Grant/Project Title:  Welcome Back

Award Amount:  $2,003,230 (for three years)

Funding Source:  The California Endowment

Award Date:

Abstract:

With a three-year grant from the California Endowment, the San Francisco Bay Area Regional Health Occupations Resource Center (RHORC) and City College of San Francisco established a center to provide training and career counseling to internationally trained health professionals (Welcome Back) in the Northern and Interior San Francisco Bay Area. City College of San Francisco (CCSF) and San Francisco State University (SFSU) through Community Health Works of San Francisco (CHW), a joint program of the two institutions and RHORC’s home, collaborate to deliver the program.

Welcome Back supports internationally trained immigrants typically blocked from professional health care service in communities that desperately need their skills, as well as their linguistic and cultural competence. The program offers counseling and educational services to assist these workers in obtaining the appropriate licenses, credentials, orientation and job placement to work in the US health care system. Additionally, Welcome Back develops US-specific leadership, management and advocacy skills among these immigrant health professionals.