

AIHA Receives Open World Grant, Hosts 2006 Exchanges

AIHA was recently awarded a grant from the Open World Leadership Center at the US Library of Congress, making it possible to provide civic leaders and health care professionals from Russia with an opportunity to get a firsthand look at effective community-based health initiatives in the United States through the Community Leadership Development Program (CLDP).

This year's Open World/CLDP exchanges took place October 19-30 and were designed to help the Russian delegates effectively leverage community resources to provide socially-oriented health services and to better address their country's HIV/AIDS epidemic.

This year's 25 delegates represented Orenburg Oblast and St. Petersburg. Participants were introduced to local governance and civic institutions and have the opportunity to observe the US healthcare system and HIV/AIDS services delivered by American healthcare facilities, NGOs, and faith-based groups. The 2006 delegates are now part of AIHA's regional network of more than 350 Open World/CLDP alumni in Russia.



CLDP delegates learn about effective models of healthcare delivery and meet with high-level community or national leaders, such as US Rep. Leonard Boswell of Iowa.