

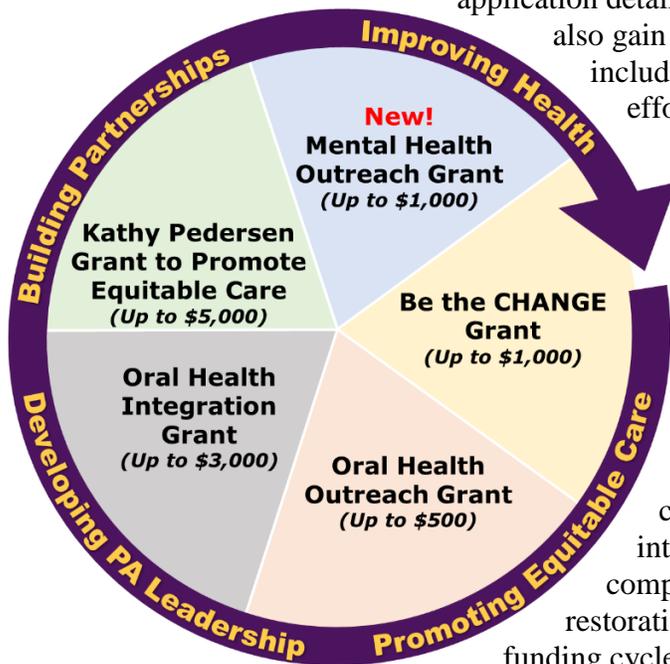
The nccPA Health Foundation believes in designing scalable initiatives that advance the role of certified PAs to improve health. Our work builds PA capacity, competencies, and skills through education and research activities that promote the PA profession, benefit patients, and foster partnerships.

Below, we've highlighted Health Foundation's resources that we believe are of greatest interest and utility to PA educators and PA students.



Small Grant Programs Build PA & Student Skills: Apply for Funding Now!

Since inception, the Health Foundation has awarded 70 grants across its five programs. Educators, practicing PAs, and students from 26 states have received funding. Our two longest-running programs focus on oral health integration and outreach. Our newest program supports mental health community outreach, including efforts that raise awareness, promote prevention, foster education, and support treatment. Our most popular program is the Be the CHANGE (Create Health Access Now for Greater Equity) grant, which provides up to \$1,000 to address a public health need in your community. We encourage PA faculty and students, particularly those in service-learning or community medicine courses, to apply for funding to support their work. Funding is available this year, and grant application details and grant writing tips can be found online. Applicants also gain valuable experience with a grant writing process, including designing a project, building partnerships, and leading efforts to successful completion. Finally, grantees have used their funded work for scholarship, and we recognize those efforts on our website.



In August, the Health Foundation selected its third Kathy J. Pedersen Grantee to Promote Equitable Care. This competitive grant seeks to foster social accountability and was awarded to PA-led Mayanza, Inc., a nonprofit dedicated to the education and care needs of the Mayan population in rural Guatemala. PAs and PA students have already built relationships with the community; and the grant will help develop local, interprofessional partnerships to ensure culturally-competent year-round oral health education, care, and restoration for this underserved community. This grant's next funding cycle will open in early 2019, and we encourage all to begin

thinking about how your program or students might promote social accountability with this competitive \$5,000 award.

Partners in Mental Health Initiative Celebrates First Year

In June, the PARTners in Mental Health Steering Committee, including PA organization leaders and PA and interprofessional champions, celebrated accomplishments in the initiative's first year. In addition, the Steering Committee discussed how to continue to address the four strategies identified in the *PARTners in Mental Health Summit Proceedings & Recommendations*. The recommendations include enhancing educational approaches, strengthening the PA practice environment, raising awareness within and beyond the PA profession, and supporting this PA movement. The outcomes of the June meeting were released as our *2018 Stakeholders Report on the Health Foundation's website*. With more than 126 million Americans living in places where it is difficult to access mental health care, we're excited about how certified PAs can be engaged in addressing the mental health and substance use disorder crises. If you have an interest in future activities, please share your information with us at contactus@nccpahealthfoundation.net



Health Foundation Provides Tools & Resources for the PA Oral Health Movement

The Health Foundation remains an active contributor to the multi-year, cross organizational movement that fosters integration of oral health in PA education and practice. Grounded in a collective impact strategy, evaluative studies document how the movement is equipping the more than 8,000 annual new graduates and health profession partners to reduce oral health disparities. In addition to our grant programs, the Health Foundation identifies tools for curricular integration and offers a series of free

videos to support curricular efforts. (The videos were funded by the Health Foundation and the PA Leadership Initiative in Oral Health, which is supported by the National Interprofessional Initiative in Oral Health and its funders the DentaQuest Foundation and the Arcora Foundation.) Find our oral health and other resources at www.nccpahealthfoundation.net.

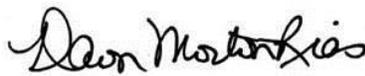
Videos: Broaden the Conversation	
	<p>Four clips offer small steps for impact while three videos make the case, focus on medication management, and highlight health equity.</p> 

This year, we've also dedicated time to envisioning our next strategic plan, and we look forward to continuing our work to advance the role of certified PAs to improve health! We know achieving our goal of truly improving health requires partnerships; and we hope those partnerships will continue to include the Physician Assistant Education Association as well as PA faculty, preceptors, and students.

Respectfully submitted,



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