure includes amounts for contracts, grants and cooperative agreements, and indirect department technical support of HBCUs.

In FY 2000 considerable thought has been given to identifying the most effective use of available resources to enhance the participation of HBCUs in the Department's programs. HHS is committed to ensuring that its programs and activities will strengthen and increase the participation of HBCUs in its health services research agenda.

Included in this Plan are copies of the individual agency activity reports, along with narrative descriptions of their planned activities with HBCUs.

The following are examples of the HHS agencies' planned programs for FY 2000:

THE NATIONAL INSTITUTES OF HEALTH (NIH)

FY 1999 Proposed Funding - \$93,091,000*

The NIEHS/NIH is proposing the development of Advanced Research Cooperation in Environmental Health (ARCH) Centers. The objectives of the ARCH Centers are to: 1) establish a strong program of environmental health research between an HBCU and a Research Intensive University (RIU), 2) expand the capacity of HBCUs to develop multi-disciplinary biomedical research programs, 3) promote the development of a research and training agenda that includes bioethical and bio-psychosocial issues important to the minority community, and 4) increase the opportunity for underrepresented minorities to enter environmental health research careers thereby increasing the number of minority biomedical research professionals.

* Charles R. Drew (\$6,197,000) was removed from NIH's total.

The NCI/NIH is considering the reissuance of a Request for Application for Small Grants for HBCUs to pursue basic science projects that are relevant to the goals of the NCI. The aim of this RFA is to provide new HBCU faculty with an opportunity to establish a research program to which they will commit time during both the academic year and the summer. It is expected that this opportunity will not only increase the research base at HBCUs, but also broaden the educational experience for students and expand mentoring possibilities.

THE HEALTH RESOURCES AND SERVICES ADMINISTRATION (HRSA)

FY 1999 Proposed Funding - \$38,652,942

HRSA plans to provide support to at least five HBCUs to increase the availability and access of health care services in minority rural communities through awards under the Rural Health Outreach program and/or the Network Grant program. In addition, HRSA plans to fund the Rural Minority Health Research Fellowship Program for one HBCU faculty member to take a one-year sabbatical to work in a HRSA-supported rural health research center.

HRSA also plans to increase funding for graduate training programs in maternal and child health from \$1 million in 1998 to \$3 million in 1999.

THE ADMINISTRATION FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES (ACF)

FY 1999 Proposed Funding - \$22,962,123

The ACF plans to continue to fund two HBCUs to establish intern programs for minority students in family violence. The purpose of the program is to provide support for graduate and undergraduate students who show promise and special interest and commitment to issues of domestic violence in underserved populations.

ACF is also developing a more effective networking system for information exchange and program development with HBCUs. Approximately 85 percent of HBCUs are accessible to ACF through the Internet.

THE CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION (CDC) and THE AGENCY FOR TOXIC SUBSTANCES AND DISEASE REGISTRY (ATSDR)

FY 1999 Proposed Funding - \$8,607,180

CDC plans to increase the number of HBCUs participating in monitoring and assessing the effectiveness of its health promotion and disease prevention strategies, as well as participation in its student and faculty internship and fellowship programs. CDC is also expanding the number of HBCUs which participate in technical assistance workshops.

THE OFFICE OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND SCIENCE (OPHS)

FY 1999 Proposed Funding - \$4,870,000

The OPHS plans to continue funding the Consortium for Research and Practicum on Minority Male which was established through a cooperative agreement to design and establish family life centers. The Consortium has developed and is maintaining a violence-reduction network for minority families, provides education and training techniques in violence prevention, and conducts basic research on factors associated with violence among young minority families.

THE SUBSTANCE ABUSE AND MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES ADMINISTRATION (SAMHSA)

FY 1999 Proposed Funding - \$959,000

SAMHSA plans on developing a Network of Technical Assistance Centers to participate in knowledge development, synthesis, application and dissemination activities related to mental health services. These Centers will promote further development of institutional capacity to respond to the needs of CMHS/SAMHSA and the States with regard to specific primary health and behavioral health issues related to prevention, treatment, specific populations, and financing arrangements.

THE AGENCY FOR HEALTH CARE POLICY AND RESEARCH (AHCPR)

FY 1999 Proposed Funding - \$790,000

AHCPR plans to provide health services research program supplements to institutions with MARC programs to support training for HBCU students interested in public health and/or health services research careers.

THE FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION (FDA)

FY 1999 Proposed Funding \$549,000

The FDA plans to enlarge the reservoir of qualified medical, scientific, engineering, and health professionals through the recruitment programs' biomedical education initiatives, internships, fellowships, minority recruitment, personnel exchanges (scientific and professionals), cooperative education, commissioned officer student training and the summer employment program, stay-in-school programs, and the MARC program - coordinated through the NIH.

THE OFFICE OF THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR LEGISLATION (ASL)

FY 1999 Proposed Funding \$3,192

The ASL plans to recruit HBCU students to participate in internship programs.

THE OFFICE OF THE INSPECTOR GENERAL (OIG)

FY 1999 Proposed Funding \$5,000

OIG plans to donate surplus computer equipment to one or more HBCUs. OIG is also planning to recruit HBCU students for summer clerkships in both the Washington office and the Regional offices.

THE OFFICE OF THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR PLANNING AND EVALUATION (ASPE)

FY 1999 Proposed Funding \$300,000

ASPE, through a cooperative agreement with NAFEO, plans to continue recruiting HBCU interns to increase opportunities for HBCU students and graduates to participate in ASPE projects. In addition, ASPE plans to build its research capacity through the recruitment of HBCU IPAs.

THE PROGRAM SUPPORT CENTER (PSC)

FY 1999 Proposed Funding \$8,000

The PSC also plans to support one intern from an HBCU through the NAFEO cooperative agreement.