

The National Association for Healthcare Quality grants two prestigious awards to the California Association for Healthcare Quality for 2010!

CAHQ is proud to announce receipt of a \$1,500 educational grant from NAHQ for 2010. The grant resulted from an impressive application written by CAHQ Education Chair Cheri Graham-Clark and will be used to continue to bring well-known speakers to CAHQ's ambitious educational programs.

California Association Healthcare Quality Wins 2010 Newsletter Award!!

Since 2007, the team of Pat Lucken and Kathy Chai took on the mantle of CAHQ Journal Co-editors. They began as two individuals who knew little about each other or their respective practices and over four years forged a working relationship as well as a friendship. Each coeditor had their individual strengths and preferences. Pat was the contact person and solicited for the majority of articles. She used her contacts within her work organization and also in the many organizations she belonged. She followed up with every individual or group who volunteered and reminded them of their commitment and deadlines. She inserted topics of interest to the quality field as well as to healthcare workers.

On the other hand, Kathy was the editor and quality control person. Her college professor persona found grammar and APA a comfortable diversion from day to day activities. Kathy and Pat would collaborate on layout, design and content and each would contribute their monthly editorial. Almost all of this was done online, via emails. Even their submissions to the web layout designer, Colin MacGregor were done online. When they started together, Pat and Kathy edited a basic State Newsletter. By the time the award was conferred at the NAHQ Annual Educational Conference in Kansas City in 2010, the newsletter contained peer reviewed articles, member contributions and was a much more scholarly journal. Given it's size of 30 pages or more, the current CAHQ Forum is only available online. That has been another satisfier for members. We are very proud to have won the 2010 NAHQ Newsletter Award!

