

YEAR IN REVIEW: 2015

NATIONAL COMMUNITY
HEALTH WORKER TRAINING
CENTER

TRAINING CENTER PROJECTS

WoW: Working on Wellness

Katy, Tina, Esther, Paula, Dinorah

SPH and the CHWs are the lead part of the project's strategy one: general outreach and health promotion. Tina and Esther are helping with Hidalgo County coalition meetings and evaluation and attending community events to promote WoW activities and resources. They are also delivering "Tu Salud Si Cuenta" across Hidalgo County. Team members are also identifying community events that may be good opportunities for WoW partnerships or collaborations.

UTRGV: University of Texas Rio Grande Valley

Katy and Paula

Utilizing STC certification documents, team members will convert PDF to Word Doc to create easier editing documents. Team members will work together to identify updates to the curriculum, adding activities, updating examples, and identifying places where mental health information can be included.

Eventually, STC can use to re-apply as a training center and include CHW work in curriculum course credit.

MOST Project

Katy and Blanca

Compiling most current versions of the CHW curriculum in both English and Spanish to create a "CHW 101" course, which will consist of 32 hours/CEUs as an introduction to the promotora career. Team members are scheduling meetings and focus groups with key contacts in Madison County and will learn more from CHWs in the community. Later on, team members will identify new CHWs, train them, and work to create a culture that supports and values CHWs in the country.

CHW/CHW Instructor Training

Katy, Paula, Dinorah, Tina

Two CHW classes were conducted in 2015: March-August and September-February. Paula also taught in-person at Indian Hills twice a week. Several students came in-person to the College Station TAMU campus to complete CHW classes. The training center is looking to contract out a former employee to re-record the CHW Instructor course for the new cohort in March. Updates are currently being made to CHW Instructor curriculum by Paula and Dinorah. Online CEUs available right now are Fall Prevention, Healthy Community Food Systems, Colorectal Cancer, and DONE.

Tobacco Cessation

Tina

The NCHWTC is looking to set up focus groups in the Valley relating to quitting smoking. More details to come.

TRAINING CENTER HIGHLIGHTS

- The 1.0 CEU Healthy Community Food Systems online training for CHWs is available on Blackboard
- Katy delivered the 6.0 CEU in-person Colorectal Cancer Prevention, Detection, and Treatment training in Bryan, TX on September 26th to 9 CHWs.
- EPICO manuscript was accepted for publication by the Journal of Cancer Education. Authors: Julie, Chris, and Katy.
- Katy and Denise attended CHW Unity conference in Memphis in July. Katy delivered a roundtable presentation about the UTGRV/STC collaboration.
- The El Valle Esta WoW trainings were a huge success
- The "Tu Salud Si Cuenta" workshops at SPH were a great success.

ACCEPTED PRESENTATIONS

- **Soliciting and Incorporating CHW/promotora feedback: Lessons learned from a cancer education program in South Texas**
 - Author: Katharine Nimmons, MSc, MPH, Julie St. John, DrPH, MA, CHWI, Christopher E. Beaudoin, PhD, Paula Saldana, CHW, CHWI and Dinorah Martinez, CHW, CHWI
- **Developing a stackable CHW certification curriculum with an emphasis on mental health as part of an integrated core model**
 - Katharine Nimmons, MSc, MPH, Eron Manusov, MD, John Ronnau, Nick Nevers, Francisco Fernandez, Deepu George, Paula Saldana, CHW, CHWI, and Dinorah Martinez, CHW, CHWI

POTENTIAL/PENDING PROJECTS

- In-person CHW Instructor certification in Cameron/Hidalgo County
- Adapting a smoking cessation curriculum for CHWs
- Adding Colorectal Cancer survivorship module online, in English and Spanish
- Potential expanding of CHW CEU workshop covering core competencies.

GRANT APPLICATIONS

- Implementing Fall Prevention courses and trainings
- CPRIT grant to disseminate EPICO modules and training activities