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Health Access Planning Network (HAPN) Receives Outstanding Review From Louisiana Rural Health Access Program

(Napoleonville, LA, May 24, 2005) - Recently, Louisiana Rural Health Association received a grant from the Louisiana Rural Health Access Program, known as Better Health for the Delta, to devise a strategy for improving access to health care for people in Assumption, Iberia, Iberville, and Pointe Coupee Parishes. The grant is for three years and is part of a statewide effort to advance the quality of life for residents in rural Louisiana.

As part of the grant requirements, LRHA had to undergo an initial site visit from Marsha Broussard, LRHAP Director, at Assumption Community Hospital on May 24th with all of the Health Access Planning Network (HAPN) members in attendance. Upon completion of the review, Ms. Broussard cited HAPN for its outstanding work. The HAPN partners are Louisiana Rural Health Association; Assumption Community Enrichment (ACE Inc.), Assumption Community Hospital, Assumption Rural Health Clinic, H.O.P.E. Ministry of Pointe Coupee, Iberia Comprehensive Community Health Clinic (ICCHC), St. Gabriel (Eastside) Community Health Clinic, and Innis Community Health Center.

“I am not surprised that this network is ahead of schedule on the activities they proposed to carry out. HAPN is comprised of a group of dedicated partners and the network has a good leader that will make sure all activities are carried out,” stated Broussard. She continued by saying that she was impressed that the network started developing a logic model specific to planning a prescription assistance clearinghouse.

Organizations serving Assumption, Iberia, Iberville, and Pointe Coupee Parishes that are interested in working with HAPN to devise a strategy to improve access to prescription drug assistance programs should contact Stacy Fontenot with Louisiana Rural Health Association at 985-369-3813 or email her at lrhahapn@bellsouth.net.

For more information about Health Access Planning Network, or if you are interested in becoming a partner, please contact Stacy Fontenot at (985) 369-3813 or emailing her at lrhahapn@bellsouth.net.

The Louisiana Rural Health Association is a non-profit organization dedicated to improving the health of the citizens of rural Louisiana. The membership provides leadership in rural health care issues through advocacy, communication and education. Our membership is composed of individuals and organizations interested in making a difference in the quality of the health care delivery system for Louisiana's rural citizens.