

May 2008 Newsletter

Legislative Update

CWHC Priorities

The good news: All three of CWHC's priority bills are still active! HB 5591 AAC Healthy Teens; SB 243 AAC A Sexual Assault Forensic Nurse Examiner Program; and SB 414, AAC the State-Funded Home Care Program for the Disabled. The bad news: the Connecticut legislative session ends May 7, 2008.

Please click [here](#) for a list of CWHC bills. If you wish to continue tracking these bills for your own information, visit www.cga.ct.gov and type in bill number(s) of interest.

National Women's Health Week

May 11-17, 2008

During the week, families, communities, businesses, government, health organizations and other groups work together to educate women about steps they can take to improve their physical and mental health and prevent disease, like:

- Engaging in physical activity most days of the week
- Eating a nutritious diet
- Visiting a healthcare provider to receive regular check-ups and preventive screenings

Avoiding risky behaviors, like smoking and not wearing a seatbelt.

www.womenshealth.gov/whw



Women's Health Resources

Emergency Fund for Breast Cancer Patients

The Connecticut Breast Cancer Coalition Foundation supports an Emergency Fund for non-medical expenses to help women with financial needs associated with breast cancer. Each request is reviewed by the Emergency Fund Board. Applications must be completed by a patient's care manager or physician. Additional information: info@cbccf.org.

<http://www.familiesusa.org/assets/pdfs/dying-for-coverage/connecticut.pdf>

Analysis Reveals Disparities in Health Coverage

New analysis reveals wide disparities in health coverage Among Asian Americans, Native Hawaiians And Pacific Islanders, with uninsured rates for some subgroups among the highest in the United States. Breaking down data by ethnicity shows Korean Americans, Native Hawaiians and Pacific Islanders are about twice as likely to be uninsured as whites. <http://www.kff.org/minorityhealth/upload/7745.pdf>

Centering Healthcare Institute, Inc.

Centering Pregnancy & Parenting Association, Inc is changing the paradigm of health services to a group care model in order to improve the overall health outcomes of mothers, babies, new families and individuals across the life cycle. The program alters routine prenatal care by bringing women out of exam rooms and into groups for their care. Women are invited to join with 8-12 other women/couples/teens with similar due dates in meeting together regularly during their pregnancy. Trainings and presentations on this model are available. This is a Connecticut based resource. More information at www.centeringpregnancy.org/ Cheshire, CT 06410. Tel: (203) 271-3632

Innovations in State Family Planning Expansions

State family planning expansions have identified innovations that should serve future program design, both in the field of family planning specifically and for Medicaid and health care reform more broadly. See the Alan Guttmacher Institute report at <http://www.guttmacher.org/pubs/2008/03/28/StateMFPEpractices.pdf>

Future CWHC Electronic Bulletins

The CWHC newsletter will be issued as needed during the off-session and once a month or more often as needed beginning the month after the start of Connecticut's legislative session. These bulletins will not be limited to legislative information, nor will they contain calls to action. **If you would like to post an announcement about a publication, conference or other event, please e-mail.**

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Women's Health Calendar—Upcoming Events

May 3, 2008 — Latino Voices in Universal Health Care, A Regional Action Summit. Sheraton 4-Points, 275 Research Parkway, Meriden, CT, 9:30 a.m. — 4:00 p.m. In Connecticut alone, while Latinos are 10 percent of the state's population, they constitute 40 percent of the uninsured. Contact: Vivian Todini, (917) 747-7980, vtodini@aol.com

May 20, 2008 — PCSW Making Women Visible Reception, St. Joseph's College, Hartford, 5:00 — 7:00 pm. To register for the reception, please click here. For more details, visit the [PCSW Web site](#).

May 20, 2008 — Connecticut Center for Eliminating Health Disparities among Latinos (CEHDL) 3rd Annual Conference. University of Connecticut at Storrs, Rome Ballroom. This is a free conference. If you want to register and for more information visit www.cehdl.uconn.edu

June 6, 2008 – Women Against MS Luncheon, Featuring keynote speaker Jacquelyn Mitchard, New York Times bestselling author. To register, please contact Kristen Mauro, at 860.714.2300, ext. 224, or visit www.ctfightsMS.org. Held at Woodwinds, Branford, CT, 12:00 — 2:00 pm.



Health Fact Did You Know?

According to the Kaiser Family Foundation, among Asians in the United States, non-elderly Koreans are the subgroup least likely to have employer-sponsored health coverage (49 percent), while Asian Indians have the highest rate of employer-sponsored coverage (77 percent).

Between 2000 and 2006, the estimated number of adults between the ages of 25 and 64 in Connecticut who died because they did not have health insurance was more than 1,100.



CWHC General Membership

Click on the links provided to see a list of existing [CWHC members](#), [our principles](#), and a [sign up sheet](#). CWHC will *not* ask members to sign on each year. If your organization is on the attached list, you are "grandmothered" into membership. If you wish to be a new member, please fill out [this form](#).

If you are an existing member that is no longer interested in membership, please [e-mail](#).

