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The CMF BLAST contains information the Foundation believes may be useful to its partners, including websites providing information on the stimulus funds, perspectives from health philanthropy and opportunities for organizational and professional capacity building. Your feedback on the enclosed content would be helpful to us. Please send related comments to Nan Silva at nsilva@cmfdn.org

Understanding the Stimulus Package

The Fieldstone Alliance has put together a useful primer on the recently enacted American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) of 2009 which was signed into law by President Barack Obama on February 17th. It addresses what the Act may mean for nonprofit organizations, describing the purpose of the law, the funding categories most applicable to nonprofits, and resources for accessing the funds.

www.fieldstonealliance.org/client/tools_you_can_use/04-08-09_access_stimulus_money.cfm?disccode=TOOL040809

The Impact of the Stimulus Bill on the Illinois Medicaid Program

Health and Disability Advocates, one of CMF's grantee partners, has prepared an excellent summary on the effect of the stimulus package on Illinois health care programs. The summary highlights key issues for Illinois policymakers to consider regarding the impact of the health care provisions in the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act. In particular, it concentrates on the Medicaid program with a focus on capturing the maximum federal funds for Illinois. Topics covered include the Medicaid Federal

Medical Assistance Percentage (FMAP), the "prompt payment" provision, and COBRA extension health care coverage. You can read the summary at <http://hdadvocates.org/library/file.asp?id=300682>

The Path to a High Performance U.S. Health System: A 20/20 Vision and the Policies to Pave the Way

This report from the Commonwealth Fund Commission on a High Performance Health System offers recommendations for a comprehensive set of insurance, payment, and system reforms that could guarantee affordable coverage for all by 2012, improve health outcomes, and slow health spending growth by \$3 trillion by 2020-if enacted now to start in 2010. Central to the Commission's strategy is establishing a national insurance exchange that offers a choice of private plans and a new public plan, with reforms to make coverage affordable, ensure access, and lower administrative costs.

<http://www.commonwealthfund.org/Content/Publications/Fund-Reports/2009/Feb/The-Path-to-a-High-Performance-US-Health-System.aspx>

Executive Retreats for Women Leaders of Nonprofit Organizations

Executive Retreats are two days of workshops designed to help women enhance their nonprofit leadership skills while providing a calming environment in which to establish peer support. Sessions on leadership and supervision, financial management, communication, conflict resolution and work/life balance provide women with the tools they need to enhance their professional skills and focus on personal care. The next retreat is scheduled for July 16th and 17th in the Naperville/Warrenville area. Executive Retreats are facilitated by Laura McAlpine and Mary F. Morten, both of whom bring many years of nonprofit leadership and consultation experience to nonprofit organizations in the Chicago metro area and nationally.

For more information, please contact Mac Grambauer at 773-728-0271 or mac@lmc Alpine.com or visit http://www.mortengroup.com/executive_retreats.php

Nonprofit Executive Directors Listserv

The C(3)EO Forum is comprised of the chief executives of non-

profit 501(c)3 organizations. Its purpose is to further strengthen the core competencies of nonprofit chief executive officers and their organizations, and to develop a better understanding of critical issues and opportunities confronting non-profit agencies. The C(3)EO Forum provides an arena for discussion and the transfer of knowledge on principles of nonprofit management, key and emerging issues and other topics of interest to nonprofit CEOs, and provides an organized and supported venue for peer-to-peer networking and professional development. There is no cost to join. The primary means of communication is via a listserv. Asking questions or responding to them is as simple as sending an e-mail.

To join, send a blank email to C3EO-subscribe@yahogroups.com

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