

Administrative and Educational Support Report

Border Health Office

**Annual Action Plan
Annual Assessment Report**

June 2004 – May 2005



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Promote student development (1)	2, 4, 5	Increase the number of opportunities for students to be involved in professional development activities by 20% in two (2) years.	Share information about BHO projects/programs with UTPA faculty. Facilitate the development of health screenings and concurrent educational programs for the	The BHO will continue to collaborate with the College of Health Sciences and Human Services to offer professional development opportunities to UTPA students.	None

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			prevention and treatment of health problems.	<p>The BHO Executive Director will compile UTPA community nursing and dietetic students' training schedule and agendas for the 2004-05 academic year.</p> <p>The BHO Health Education Coordinators will keep certification documentation of the nursing students trained to screen for acanthosis nigricans for five years.</p>	

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Strengthen community-based relations in order to more effectively address border health issues (2)	7	Convene a group(s) of individuals and organizations with an interest in public health along the Texas-Mexico border in order to discuss methods to	Identify organizations and individuals with an interest in cooperative health promotion and disease prevention programs along the Texas-Mexico border.	The BHO will coordinate the 1 st Border Binational Health Week initiative for the Lower Rio Grande Valley/Reynosa-Matamoros area. The BHO Executive	None

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		improve health.	Bring together individuals and representatives of organizations with an interest in public health in the region.	Director will serve as the Chairwoman of the Border Binational Health Week General Planning Committee.	

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Promote research on border health issues (3)	2, 5	Facilitate the development of research projects needed to provide further understanding of the natural environment, psychosocial and cultural effects and pathogenesis of diseases on the Texas-Mexico border.	Promote the concept of a research culture. Pursue federal, state, and/or private funds to conduct border health research projects. Support professional staff's efforts to conduct research.	Submit research grant proposal(s) (at least one per academic year) under the BHO or collaboratively with other entities.	None



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			<p>students.</p> <p>The BHO Executive Director will compile UTPA community nursing and dietetic students' training schedule and agendas for the 2004-05 academic year.</p> <p>The BHO Health Education Coordinators will keep certification documentation of the nursing students trained to screen for acanthosis nigricans for five years.</p>	<p>coordinate training and community service activities.</p> <p>On September 7, 2004, 75 UTPA community health nursing students received training and certification to screen for acanthosis nigricans.</p> <p>On January 18, 2005, 50 UTPA community health nursing students received training and certification to screen for acanthosis nigricans.</p> <p>The number of opportunities for students to be involved in professional development activities increased by 25% since 2003-2004 academic year. During 2003-2004, approximately 100 students participated in professional development activities sponsored by the Border Health Office. In 2004-</p>	<p>The certified nursing students also conducted screenings in the Catholic schools.</p>

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				2005, 125 students participated in professional development activities.	

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				Themes of events included: childhood obesity, diabetes, oral health, HIV/AIDS, tuberculosis, and health policy.	understand health information addressing topics such as prevention and best practices.

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Additional Resources Needed (if any) that were requested for FY06 during the budget cycle:

Transfer of associate director's position from line item account to University account

Additional operating funds