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May 2010

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Upcoming Meeting Dates & Locations

May

Supporting the Health Promoters Action Team

Thursday, 6
1:30-3:30pm
Sixteenth Street Parkway
Clinic
2906 S 20th St
Lower Level, Diabetes
Dept

Lobbying Considerations for Non-Profit Organizations

Thursday, 13
2:00-3:00pm
CORE/EI Centro
611 W National Ave
Fourth Floor

Immigration Reform as a Health Issue

Thursday, 13
3:30-5:00pm
CORE/EI Centro
611 W National Ave
Fourth Floor

Mental Health Action Team

Thursday, 20
9:00-10:30am

May 13th meeting: "Immigration Reform as a Health Issue"

On May 13th, 2010, at 3:30pm the MLHC will be holding a forum on **Immigration Reform as a Health Issue**. We will be hosting a panel discussion, moderated by Dr. Tony Báez from the Council for the Spanish Speaking, featuring community organizations and advocates from Voces de la Frontera, the Wisconsin Public Health Association, Grzeca Law Group and CORE/EI Centro.

This link between immigration and its effect on health has been rarely described elsewhere. Here you will learn about how immigration reform could improve health outcomes for immigrant families, as well as what you can do to advocate for this reform. We will also have representatives from the offices of Senator Feingold, Senator Kohl and Congresswoman Moore present to take your comments. Please join us!

"Lobbying Considerations for Non-Profit Organizations"

Just before the forum, please join us for a workshop that will address the issue of **Lobbying for Non-profit Organizations**. We will dispel myths and give you the right information on how your non-profit organization can successfully lobby for the changes our community needs. If you work for a non-profit organization that is unsure about its role in advocacy, this workshop is for you!

Please join us from 2:00pm-3:00pm at CORE/EI Centro's 4th floor studio. See you there!

Action Team Updates

[Mental Health:](#)

The Mental Health Action Team met with the Milwaukee County Behavioral Health Division on March 31st. We clarified the procedures for interpretation and discharge services. We also established a procedure for reporting our concerns when a situation arises that needs attention in real time. We felt that we set the

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Population Health
1020 N 12th St
Suite 4180

Immigration Action Team

Thursday, 27
5:30-7:00pm
CORE/EI Centro
611 W National Ave
Third Floor, Room 320

pathways for communication, and we look forward to continued collaboration with BHD. We are excited to announce that, in collaboration with Mental Health of America of Wisconsin, we have printed **Spanish Resource Cards**. Thank you to MHA for seeing the need for these cards to help our Latino community be in contact with important resources! For more information about the Mental Health Action Team please contact Katherine Valentyn, katherine.valentyn@gmail.com.

Supporting the Health Promoters:

We are excited to announce that we are planning a special event with Proyecto Salud's Community Health Promoters for Saturday, September 18th, 2010. Our April meeting was canceled due to schedule conflicts, but we will be rescheduling for later this month and will have more details on the September event in the next newsletter. If you would like more information about this Action Team or how to be involved, please email Joelisa Castillo, joelisa.castillo@sschc.org.

Immigration:

The Immigration Action Team had a very productive month in April! **First** we are well on our way to preparing for the Know Your Rights workshop, which will be held May 27th. We will be inviting Proyecto Salud community health promoters and their friends/family to participate in the interactive workshop. **Second**, we have made great headway into creating communication for high school students regarding the in-state tuition bill. We will be working with UWM and MATC to implement and disseminate the materials. **Third**, we are creating a comprehensive lawyer list, building on already existing lists from other organizations. This will be ready for dissemination by the time of the Know Your Rights workshop. To get involved in our work, please contact Raisa Koltun at rkoltun@gmail.com or (414) 384-2673 ex. 24.

Social Determinants of Health:

Virginia Zerpa-Uriona has set out to meet with professionals who expressed interest in this team. She wants to learn about their expectations for the group and share her vision with each individually. She hopes to turn to empowerment and community participation as major strategies for alleviating poverty and social exclusion in the Latino community which are root causes of health disparities. Creating a space for critical dialogue is a spring board for action. The community will identify clear issues they can address to impact their living conditions with justice and dignity. Virginia plans to hold the first meeting in June. If you are interested in joining this effort contact Virginia, virginia.zerpa-uriona@aurora.org

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