

DIABETES IN ILLINOIS

The Chicago Hispanic Health Coalition met on 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009 at Mercy Hospital with community organizations, agencies, institutions and hospital representatives to review current community activities and future policies in Chicago's Latino communities related to Diabetes programs.

The following is a proposed list of objectives that the group agreed on as a frame work to address the diabetes crises in the State of Illinois:

1. Directory of services on a web site of community activities that address diabetes.
2. Collection of Best Practices on Diabetes that are culturally appropriate.
3. Develop a White Paper on Diabetes in Illinois inclusive of all diabetes committees, task forces, and coalitions.
4. Develop a media campaign on a statewide.
5. Develop collaborations and partnerships that include non traditional partners.
6. Increase funding for direct community activities and community based organizations that have a direct impact to residents.
7. Develop and implement a comprehensive data collection system for diabetes.
8. Increase health fairs effectiveness by incorporating a Continuum of Care Approach.
9. Develop a State of Illinois Diabetes web site.
10. Promote policy changes among health care providers to promote community activities and resources on diabetes education, prevention and intervention.
11. Improve hospital Discharge Planning protocols that state continuity of care resources for diabetes care and social services agencies.
12. Pilot the exchange of electronic files between a hospital, community health center and other health entities to provide a continuous spectrum of care.
13. Develop a list of all statewide working groups, committees, task forces, coalitions, etc. with an explanation of their mission and goals, contact and meeting schedule.
14. Continue to communicate, exchange resources and meet as necessary to reach above objectives.
15. Establish a Diabetes Registry in Illinois.

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