



“Building healthy communities by fostering charitable support for the Osceola Medical Center and the health related needs of the people in the upper St. Croix Valley.”

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OCHF funding to address suicide prevention

The Osceola Community Health Foundation recently awarded a grant to the Mental Health Task Force of Polk County. The \$7,500 grant will be used to provide free suicide prevention training to area residents.

The training will follow a “question, persuade, refer” model that provides individuals with the skills to identify and help someone who may be considering suicide, according to Carleen Matosky, outreach consultant with the Mental Health Task Force. To schedule or learn about upcoming trainings, contact Carleen at 715-553-2367.

“Addressing mental health issues, including depression and suicide prevention, is one of the foundation’s primary focus areas,” according to OCHF Director Sue Gerlach. The foundation is also interested in funding programs dealing with alcohol and drug abuse prevention and obesity, she said.

OCHF is a regional non-profit organization that has given more than \$11.5 million to Osceola Medical Center and other community non-profits. The Foundation’s mission is building healthy communities by fostering charitable support for OMC and the health related needs of the people in the upper St. Croix Valley. For more information about OCHF, grant opportunities and how to donate, go to www.MyOCHF.com.