

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 April – June 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 EPDST
- Developed educational units on families with a special-needs child for 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

- Continued planning process for 2005 annual CHW conference
- Met with representatives of Virginia's community college system about education opportunities for CHWs
- JMU student internship working with Breast and Cervical Cancer Early Detection Program to survey similar programs in other states.

Consultations

- Attended and provided consultation about VCHO and Virginia CHWs at multi-state strategy session in New Jersey on partnerships for advancing the work of CHWs
- Attended Campus-Community Partnership Conference

Policy

- Continued to work with the Virginia Department of Human Resources and Virginia Department of Health to develop a CHW class title

Coordination

- Held VCHO annual planning retreat

Research

- Surveyed Virginia CHWs and program supervisors about basic knowledge, skills and abilities
- Compiled and analyzed survey data on basic CHW knowledge, skills and abilities
- Collected CHW training information from major CHW programs in Virginia
- Coordinated and supported research on Breast and Cervical Cancer Early Detection Program use of community health workers nationwide