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The MLHC is continuing to grow and improve our communication and outreach and we need to hear from you to make it better. Please take 5 minutes to answer our short Communications survey:

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Thank you for your participation!

Upcoming Meeting Dates & Locations

July

Supporting the Health Promoters Action Team

Thursday, 8
1:30-3:30pm
Sixteenth Street Parkway
Clinic
2906 S 20th St
Lower Level, Diabetes
Dept

Mental Health Action Team

Thursday, 15
9:00-10:30am
Center for Urban
Population Health
1020 N 12th St
Suite 4180

Immigration Action Team

Thursday, 22
5:30-7:00pm
CORE/EI Centro

Action Team Updates

Mental Health:

The Mental Health Action team continues to make progress on establishing a Spanish Warm Line, non-crisis support line run by para-professionals and health promoters. Additional ideas for its development have been reviewed by the team and continue to lay ground work for its inception. The Mental Health Action Team continues to serve as the "Community Advisory Board" for a Latino depression project that is being conducted over the course of three years by UWM and Sixteenth Street Community Health Center. One of the team members for the project attended our meeting to provide an update and ask for collaboration on upcoming parts of the project. Finally, the team discussed a proposal for funding to print additional Spanish resource book marks. For more information about the Mental Health Action Team please contact Katherine Valentyn, katherine.valentyn@gmail.com.

Supporting the Health Promoters:

Last month we continued planning for our event, Abriendo Puertas (Open Doors), with Proyecto Salud's Community Health Promoters on Saturday, September 18th, 2010. We gathered input from all agencies and individuals involved and will be following-up in the coming months. We are also continuing to discuss the role of Health Promoters both professionally and on volunteer bases. 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 (I-ACT) took a short hiatus from our work

611 W National Ave
Third Floor, Room 320

this month and will be starting up again - re-energized - in July. We will be continuing our work on in-state tuition education for MPS and the Know Your Rights campaign. Also, the I-ACT will be supporting a new project - a Health Impact Assessment on a driver's card legislation for undocumented immigrants. Join us to find out more on on July 22nd at 5:30pm at CORE/El Centro! 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. If you are interested in joining this effort contact Virginia, virginia.zerpa-uriona@aurora.org

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