

Division of Nursing's Third Minority Congress; "Caring for the Emerging Majority: A Blueprint in Action"

AGENCY: Health Resources and Services Administration, HHS.

ACTION: Request for team proposals.

SUMMARY: The Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), Bureau of Health Professions (BHP), Division of Nursing (DN), announces plans for a Third Minority Congress and requests team proposals that will be the basis for selection of attendees at the Congress. The Third Congress, "Caring for the Emerging Majority: A Blueprint in Action," will bring together approximately 100 minority nurses and community leaders from across the country to further the development of an agenda for meeting the health care needs of the emerging majority. This is a national invitational meeting. Attendees will be invited participants selected from teams submitting the most promising proposals to advance this agenda. Teams will receive advice from experts in the field and receive assistance with writing a strong proposal which may be submitted to other funding sources for funding consideration. DN is soliciting proposals from teams composed of minority nurse leaders and others who have entered into partnerships with key community leaders committed to enhancing the health care of minority and underserved populations. These proposals will be reviewed and evaluated by a DN Selection Committee. Team members from selected proposals will be invited to attend the Congress. Each proposal must address one of the three themes of the Congress (see Supplementary Information section).

DATES: Proposals must be submitted to the Division of Nursing, Bureau of Health Professions, Health Resources and Services Administration, 5600 Fishers Lane, Parklawn Building, Room 9-36, Rockville, Maryland 20857, on or before October 18, 1996. FAXED proposals will not be accepted. The Congress will be held in Denver, Colorado on May 28 to 30, 1997.

ADDRESSES: The review of proposals and actual selection of teams to be invited to attend the Congress will occur on November 6, 1996 at the Parklawn Building, Division of Nursing, 5600 Fishers Lane, Room 9-36, Rockville, Maryland 20857.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: One of the national strategic directions identified by the Division of Nursing is to enhance racial and ethnic diversity and cultural competence in the nursing workforce. Two Minority Congresses held in 1992 and 1993 identified a series of important recommendations in the areas of policy, legislation, practice, research, and education. These recommendations revolved around key issues of concern which affect the health of the emerging majority and underserved populations in the country. The Third Minority Congress will build on the two previous Congresses.

In preparation for the Third Minority Congress, a national planning committee of minority nurse leaders was assembled to identify critical issues and areas of concern in implementing a national agenda, and to plan the design for the Third Minority Congress. The themes of the Third Minority Congress are to increase the recruitment, retention, and graduation of minority students in schools of nursing; to increase the numbers of well prepared minority nurse leaders; and to develop the cultural competency of all nurses to care for the emerging majority populations in the Nation.

The participants selected to attend the Congress will consist of teams composed of minority nurse leaders and identified key community leaders. Community leaders should be identified as key stakeholders committed to enhancing the health care of minority and underserved populations. Teams may be composed of 3-5 members with five serving as the maximum number per team. Each team roster should include at least one minority nurse who is in the early phase of her/his career development as a leader. Other team members should be those individuals (this includes both nurses and non-nurses) who can contribute to the successful implementation of the proposed action plan contained in the proposal. A rationale for each member's presence on the team should be provided in the narrative. A diverse team membership that is appropriate to accomplishing the goals of the proposal is strongly encouraged. All team members from each team selected must be able to attend the entire Congress.

Each proposal should address an issue or problem and describe its relationship to one of the three main

themes of the Congress. The proposal may be in a preliminary state when submitted to the Division of Nursing for review since it is expected that the Congress workshops will assist teams in refining their proposals. The originality of the approach as described in the proposal will be considered in the final evaluation and selection to attend the Congress.

The team proposals should be limited to 3-5 written pages in length. Each proposal should contain the following: Title of the proposal; identification with the name, title, address, phone, Internet and FAX number of the primary contact person on the team; identification of each team member and rationale for being on the team; description of issue or problem to be addressed; objectives; outcome measures; methodology; and an evaluation plan.

A Selection Committee within the Division of Nursing will review and evaluate each proposal received. Criteria used to evaluate each proposal and the weights assigned to each element are as follows:

	Points
Presence of at least one minority nurse team member at beginning of career	5
Diverse team membership appropriate to meeting goals described	15
Objectives and methodology appropriate to the stated problem/issue described	25
The proposal shows a relationship to one of the three main themes of the Congress	5
Proposal problem/issue is described	20
Outcome measures of success are described	15
Originality of proposal problem/issue	15
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The Selection Committee will meet to evaluate the proposals on November 6, 1996. Selected teams will be notified by November 29, 1996.

Travel and per diem expenses to attend the Congress in May 1997 will be provided for selected teams. The team proposals will contribute to the national agenda, which when implemented, will further the national goal of caring for the emerging majority populations in the Nation.

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