

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

Education

- Abstract accepted for presentation at the 131st American Public Health Association annual meeting in San Francisco, November, 2003
- Restructured and streamlined VCHO website to improve ongoing education, communication and dissemination of resources
- Continued ongoing planning of workshops, speakers, location for 2nd annual Virginia CHW Conference “Weaving a Fabric of Care” to be held Nov. 20 and 21, 2003
- Posted information on bio-terrorism preparation and response on VCHO website

Consultations

- Provided English and Spanish CHW curricula to Marilyn Metzler, Crossover Health, Richmond, VA
- Provided consultation to Bita A. Kash, School of Rural Public Health, Texas A & M, for a national CHW survey/case study project
- Provided English CHW curriculum to Barbara Kretschmer, New Hanover County Partnership for Children, Wilmington, NC
- Provided Catherine Doerr, East Tennessee State University, with information on CHW programming and curricula
- Responded to a request from Daniel Koski, Curamericas, an international CHW program headquartered in Raleigh, NC, for information about Hispanic Lay Health Promoter CHW programs in Virginia as Curamericas begins to develop domestic CHW programs
- Responded to a request from the Fairfax County Community Access Project (CAP) for information about potential keynote speakers for their September, 2003, conference
- Responded to a request from Virginia Parish Nursing Association to recommend a volunteer RN for home aides working with mentally retarded clients

Funding

- Because no new VCHO funding was received in 2003, applications are not being accepted at this time

Contractual Services

- Awarded \$92,600.00 contract from the Virginia Department of Health and the Breast & Cervical Cancer Early Detection Program
- Awarded \$5,495.20 to continue provide evaluation services from the AIDS Services Group in Charlottesville on their federal grant award. This is the second of three years anticipated contract work.
- Received a \$42,980 grant to support the Healthy Families Program of Page County from the Virginia Dept. of Social Services
- Applied for an approximate \$1.9 million grant (over 2 years) from the Health and Human Resources Administration for four partners, including JMU, to develop and implement bioterrorism preparedness training materials for Virginia community health workers and health care professionals

Coordination

- Held a planning retreat with VCHO constituent representatives and restructured the 2003-2004 VCHO work plan in light of no new 2003 funding
- Provided technical assistance to eight regional CHW networks. Attended and supported four regional CHW network meetings
- Strengthening the regional networks will be a priority activity this year because of Center's reduced funding. Held a meeting for all regional CHW network coordinators, used year 1 experience to revise network meeting format, network coordinator's job description and pay scale
- Held one VCHO Advisory Council Meeting
- Provided VCHO Advisory Council with technical support as it moves ahead to seek a CHW legislative study resolution