

Health Care—what have we accomplished in the last year?

Projects since Last Year

1. Sedalia—growth in the free health clinic, received \$225,000 and primo grants and may be eligible for \$650,000.
2. Pilot Study was conducted using surveys and focus groups in Southwest Missouri.
3. WIC study was conducted through the Health Department Statewide using focus groups.
4. Milan Latino Center provides health options, education and support.
5. Through Primo we are recruiting youth for health careers in Missouri area.
6. University Outreach and Extension had an increased number of education programs on nutrition and diabetes with Latino audiences in the Kansas City area.
7. Sedalia has a domestic violence shelter grant based at the housing authority.
8. Bio-terrorism information has been translated into Spanish.
9. A health and welfare committee was formed.
10. Translation of documents and forms—provided translation for MC+ and conducted advocacy.
11. Department of Social Services Survey looking at health services for women, comparing Hispanic women and Anglo women (dissertation research).
12. Community Christ Church has a health education program.
13. “Access to Health Care for Low-Income Latinos the 1996 Welfare Act” (dissertation)
14. Federal Department of Health and Human Services
 - a. Education
 - b. Work with Other service providers
 - c. Latino health fair.
15. Columbia newspaper is investigating whether or not those receiving federal funds are complying with the regulations requiring them to provide translation services.

16. How is the conference helping?
 - a. Background information on Latino Issues
 - b. Networking
 - c. Ideas
 - d. Website is helpful

Issues Raised

1. Lack of statistics in emergency rooms
2. Unfunded federal mandate

Health Care—where do we go from here?

Policy Changes and Ideas

1. Health Insurance—MC+ kids
 - a. We need a “no child left behind” for health
 - b. Legislature is not active; budget is
 - c. Multiple users of insurance cards
 - d. Without social security number you can’t get health care
2. Emergency Rooms
 - a. 38% budget behind
 - b. Need for more health clinics for primary care
 - c. More federal funding for clinics
 - d. Most clinics don’t qualify for federal certification
3. Cultural Competency
 - a. More than a 20 year goal
 - b. Educate children to become Latino doctors and nurses, but these young people cannot get into college without residential status.
 - c. The residents who have been established longer forget about the newcomers.
4. Senior Citizens
 - a. Format to enroll for resources is complicated in Spanish—need and easier format.
 - b. Senior population is just beginning to grow.
5. Network with other states or within Missouri
 - a. Facilitate the acquisition and dispersal of materials without wasting time reinventing.
6. Legislative Day

7. Translated Materials
 - a. Continue the idea of Delita Williams to provide places that provide materials in the stat
 - b. Put together resources, booklets, on the De Colores website
 - c. Create an Alianzas listserve—through community connection.org
 - d. Register organizations at community connection and keep the information updated.
 - e. Must be held accountable for the information already established.
8. Parish Nursing Within Community
 - a. Health ministry can apply for grants
 - b. Send advocates to doctors with Latinos.
 - c. Every major denomination has volunteers
9. Young Girls
 - a. Program to teach young girls about their bodies.
 - b. Teachers/Schools are afraid to discuss sex.
 - c. Education needs to be more than providing brochures.
10. Interpreters
 - a. SEMO provides interpreters people in their region for a fee.
 - b. Children are being used as interpreters.
 - c. Standard certification for medical interpreters through Washington University and Jewish hospitals
 - d. Volunteersinhealthcare.org
 - e. National Association of Free Clinics

What Roles Can We Play

1. Take Materials to places that can implement them.
2. Work on research to identify the health care concerns of Latinos.
3. There is a bilingual clinic in St. Louis—we can change the model to fit the community.
4. Education—with a focus on prevention and self care and when they need to go, go to emergency room.
5. Get resources on community connection.org. We can contact by e-mail or by calling the 1-800 number.