

TO: Nursing Home Associations
Qualidigm

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SUBJECT: Culture Change Opportunities

The Connecticut Department of Public Health is very excited to announce that the sum of \$50,000.00 is available to nursing homes for the initiation of two projects associated with Culture Change. The monies are being allocated as follows:

- \$25,000.00 for the purchase of steam tables for service of meals in the dining room.
- \$25,000.00 for the purchase of materials to build raised gardens along with soil and initial plants.

Both Commissioner Galvin and Deputy Commissioner Gyle are staunch supporters of culture change and provided support for this initiative. The Culture Change Coalition Steering Committee, Qualidigm, and Department will work on an application process. A committee will review the applications and awards the monies sufficient to purchase the item based upon a blind review of the application materials (e.g. application forms will be masked when reviewed by the committee).

The Department urges all nursing homes who participate in the culture change process to submit applications. We are very excited about this project and look forward to more projects in the future.

You will be receiving more information from the Culture Change Coalition in the very near future.

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