



HHC GA Latino Health Action Plan

A Collaborative effort to improve Access to Healthcare Services for Latinos in Georgia

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Save the date

Fri Oct 9th

Quarterly meeting and Latino Health Advocacy Forum

8:30 - 11:30 pm

Wed Oct 13th

Birth Certificate Initiative meeting

10:00 am

Wed Oct 14th

WG4 meeting

10:30– noon

Tue Oct 15th

DCH: Reducing Low Birth Weight Rates In Georgia Meeting

5-7 pm

Thurs Oct 29

WG2 Conference call

Tues Nov 29

WG1 Conference call

Dec 2nd – 5th

Pre-Conference Workshops: “Diversidades”

3rd Annual Conference in Health Disparities

In the second quarter (Aug – Oct 2009) the workgroups (WGs) of the Latino Health Action Plan continued meeting every 4 to 6 weeks, with a good attendance of members:

WG1 Cultural and Linguistic Access

- Reviewed several tools and documents on cultural competence and State and National policies regarding Limited English Proficiency (LEP)
- Worked in collaborative efforts with the Department of Community Health’s (DCH) Office of Health Improvement (OHI), the Minority Health Advisory Council and the Medical Interpreter Network of Georgia (MING), and the Center for Pan Asian Community Services, Inc (CPACS). WG1 is working on a survey and putting together list of stakeholders to review and provide feedback on the Limited English Proficiency Position Statement and a LEP Policy, developed by the Minority Health Advisory Council and OHI.
- As part of the goal to promote access to culturally and linguistically appropriate healthcare services, HHC GA is in partnership with The National Center for Primary Care, Morehouse School of Medicine, to develop a pre-conference workshop “Diversidades” at the 3rd Annual Health Disparities Conference in Atlanta on December 2, 2009

WG2 Health Equity Advocacy

- Planned the Latino Health Advocacy Forum in partnership with Voices for Georgia’s Children and sponsored by the Georgia Council on Developmental Disabilities, to be held October 9th, 2009. Keynote speakers: Jonathan Blazer, M.A., J.D., National Immigration Law Center; Linda Smith Lowe, Georgia Legal Services Program; Joann Yoon, Voices for Georgia’s Children and HHC GA Executive Director, Yolanda Hallas.
- Working in three collaborative efforts: 1) In partnership with Georgia Legal Services Program and with the formal support of 10 other organizations, scheduled a meeting in October with the new Office of Vital Record State Registrar Ken Bramlett, offering teamwork to develop solutions. 2) Met with other advocacy organizations, and organized public commentary at the September Grady Board meeting on behalf of improved access for Latinos in the Grady Health System. 3) In partnership with the Georgia State University, Health Legislation & Advocacy Class (Fall 2009), the WG is searching for legislative and regulatory mechanisms to develop a Health Policy Agenda on Maternal Child Health and seeking the steps necessary for its implementation.
- HHC GA signed a letter of support for Grady Advocates for Responsible Care, to stop the closing of the Grady Dialysis Clinic in September 2009.

WG3 Resources, Data, and Research

- Working in three collaborative efforts: 1) Developing a project presentation and list of resources researched by Kennesaw State University nursing students on Prenatal and Maternal Healthcare Services in Polk, Hall and Gwinnett County. 2) WG is exploring collaboration with the Georgia Go Local project to include health resources (programs, services) available in Spanish on their online resource data 3) Working on a survey on culturally and linguistically appropriate prenatal care services
- Members of WG3 and WG4 are working together with the Department of Community Health (DCH) Division of Managed Care & Quality project “Improving Outcomes on Low Birth Weight”.

WG4 Development of “Promotoras de Salud” and Patient Medical Home Model

- Working in a collaborative effort with the DCH Division of Managed Care & Quality project to provide specific objectives and tactics to the “Improving Outcomes on Low Birth Weight Strategic Plan”
- Collecting information on *Promotoras de Salud* or Community Health Workers projects, Centering Group Prenatal Care and Patient Centered Medical Home Model.

If you are interested in collaborating in any of this workgroup’s activities please contact us at hhcga.summit@gmail.com

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