



## Community Grant Outcome Report

**Name:** Influencing Wisconsin's Public Health System Through Exploration of a Model That Addresses Hmong Mental Health Needs

**Grantee:** Mental Health Center of Dane County

**Academic Partner:** Dean Krahn, MD, Clinical Professor, Psychiatry, UW SMPH

**Program:** Development

**Grant Duration:** 12/01/2004 to 11/30/2005 (12 months)

**Expenditures:** \$25,000 of \$25,000 (100% expended)

**Use of Funds:** Build knowledge base; build capacity

► **Description:** Address the need for treatment strategies for mental disorders in Hmong people living in Wisconsin and develop partnerships to explore optimum approaches to address mental illness in these communities.

► **Results:** The project developed a Kajsab House manual, "The Hmong Family Model: Finding Kajsab," for use by programs considering replicating the practices and procedures that Kajsab House uses to set up and deliver services. Kajsab House also developed a working relationship with Appleton, Wisconsin, to set the stage for forming a partnership to try to replicate the Kajsab House model in that community. Contacts were made and beginning relationships forged with two other communities, Milwaukee and Eau Claire, to educate about the impact of trauma experienced by the Hmong refugees.

► **Met Objectives:** Yes

► **Baseline Progress on SHP Objectives:** Not measured

► **Academic Partner Role:** The academic partner arranged meetings with other faculty including at the UW, which resulted in a collaboration on an implementation grant proposal to further understand and study the effect of trauma impact on the Hmong population in Dane County.

► **Matched Dollars (cash or in-kind):** \$6,079

► **Dissemination:** Copies of the Kajsab House manual distributed at conferences and workshops and by request.

► **Sustained:** The project will continue to work with the city, county, and states elected officials to educate them of the crucial needs of the Hmong population's mental health illness in Dane County and the state of Wisconsin. This project will advocate the County elected officials to include the project in County's yearly budget which, if successful, will be a major step toward sustainability. The project administrators and staff are working closely with the County Supervisors to inform them of the importance of the services the project provides to the Dane County Hmong population. Kajsab House has built a sustainable base of funding by meeting all criteria so it can bill services through Medical Assistance/Crisis Stabilization, a federal revenue source. Received a 2005 WPP Implementation grant for \$450,000.