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STATE AWARDS OVER \$2.5 MILLION TO FAMILY PRACTICE RESIDENCY TRAINING PROGRAMS

Sacramento – The Office of Statewide Health Planning and Development (OSHPD) recently awarded over \$2.5 million to twenty-six family practice residency training programs. The funds are made available through OSHPD's Song-Brown program.

“Song-Brown Family Practice Residency program funding increases family medicine residents’ opportunities to practice at medically underserved facilities,” said OSHPD Director, Dr. David Carlisle. “This exposure to residency programs in underserved communities increases the likelihood that as medical doctors, they will choose to practice in these communities.”

The following family practice residency training programs received awards:

Contra Costa County Health Services	\$ 51,615
Loma Linda University	\$ 51,615
Mercy Medical Center, Merced	\$ 51,615
Mercy Medical Center, Redding	\$ 51,615
Northridge Hospital Medical Center	\$ 51,615
Pomona Valley Hospital Medical Center	\$ 51,615
Presbyterian Intercommunity Hospital	\$ 51,615
San Jose O'Connor Hospital	\$ 51,615
USC, Department of Family Medicine	\$ 51,615
Charles R. Drew University	\$103,230
Harbor-UCLA Medical Center	\$103,230
Kaiser Permanente Orange	\$103,230
Long Beach Memorial	\$103,230
Natividad Medical Center	\$103,230
Sutter Medical Center, Santa Rosa	\$103,230
UCSD Combined Family Medicine Psychiatry	\$103,230
UCSF – San Francisco General Hospital	\$103,230
University of California, Los Angeles	\$103,230
University of California, Davis	\$103,230
County of Ventura	\$137,640
University of California, Irvine	\$137,640
USC, California Hospital Medical Center	\$137,640

Stanislaus Family Medicine	\$154,845
UCSF – Fresno	\$154,845
White Memorial Medical Center	\$154,845
Scripps Mercy Hospital, Chula Vista	\$172,050

The Song-Brown program was established by the Song-Brown Act to increase the number of family practice physicians and physician assistants being trained in the State to provide needed medical services to the people of California. OSHPD works in conjunction with the California Healthcare Workforce Policy Commission to award Song-Brown program funding. Family nurse practitioners were added to the Song-Brown program in 1978, and in 2005, Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger expanded the program to include registered nurses.

Since Governor Schwarzenegger took office in 2003, the Song Brown Program has awarded over \$10 million in capitation awards to family practice residency training programs.

For more information about the Song-Brown program, please contact the program at (916) 653-0733, or check our Web site at <http://www.oshpd.ca.gov/HWCDD/manpower/songbrown.htm>