

Virginia Center for Health Outreach (VCHO)
Supporting Community Health Workers' Contribution to Virginia Health Care
And Building a Community of Community Health Workers
Progress Report for January – March 2005

Communication

- Developed, produced and distributed quarterly issue of *The VCHO Advisor*
- Developed, produced and distributed monthly issue of *The CHW I.D.* with instructional material on cultural competency
- Developed educational units on families with a special-needs child for CHWs
- Revised the educational brochure about VCHO
- Produced a new educational brochure about CHWs
- Managed all aspects of communication for the year two CHW study resolution process, including data collection and dissemination
- Used VCHO listservs to disseminate information about various potential educational and funding opportunities to Virginia's CHW programs

Education

- Facilitated development and implementation of regional community capacity building/grant-writing workshops
- Provided educational displays and presentations about VCHO and CHWs in Region 3 and Region 7
- Began planning process for 2005 annual CHW conference
- Provided five scholarships for representatives of Virginia's CHW programs to attend the CDC Health Indicators workshop at JMU
- Provided relevant workplace experiences for five interns from different JMU colleges

Consultations

- Provided consultation about CHWs to Heather Funkhouser, Virginia Department of Health's Center for Injury and Violence Prevention
- Provided consultation for Lisa Tobe, Quincy, California, about starting a Hispanic CHW program
- Provided consultation about CHWs to Corri Miller-Hobbs, Safe Kids of Virginia, Virginia Commonwealth University
- Provided consultation about CHWs to J.D. Jenkins, Henrico Fire and Rescue, Public Education Specialist

Policy

- Worked with the Virginia Department of Human Resources to develop a CHW class title that incorporates Virginia's new standard definition of a CHW in response to the recommendation in the year one CHW Study Resolution report.

Coordination

- Identified and hired two Regional CHW network coordinators for Region 8
- Participated in the VDH Breast and Cervical Cancer Early Detection Program annual planning retreat

Research

- Conducted literature review on CHW core competencies and skills and analyzed findings
- Compiled and analyzed 2004 Virginia CHW Conference evaluations
- Acquired in-house capacity to conduct and analyze online surveys