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**To:** Texas Nursing Deans and Directors, Office of Sponsored Projects Directors at Texas Institutions of Higher Education, and Other Interested Parties

**From:** MacGregor M. Stephenson

**Subject:** Grant Awards under the Nursing Innovation Grant Program

**Date:** July 30, 2010

On behalf of Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (THECB), I am pleased to announce 2010 grant awards under the Nursing Innovation Grant Program (NIGP) Best Practices and Breaking the Bottleneck in Clinical Education Competitions. NIGP is funded by interest earnings of the Nursing, Allied Health and Other Health-related Education Grant Program which was established by the 76<sup>th</sup> Texas Legislature with proceeds from the Multi-State Tobacco Lawsuit Settlement.

Applications were selected for funding based on: 1) project quality as determined by peer reviewers, and 2) other selection criteria identified in the NIGP *Request for Applications*. Applicants who did not receive awards are eligible to obtain peer reviewer comments upon request and as available.

THECB awarded six, two-year grants, totaling \$1,563,347.

### Best Practices Competition

**Bantell, Mary D., Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi** in partnership with Del Mar College and Coastal Bend College, *TAMUCC Best Practices Preparing Certified Clinical Instructors and Clinical Instructor Assistants*. Award: \$281,039.

**Curl, Eileen Deges, Lamar University** in partnership with Baptist Beaumont Hospital, *Students Understanding Course Content Essential for Success in School (SUCCESS)*. Award: \$258,204.

**O'Neal, Cynthia and Decker, Sharon, Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center at campuses located in Lubbock, Abilene and Odessa** in partnership with Hendrick Health System, Medical Center Hospital, and University Medical Center, *Increasing Nursing Enrollment and Accelerating the Orientation of New Graduates Using BSN lab Mentors: Replication of a Best Practices Strategy*. Award: \$299,964.

Breaking the Bottleneck in Clinical Education Competition

**Landry, Karen A. and Kincaid, Karen O., Texas A&M University System Health Science Center** in partnership with Texas A&M University and Blinn College, *Virtual Simulation in Nursing Clinical Instruction*. Award: \$138,376.

**O'Brien, Karen and Jose, Mini, The University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston** in partnership with Galveston College, *Increasing Clinical Education Capacity through Advanced Simulation Technology*. Award: \$293,036

**Sportsman, Susan, Midwestern State University** in partnership with United Regional Hospital. *Use of a Dedicated Unit to Increase Student Enrollment*. Award: \$292,728.

Our appreciation goes to the grant reviewers who volunteered their time to evaluate the Best Practices applications: Marcy Beck, Midwestern State University; Marilyn Hamilton, Victoria College; Carol Hodgson, Texarkana College; Eileen Klein, Austin Community College; Leslie Mayrand, Angelo State University; Mary Beth Thomas, Texas Board of Nursing. Our appreciation also goes to the grant reviewers who evaluated the Breaking the Bottleneck applications: Eileen Curl, Lamar University; Aileen Kishi, Texas Center for Nursing Workforce Studies; Beth Mancini, The University of Texas at Arlington; Lee Ogburn-Russell, Temple College; Carol Reineck, The University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio; Mary Beth Thomas, Texas Board of Nursing; Poldi Tschirch, University of St. Thomas; Yvonne VanDyke, Seton Family of Hospitals, Austin.