



United States-México Border Health Commission

Overview of Goals and Actions for 2009-2010

October 2009

Mission:

To provide international leadership to optimize health and quality of life along the United States-México border.

Strategic Principles:

Leadership-Focus-Venue

Strategic Priorities:

The priority areas for 2009-2010 include the following:

- Tuberculosis
- Obesity/diabetes
- Infectious disease and public health emergencies
- Strategic planning
- Access to care
- Research, data collection, and academic alliances

Strategic Actions for 2009/2010:

The following action items include various activities and product-oriented, measurable outputs directed for funding under the Cooperative Agreement of each of the four U.S. border states:

- Establish the *U.S.-México Tuberculosis (TB) Consortium*.
- Conduct the first annual *Binational Infectious Disease Conference*.
- Implement the *New Mexico-Chihuahua TB Pilot Project*.
- Conduct the *Binational TB Legal Forum*.
- Sponsor the *Border TB Models of Excellence* initiative.
- Complete a report on the status of U.S.-México obesity/diabetes.
- Sponsor the *Border Obesity/ Diabetes Models of Excellence*.
- Develop a binational multi-media campaign on obesity/diabetes.
- Conduct the second biannual *Health Council's Strategic Planning Summit*.
- Launch the *Leaders across Borders* leadership training program.
- Complete the *Healthy Border 2020 Strategic Plan*.
- Complete a draft report on the technical merits and options for a binational report on lead.
- Sponsor the seventh annual *National Infant Immunization Week / Vaccination Week in the Americas (NIIW/VWA)*.
- Sponsor the seventh annual *Border Binational Health Week (BBHW)*.

Primary Achievement Products of the United States-México Border Health Commission (BHC)

2000-2009

The following list identifies the primary achievement products of the BHC from 2000 to the present:

Initiatives

- Established the *Leaders across Borders* program (2009).
- Created a border component for *National Infant Immunization Week/Vaccination Week in the Americas* (2004 to present).
- Established *Border Binational Health Week* to promote the U.S.-México border region (2004 to present).
- Sponsored the *Models of Excellence Initiative-Phase I-Focus on Promotora Programs* (2003).
- Sponsored the *Binational TB Card Pilot Project* (2003).
- Proposed establishment of the U.S.-border states and México *Early Warning Infectious Disease Surveillance* (EWIDS) project designed to improve the ability to rapidly detect, identify, and report outbreaks of infectious disease (2003).
- Sponsored the *Ventanillas de Salud* Pilot Project (2003).
- Established the *Healthy Border 2010* health promotion strategic framework (2001).
- Established state outreach offices in each of the four border states (2000).

Forums/Activities

- Conducted the *Binational Border Health Research Forum* (2009-San Diego, California).
- Conducted the *U.S.-México Border Child and Adolescent Forum* (2009-El Paso, Texas).
- Conducted the first *Biannual Binational Health Council Strategic Planning Workshop* (2008-San Antonio, Texas).
- Established the *Binational Border Health Research Expert Panel* (2007).
- Conducted the *U.S. Border States Tuberculosis Legal Issues Forum* (2007-Phoenix, Arizona).
- Conducted the *Binational Pandemic Avian Flu Table Top Exercise* (2007-San Diego, California).
- Conducted the *Binational Pandemic Avian Flu Forum* (2006-Hermosillo, Sonora, México).
- Conducted the *Binational Border Health Research Forum* (2006-Monterrey, Nuevo León, México).

Publications

- Published the *Healthy Border 2010 Midterm Review U.S. Border Area* (2009).
 - Published three white papers—*U.S. Border States Early Warning Infectious Disease Surveillance (EWIDS) Project*; *Tuberculosis along the U.S.-México Border*; and *Childhood Obesity and the U.S.-México Border* (2009).
 - Published the *Binational Health Council Planning Workshop Report* (2008).
 - Published the *U.S. Border Lead Outreach Project: Lead in Traditional Pottery Report* (2008).
 - Published the *Legal Forum: Cross-Jurisdictional Issues in Tuberculosis Control Report* (2007).
 - Published the *Border Models of Excellence Compendium* (2003).
 - Published the *Healthy Border 2010 Report* (2003).
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