In 2011 Grantmakers In Health (GIH) offered a diverse range of meetings, publications, and audioconferences, all aimed to advance the field of health philanthropy. Visit www.gih.org for more details about items included in this publication.

**ISSUE DIALOGUES AND ISSUE BRIEFS**

Issue Dialogues are daylong roundtable meetings focused on a specific health issue. Issue Briefs are published after each Issue Dialogue, integrating a GIH staff-prepared background paper with meeting presentations, discussion, and highlights.

**GIH BULLETIN ISSUE FOCUS AND VIEWS FROM THE FIELD ARTICLES**

Issue Focus articles are brief analyses of key health and operational issues. Views from the Field articles are written commentaries by health funders. Each appears periodically as an insert in *GIH Bulletin*, the organizational newsletter.

**AUDIOCONFERENCES / WEBINARS**

GIH began offering audioconferences in 2003 to provide Funding Partners timely information on topics of interest and networking opportunities with colleagues.

**STRATEGY SESSIONS AND OTHER MEETINGS**

GIH is constantly looking for opportunities to bring grantmakers together around key issues, as well as bringing resources to them to help them with their work. Gatherings held around the country give grantmakers a chance to learn in their own backyards.

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**NATIONAL MEETINGS**

➤ *Creating a Healthier Future for Our Kids, Families, and Communities*, Annual Meeting on Health Philanthropy, Los Angeles, California, March 2-4

**Annual Meeting Publications**

- “Creating a Healthier Future for Our Kids, Families, and Communities” (GIH essay)
- “Creating a Healthier Future for Our Children: A Prevention-Oriented Child Health System” by Debbie Chang, Vice President for Policy and Prevention, Nemours
- “Strengthening Communities through Micro-Lending: A Journey of Discovery from Mongu to St. Louis” by Bridget McDermott Flood, Executive Director, Incarnate Word Foundation
- “From Soda Pop to Creating a Healthier Future for Children and Families” by Eugene M. Lewit, Program Officer and Manager, Children, Families, and Communities, The David and Lucile Packard Foundation
- “Reflections on Philanthropy Grounded in Science, Built on Partnerships, and Focused on Results” by Gary D. Nelson, President, Healthcare Georgia Foundation
- “Thinking about What’s Next” by Sterling K. Speirn, President and CEO, W.K. Kellogg Foundation
- “The Obama Administration’s Commitment to Creating a Healthier Future for Children and Families” by Mary K. Wakefield, Administrator, Health Resources and Services Administration

➤ *The Art & Science of Health Grantmaking*, Minneapolis, Minnesota, June 6-7

➤ *Fall Forum*, featuring Issue Dialogues on health reform and on food and health, and the plenary session “Working with Government on Multiple Policy Fronts,” Washington, DC, November 3-4
The following GIH meetings, publications, and audioconferences are organized by key issue area. Meetings or products that cut across issue areas appear only once, but their relevance to other key issues is noted.

ACCESS

**GIH BULLETIN ISSUE FOCUS AND VIEWS FROM THE FIELD ARTICLES**

- “Connecting Kids to Coverage,” May 23 (Children/Youth)
- “Covering Children Under the Affordable Care Act: Minding the Gaps,” August 15 (Health Reform)

**AUDIOCONFERENCES / WEBINARS**

- CLASS: Exploring the Program and the Role of Foundations, cosponsored by Grantmakers In Aging, May 10 (Health Reform)

**MEETINGS**

- “Older Adults and Chronic Conditions: Foundations’ Roles in the New HHS Strategic Framework,” session at Grantmakers In Aging’s Annual Conference, McLean, Virginia, October 26

CHILDREN/YOUTH

**GIH BULLETIN ISSUE FOCUS AND VIEWS FROM THE FIELD ARTICLES**

- “Promoting Family-Centered Care for Children with Special Health Care Needs” by Betsy Anderson, IMPACT Project Director, Family Voices, January 17
- “Supporting Children’s Healthy Development: Place DOES Matter,” March 21 (Social Determinants of Health)
- “Health Care Reform: Promises and Pitfalls for Maternal and Child Health” by Kathryn Santoro, Director of Maternal and Child Health Policy and Development, National Institute for Health Care Management Foundation, July 18 (Health Reform)
- “Race to the Top: Is Children’s Health in the Running?” by Judith C. Meyers, President and CEO, Children’s Fund of Connecticut, September 19

**AUDIOCONFERENCES / WEBINARS**

- The Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act: A Briefing for Funders, February 8
- It’s Never Too Early to Prevent Childhood Obesity, March 31 (Healthy Eating/Active Living)
- Child and Adolescent Health and Health Care Quality: Measuring What Matters, May 3 (Quality)
- Preventing Bullying: It Is Time to Take a Stand, June 22

AGING

**GIH BULLETIN ISSUE FOCUS AND VIEWS FROM THE FIELD ARTICLES**

- “Changing Expectations for Care at the End of Life” by Nancy D. Zionts, Chief Program Officer, Jewish Healthcare Foundation and Chair, Western Pennsylvania Coalition for Quality at the End of Life, October 17

**MEETINGS**

- “Older Adults and Chronic Conditions: Foundations’ Roles in the New HHS Strategic Framework,” session at Grantmakers In Aging’s Annual Conference, McLean, Virginia, October 26

BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

**GIH BULLETIN ISSUE FOCUS AND VIEWS FROM THE FIELD ARTICLES**

- “Paying (Overdue) Attention to Bullying Prevention,” April 15 (Children/Youth)
- “Effective Behavioral Health Funding in an Era of Health Care Reform” by Lynda E. Frost, Director of Planning and Programs, Hogg Foundation for Mental Health, July 18 (Health Reform)

**AUDIOCONFERENCES**

- The Consumer Voice in Behavioral Health: A Powerful Tool, March 29
- Mental Health Financing in the United States, June 2
- The Impact of Health Reform on Behavioral Health Redesign, August 10 (Health Reform)

**GIH ISSUE NETWORKS**

GIH offers a number of Issue Networks, which provide regular forums in which grantmakers working in specific areas can discuss issues, ideas, and potential collaborative activities. Issue Networks aim to increase information exchange, provide a learning community, and build and strengthen relationships among funders. Activities include e-mail forums, audioconferences on current issues in health and philanthropy, and in-person meetings.

- Behavioral Health Funders Network
- Integrative Health Funders Network
- Healthy Eating/Active Living Funders Network
- Kids’ Access Funders Network
- National Alliance for Health Equity
- Oral Health Funders Network
- Public Health Funders Network
STRATEGY SESSIONS

- Encouraging Multi-Sectoral, Place-Based Strategies to Support Children’s Healthy Development, Washington, DC, April 26
- Promoting Public-Private Collaboration to Improve Maternal and Child Health, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Region VI, Addison, Texas, November 14

DISPARITIES

GIH BULLETIN ISSUE FOCUS AND VIEWS FROM THE FIELD ARTICLES

- “An Unprecedented Health Challenge Working with Border Communities” by Jon Law, Program Officer, Paso del Norte Health Foundation, August 15
- “Shedding Light on Maternal Mortality,” August 15
- “Disparities in Food Access and in Opportunities for Physical Activity” by Allison F. Bauer, Senior Program Officer, The Boston Foundation, September 19 (Healthy Eating/Active Living)
- “Going Beyond Grants to End Health Disparities” by Karen Voci, Executive Director, Harvard Pilgrim Health Care Foundation, and Shani Dowd, Director, Culture InSight, November 21

AUDIOCONFERENCES /WEBINARS

- Frameworks for Transforming Systems and Improving Health Outcomes, February 23
- The National Partnership for Action: Supporting Collective Impact on Health Equity, July 7
- Health Literacy: Improving Health Information and Services in Vulnerable Communities, September 19
- Reducing Health Disparities for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Americans, October 20
- Transgender Health and Human Rights, cosponsored by the Sexual Health and Rights Project, and the Open Society Public Health Program, November 9

STRATEGY SESSIONS

- Variety Is the Spice of Life: Ensuring Health Workforce Diversity, Washington, DC, June 15

HEALTH REFORM

 ISSUE DIALOGUE

- Safety Net in the Era of Health Reform: A New Vision of Care, Washington, DC, November 3

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- “Creating Common Ground: Working Together for Food Systems Change” by Virginia Clarke, Coordinator, Sustainable Agriculture and Food Systems Funders, May 23
- “Creating Healthier Communities to Reverse Childhood Obesity” by Monica Hobbs Vinluan, Project Director,

AUDIoCONFERENCES /WEBINARS

- “Where the Rubber Meets the Road” and the Affordable Care Act Fund, February 22
- Know Your Care: A New Campaign to Explain the Affordable Care Act, May 12
- A Health Spending Cap: Implications for Medicaid, the Children’s Health Insurance Program, and the Affordable Care Act Implementation, June 7 (Access)
- Constructing Grantmaking Strategies in Challenging Times, July 12
- Update on Know Your Care, September 9
- Update on Enroll America, September 15
- Implications of Health Care Reform for Immigrant Communities, cosponsored by Grantmakers for Children, Youth, and Families, and Grantmakers Concerned with Immigrants and Refugees, October 21
- The Latino Community and the ACA, November 28
- Essential Health Benefits: Balancing Coverage and Cost, November 30

MEETINGS

- “Full Circle Dialogue on Health,” session at the Council on Foundation’s Annual Conference, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, April 11
- Foundations and Health Reform 2011, Washington, DC, June 16-17

OTHER ACTIVITIES

- GIH State Grant Writing Assistance Fund (grant program)

HEALTHY EATING / ACTIVE LIVING

ISSUE DIALOGUE

- Too Few Choices, Too Much Junk: Connecting Food and Health, Washington, DC, November 4 (Children/Youth)

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- “Reaching Out to Employers about Health Reform’s Potential,” April 18
Audioconferences / Webinars

Developing State-Level Healthy Food Financing Initiatives: New Examples from California and New York, cohosted by the Neighborhood Funders Group, and Sustainable Agriculture and Food Systems Funders, January 27

The Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act: A Briefing for Funders, February 8 (Children/Youth)

The Partnership for a Healthier America: A Briefing for Funders, June 9

The Relationship between Food Access, Food Insecurity, and Obesity, June 16

The Farm Bill and Health: Understanding the Connections, cosponsored by Sustainable Agriculture and Food Systems Funders, October 11

Meetings

Virginia Funders Briefing on the Intersection of Food, Agriculture, and Health; hosted by the Charlottesville Area Community Foundation and cosponsored by Sustainable Agriculture and Food Systems Funders; Charlottesville, Virginia; November 2

Funders Breakfast, Partnership for a Healthier America’s Building a Healthier Future Summit, Washington, DC, November 30

Oral Health

Audioconferences / Webinars

“Making the Connection: Pregnancy and Oral Health,” February 21

“Integrating Primary Care and Public Health: Opportunities for Oral Health” by Ralph Fuccillo, President, DentaQuest Foundation, June 20

Webinars

Schools as Venues for Improving Oral Health Care, March 22 (Children/Youth)

Measuring the Impact of Grants and Initiatives: Examples in Oral Health, August 23

Public Health

Audioconferences / Webinars

Using Data to Improve Community Health, July 14

Promoting the National Prevention Strategy, October 13

Public Policy

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“Grant Agreements and Lobbying” by Abby Levine, Legal Director, Advocacy Programs, Alliance for Justice, October 17 (Public Policy)

Audioconferences / Webinars

Adapting to Change in the Political Landscape of State Government, January 13

Backseat Budgeter®, May 23 (Health Reform)

Exploring the Relationship between Community Organizing and Health Advocacy, June 10

Medicaid Battles in the States, cohosted by Grantmakers for Children, Youth, and Families, and Grantmakers Income Security Taskforce, September 15

Strengthening Advocacy Capacity in Communities of Color through Coalitions, September 23

Health Funders and Fiscal Policy, November 7

Quality

Audioconferences / Webinars

Institute of Medicine Report on the Future of Nursing, February 1

“Aligning Forces for Quality” and Supporting Payment Reform, March 30 (Health Reform)

Investing in Health Care Quality and Patient Safety, June 13 (Health Reform)

Strengthening and Transforming Primary Care through a Team-Based Approach, October 18 (Health Reform)

Bringing Excellence to Scale: A Conversation with Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services Administrator Donald Berwick, October 31 (Health Reform)

Social Determinants of Health

Audioconferences / Webinars

Health, Housing, and Community Development: Aligning Ideas and Priorities, February 25

Weaving Together Prevention, Health Care Delivery, and Community Change, August 29

Meetings

Health, Housing, and Community Development, cosponsored by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
and the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, July 20

FOUNDATION GOVERNANCE AND OPERATIONS

AUDIOCONFERENCES / WEBINARS

• Achieving Mission through Impact Investing, July 18

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• “Cultivating the Next Generation of Philanthropic Leadership” by Kim VanPelt, Director, Arizona Health Futures, St. Luke’s Health Initiatives; Rachel Wick, Director, Policy, Planning, and Special Projects, Consumer Health Foundation; and Melinda Abrams, Vice President, Patient-Centered Coordinated Care, The Commonwealth Fund; May 23

PUBLICATION

• Guide to Impact Investing, May 2

OTHER TOPICS

GIH BULLETIN ISSUE FOCUS AND VIEWS FROM THE FIELD ARTICLES

• “Myths and Facts about Complementary and Alternative Medicine,” July 18
• “Integrative Medicine: Rethinking Health Care Delivery” by Penny George, President, George Family Foundation, December 19

AUDIOCONFERENCES / WEBINARS

• Grantmaking in Complementary and Alternative Medicine, July 14
• Children and Integrative Medicine, September 19 (Children/Youth)

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