



Community Grant Outcome Report

Name: Community Mental Health Training Institute

Grantee: New Concept Self Development Center, Inc.

Academic Partner: Ron Cisler, PhD, Associate Professor, Population Health Sciences, UW SMPH

Program: Development

Grant Duration: 11/01/2004 to 05/31/2006 (18 months)

Expenditures: \$24,022 of \$25,000 (96% expended)

Use of Funds: Build capacity; cultivate workforce

► **Description:** Increase the number of culturally competent mental health educators and service providers for ethnic minorities in the Milwaukee area.

► **Results:** This goal of this project was to develop a *Mental Health Training Institute (MHTI)* model aimed at training and placing competent mental health professionals in collaborating agencies and organizations. The MHTI developed a steering team composed of key community stakeholders including Froedertert Hospital, Aurora Hospital, Black Health Coalition of Wisconsin and the Mental Health Association. One-on-one interviews were conducted with religious institutions, social service agencies and other non-traditional mental health providers serving the target population in an effort to get diverse input on the training needs for non-traditional mental health providers. The information gathered from key stakeholders was compiled into a report and used to develop a curriculum for training non-traditional mental health providers. MHTI also conducted a six-hour training on *Counseling Skills to Enhance Early Client Engagement* for 20 "Project Hope" and agency paraprofessional counseling staff.

► **Met Objectives:** Yes

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

► **Academic Partner Role:** The academic partner assisted with outreach and connected New Concept with potential partners, assisted with the development and implementation process, and provided relevant population data and technical support for the design of the model for training mental health educators and

providers. He also maintained an active role on MHTI steering and planning committees.

► **Matched Dollars (cash or in-kind):** \$17,850

► **Dissemination:** The MHTI model was presented at various community events/meetings including Governor Doyle's "Call to Action on Child Abuse and Neglect Mental Health and Substance Abuse Workgroup", Milwaukee County Behavioral Health Group quarterly meetings, Child Abuse Prevention Network monthly meetings, Youth Mental Health Provider Group quarterly meetings and summit, and the W-2 Partnership Council quarterly meetings. The MHTI model was also featured in New Concept's June 2005 newsletter which is distributed to more than 300 agencies and individuals.

► **Sustained:** New Concept's MHTI model was instrumental in the agency receiving funding through the State of Wisconsin – DHFS Bureau of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services for \$92,958.