

GROUPS —Health for Humans—



Community Catalyst is a national advocacy organization that builds consumer and community participation in the shaping of our health system to ensure quality, affordable health care for all. It is involved in: promoting the voice of health consumers; working at the state level on health care policy; promoting affordable prescriptive drugs through class-action litigation; seeking to eliminate conflicts of interest over the medical/industrial complex's marketing mechanisms among academic medical centers, professional medical societies and public and private payers; a web-based service that helps people access important benefit programs such as: Medicaid, SCHIP, and other health programs, food stamps, fuel assistance programs and Earned Income Tax Credit. Their website at communitycatalyst.org has a broad range of resources on all the issues it deals with.

The Collaborative on Health and the Environment (CHE) is a diverse partnership of individuals and organizations working collectively to advance knowledge and effective action to address growing concerns about the links between human health and environmental factors. It has working groups on asthma, breast cancer, electromagnetic fields, learning and developmental disabilities, Parkinson's Disease and women's health. Its Community Resources web page is an interactive one-stop source for information about science and community action. It has links to help concerned citizens or community groups begin investigating environmental toxics and pollution in our homes and communities. It also has connections to understanding our rights to know and to finding and creating alternative solutions to the chemicals, consumer products and pesticides we come in contact with every day.



Health Care Now! is building a movement for a Guaranteed National Health Insurance System in this country with quality health care for every human being. They are promoting the Conyers/Kucinich Bill HR 676

to establish a US National Health Insurance Plan that would be an expanded and improved Health Care for All. Go to their website at healthcare-now.org to read the HR 676, sign a supporting petition, learn how to organize support for the bill, get your local government to pass a supportive resolution, or to connect into various efforts already happening around the country.

Physicians for a National Health Program is a single issue organization advocating a universal, comprehensive single-payer national health program. PNHP has more than 14,000 members and chapters across the United States. They have proposals for National Single-Payer Health Insurance and a national long-term care program. Their website at pnhp.org has a long list of resources, articles of interest and links to multi-media interviews. It has a site to communicate with legislators and lists of organizations in every state working on these issues.



The People's Health Movement (PHM) is a coalition of grassroots organizations dedicated to challenging the prevailing system of health-care delivery that worldwide is

failing to serve most of the poor worldwide. At a 92-country meeting with 1453 delegates, they wrote the People's Charter for Health. PHM-USA is working on Antimilitarism, Right to Health, Right to Water, and Trade and Health. Check out their website at www.phmovement.org/getinvolved.html for a list of activities and suggestions on how to get involved.



NACHC is a non-profit organization whose mission is to enhance and expand access to quality, community-responsive health care for America's medically underserved and uninsured. Its website at nachc.com offers resources for starting and running a community health center as well as funding sources for capital improvements. Its 605-page publication *So You Want to Start a Health Center: A Practical Guide for Starting a Community Health Center* is available for free. It also has information on caring for elderly, homeless, and farmworker populations. Finally, it can assist you in joining the Community Health Corps.