

CHW Policy Forum, 3/29/11
Health & Medicine Policy Research Group

Spanish Language Group Discussion Notes

Ignorance of the realities of our communities and great disparities and injustice

Capable to work as promotoras agencies don't hire them for lack of funds

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Safety/be available time community needs you

Cultural barriers

Racial barriers

48 million Latinos

Commitment to serve is our mission

Vocation investment

Satisfaction—undocumented uncertified community doctors

Training/training others

1. All material/literature/dvd/commercial be done in Spanish
2. Promotoras need to speak language and understand the culture of the communities and have the capacity to navigate them through system
3. Money funding work and certification and recognition for the work and impact by non-paid volunteers who are committed to philosophy
4. Workers permits for undocumented promotoras

1. Fight for certification and recognize the promotora as a health occupation
2. Develop the college program for promotoras and recognize the training and work dedicated for certification
3. Health departments recognize and respect the promotora model

6 months:

1. Public community forum inviting our Latino elected officials/city/county/state health and education depts.

2. Develop a bill-sponsor

3. Identify or create the agency or institution that would certify

1. Committee of possible agencies to be the support. Include promotoras.
2. Requirements for certification
3. Committee of promotoras educators, health professionals oversee the fight for certification
4. Funding committee to pay for meetings, lobbying, materials etc.

1 year—positive results, success

3 years—results of positive change in healthcare disparities and overall health