



Virginia Center for Health Outreach (VCHO) Supporting Community Health Workers' Contribution to Virginia Health Care Progress Report for April-June 2002

Education

- VCHO website continues to educate, communicate, and disseminate resources
- Statewide conference planning for fall 2002 ongoing
- Offer letters for Regional Network Coordinator paid position sent to eight CHWs
- VCHO Advisory Council met twice

Consultations

- Programmatic consultation provided to Norfolk's Bon Secours DePaul Medical Center Vice-President for Mission and Urban Discoveries Ministry program director
- Community health outreach worker program information to Nila Saliba, Cancer Control Coordinator/Outreach at the University of Virginia Health System, the Cancer Center
- Provided letter of support for the expansion of clinic services to farmworkers in Grayson County, VA
- Provided letter of support for Caring Congregations' project proposal, "Sharing the Care" train-the-trainer model for parish nurses utilizing community health outreach workers, to the Virginia Health Care Foundation
- Provided research on CHWs in a case manager role to Ann Roach of CHIP of Chesapeake
- Copies of text chapter, "Establishing a Lay Health Promotion Program in a Hispanic Community," to CHED steering committee member, Coordinator of Crossover Health Center's Lay Health Promoter Program and Urban Discoveries Ministry program director
- Technical assistance to group seeking development of a Healthy Families home visiting program (Page County)
- Discussions with the Northern Virginia Urban League regarding sustainability of existing programs and avenues for support of new programs consistent with the organization's mission

Presentations

- VCHO information session to Community Health Education Development Program (CHED) Steering Committee in the Rappahannock Area Health Education Center region
- Abstract, "In their own words: Community health workers tell their stories," accepted for the American Public Health Association 130th Annual Meeting, November 2002
- VCHO information session to community health outreach workers/supervisors at the Prevent Child Abuse Virginia conference

Contracted Services

- None this quarter

Research

- Final report completed on focus group qualitative research, "Community Health Outreach Workers: Voices and Issues" (report attached and also on the Center web site at <http://www.vcho.cisat.jmu.edu/>)
- Final report completed on quantitative research, "Community Health Advisor/Worker Program Survey" (report attached and also on the Center web site at <http://www.vcho.cisat.jmu.edu/>)
- VCHO funded feasibility Study, "Traumatized Children and Youth in Harrisonburg-Rockingham County" to examine through interviews, whether or not it is possible to reach the children and youth of immigrant and refugee groups that need trauma services. A report summarizing the interviews with recommendations is due to the Center July 15, 2002.