

Virginia Center for Health Outreach (VCHO)
Supporting Community Health Workers' Contribution to Virginia Health Care
Progress Report July 2001-March 2002

Education

- Produced calendar
- Produced Video
- Developed VCHO website to educate, communicate, and disseminate resources including a CHW bibliography, grant directory, and technical assistance
- Planning a statewide conference for fall 2002
- Developing Regional/state CHW network(s) to be in place by June 2002, including paid CHWs as coordinators
- VCHO Advisory Council to develop Virginia General Assembly CHW Study Resolution

Consultations

- Contributed to the University of Maryland research on CHW curricula
- Met AHEC of Southwest Oregon request for CHW community college curricula
- Provided to Norfolk's Bon Secours DePaul Medical Center Vice-President for Mission
- Met Iowa and Kentucky requests on how to set up CHW programs
- Met Virginia's Three Rivers Health District request for Spanish language resource materials for CHW programs
- Provided CHW resource materials to George Mason University graduate students
- Supported the Virginia Coalition for Children's Health
- Assisted with development of funding strategies for Comprehensive Health Investment Project of Virginia

Presentations

- American Public Health Association 129th Annual Meeting, October 2001
- Office of Rural Health Policy's Rural Health Outreach Grantees Meeting, October 2001
- Submitted abstract to HRSA's National Faith-Health Leadership Forum, November 2001 (conference cancelled)
- Videoconference Meeting with Virginia Department of Health's District Directors, January 2002
- Center for Sustainable Health Outreach Annual Conference, February 2002
- Submitted abstract to report on VCHO research to the American Public Health Association 130th Annual Meeting, November 2002

Contracted Services

- Developed curriculum adaptation of Bright Futures' core concepts
- Conducted two workshops for annual training of Virginia Resource Mothers and coordinators
- Conducted information session about the Virginia Center for Health Outreach for a Virginia Department of Health program
- Coordinated workshop presented by the National Center for Cultural Healing to a Virginia CHW audience

Research

- Conducted and are analyzing data from 6 of 11 regional focus groups statewide – final report expected June 2002
- Partnered with HRSA's Community Access Program in Fairfax County to share focus group and program survey data regarding CHW programs
- To date received 28% of 228 program surveys sent and initiated analysis - final report expected May 2002