



MEDIA ADVISORY

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INTERNATIONAL COLLABORATIVE ON IMMIGRANT HEALTH TO CONVENE IN SACRAMENTO

EVENT: Binafional Health Week (BHW), a weeklong series of health-promotion, services and health-education activities for underserved population, will conclude this October14, 2010 in Sacramento California.

The calendar of events for the tenth BHW reveals that this year's activities have provided services and education to hundreds of thousands of underserved people in the United States and Canada. During these events, medical screenings, workshops, and insurance referrals were made available to the underserved Latino population.

During the closing ceremonies, a discussion panel will present a sample of Sacramento area partners working to improve access to care for underserved communities. They include a recently launched pilot project: Community Health Network, presentations by two community health centers to describe their services and partnership in the referral network and new resources offered through the California Primary Care Association to support the work of health center partners.

Also during the event, organizers will release a major report "*Migration and Health: Mexican Immigrant Women in the United States*" http://hia.berkeley.edu/documents/migracion_y_salud.pdf which documents the disadvantages Mexican immigrant women face compared with U.S.-born, non Hispanic white, African-American and immigrant women from other countries. *Immigration*.

Participants include the Mexican Secretariats of Health and Foreign Affairs of Mexico, the General Consulate of Mexico in Sacramento, Health Initiative of the Americas. Sacramento area health partners include Mercy Healthcare; The Effort Community Health Center; El Dorado Community Health Center; the Health Education Council; and California Primary Health Association.



TIME: Event schedule 10:00-2:00pm
Inaugural ceremony with Dignitaries and Officials at **10:00 AM**

DATE: Thursday, October 14, 2010

LOCATION: California Museum, Courtyard and Auditorium
1020 O Street, Sacramento, CA, 95814
(Debra Bowen, Secretary of State Offices)

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