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NURSE PRACTITIONER HEALTHCARE FOUNDATION ANNOUNCES NPHF POLICY FELLOWSHIP ASSIGNMENT TO THE OFFICE OF THE U.S. SURGEON GENERAL

Bellevue, WA, March 12, 2006 – The Nurse Practitioner Healthcare Foundation today announced the “call for applications” for a Policy Fellowship to be assigned to the Office of the U.S. Surgeon General. This is the first fellowship of its kind for a nurse practitioner.

“This is a simply outstanding opportunity for a nurse practitioner to be engaged in national health policy activities at a high level,” said NPHF President Phyllis Zimmer. “It is both a training opportunity for the Fellow to learn about health policy formulation, federal agencies, and program development and an opportunity for the Fellow to offer leadership in critical areas of public health from a nursing perspective. We are deeply grateful to the Office of the Surgeon General for making this opportunity available to a nurse practitioner.”

The Fellowship is a one-year commitment, renewable for a second year. The 2006 Fellowship will focus on diabetes, though the Surgeon General ultimately assigns the Fellow’s duties. The Fellowship provides salary replacement, living expenses, and limited travel experiences. The Fellow will be required to be available full time in the Office of the Surgeon General.

Details of the qualifications for the position, and application materials maybe obtained on the website: www.nphealthcarefoundation.org. Applications must be postmarked by April 15, 2006. Upon receipt, the Selection Committee will review the applications. Semi-finalists will receive interviews with members of the NPHF Board of Trustees in May. The finalist then will be named.

Support for this program has been provided by AstraZeneca and Novo Nordisk. “We are very pleased that AstraZeneca and Novo Nordisk have demonstrated their concern for public health by supporting the Policy Fellowship” said Jean Johnson, PhD, RN, Chair of the Board of Trustees. “AstraZeneca is delighted to support this innovative effort to deliver quality patient care,” said Cathy Kernen, Executive Director of Health & Community Alliances, AstraZeneca. “Supporting a program that provides an opportunity for a nurse practitioner to be part of the U.S. Surgeon General’s Office exemplifies our dedication to making healthcare a personal experience, as it addresses the individual needs of patients and caregivers with regard to public health policy.” “This is a tremendous opportunity for those on the frontline of diabetes care to influence how this disease is treated,” added Andrew Purcell, Vice President of Strategic Business Development for Novo Nordisk. “With diabetes reaching epidemic proportions in this country, much needs to be done to affect system change. This program will provide such an opportunity.”

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