



Virginia Center for Health Outreach (VCHO)
Supporting Community Health Workers' Contribution to Virginia Health Care
Progress Report for January- March 2003

Education

- Conducted a workshop, "Evaluating Community Health Outreach" for CHW program supervisors in response to their request on the 2002 CHW Program Survey
- Working with the Farmworker Justice Fund and Rural Opportunities, Inc. to plan a Mid-Atlantic HIV-AIDS conference at JMU in June 2003
- Developing a video to educate CHWs about the advocacy process, which will be disseminated to the eight regional CHW networks

Consultations

- Serving on a Mental Health Curriculum Advisory Committee about the clinical training needs of the paraprofessional in the area of learning about dysfunction through a strength-based lens

Funding

- Because no new VCHO funding was received in 2003, three conditional funding awards were not funded, and no new applications are being accepted at this time

Contractual Services

- Awarded contract (\$5,730.17) to provide evaluation services from the AIDS Services Group in Charlottesville on their federal grant award. This is the first of three years anticipated contract work.
- Awarded March-June 2003 contract (\$84,684) to build the necessary infrastructure to utilize CHWs at 25 statewide Provider sites to assist with outreach and referral efforts, health education, coalition/partnership building and peer support from the Virginia Dept. of Health's Breast and Cervical Cancer Early Detection Program (BCCEDP). This award also includes funding a BCCEDP Public Education/Outreach Coordinator based in Richmond who will interface with VCHO on these activities.
- Submitted a July 2003-June 2004 proposal (\$59,855) to provide regional training of CHWs in content specific to breast and cervical cancer education and referral; regional supervisor train-the-trainer on CHW recruitment, training, managing, maintaining and evaluating CHWs; statewide resource to BCCEDP provider sites who utilize CHWs (continuing education, CHW network, consultation)
- Provide ongoing technical support to the Healthy Families Program of Page County through a grant award (\$42,066) from the Virginia Dept. of Social Services
- Awarded contract (\$443,066) to serve as Lead Agent for the Ryan White Title II funding for Northwest Virginia

Coordination

- Provide technical assistance to developing eight regional CHW networks. Attended and supported three regional CHW network meetings. Strengthening the regional networks will be a priority activity over the next year because of Center's reduced funding.
- Shared VCHO database for Region 4 CHW Network with the Fairfax County Community Access Project (CAP) so that they can mail CHWs invitations to their September conference at George Mason University