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The Lincy Institute is pleased to announce the awardees of its 2013 Call for Collaborations. After receiving many highly qualified proposals, two recipients were selected for the award. In the mental health category, a collaborative led by Foundation for Recovery was chosen. Their project will focus on the process of developing a statewide policy for the training and utilization for Peer Recovery Support Specialists for individuals struggling with mental health issues and substance abuse. Nationwide, mental health and substance abuse consumers have benefitted from the support of peer specialists, individuals who have successfully navigated these systems themselves. It is proposed that a statewide certification program for peer specialists in Nevada would result in improved outcomes for clients of the mental health and substance abuse systems. For more information regarding this project, please contact Pete Singleton, Director of Peer Services for Foundation for Recovery at (702) 257-8199. More information regarding Foundation for Recovery can be accessed at: www.forrecovery.org.

In the area of education, a collaborative led by United Way of Southern Nevada was selected to implement their Community Impact Project. This project will include a needs assessment that will survey schools, community organizations, and parents to determine the barriers for educational achievement among students. This data will be used to help guide future interventions and leverage federal funding. For more information regarding the Community Impact Project, please contact Nelson Araujo, Senior Director of the Las Vegas Healthy Communities Coalition of the United Way of Southern Nevada at (702) 892-2346. More information regarding United Way of Southern Nevada can be accessed at www.uwsn.org.