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HRSA Border Health Program

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HRSA Border Health Function

- Provides leadership and direction to coordinate the Agency's assets in border region;
- Assures that the Agency's engagement with regions of the border is strategic, performance based, builds partnerships and alliances, and maximizes utilization of Agency assets;
- Assures Agency-wide coordination by establishing border health program policies and procedures including tracking mechanisms;

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HRSA Border Health Function

- Conducts management and evaluation studies to improve the health delivery system on the border;
- Serves as the secretariat and chair for the Agency's Border Health Workgroup;
- Plans, directs, and coordinates the Agency's border health activities; and
- Plans, coordinates, and facilitates the agency agreement activities with border health issues.

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Border and ORHP

- HRSA Border function housed within HRSA's Office of Rural Health Policy
  - Experience with cross-cutting agency activities
  - Geographically driven work
  - Large portion of the border is rural

- HRSA Border Staff
  - Two at headquarters, four in Dallas regional office, and five Staff located along the border region

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About the Office of Rural Health Policy

- Created in 1987 by Congress to address the problems that arose from the implementation of the inpatient Prospective Payment System (PPS), which led to the closure of an estimated 400 rural hospitals.
- Advises the Secretary and the Department of Health and Human Services on rural issues.
- Administers grant programs, makes policy recommendations, and facilitates research on rural health.

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Border Health Partners

- Agency Partners-HRSA Border Workgroup
- Federal Partners
  - DHHS Office of Global Health Affairs
  - DHHS/NIH/NHLBI (National Heart, Lung, & Blood Institute)
  - Environmental Protection Agency
- Regional, state and local government partners
  - State and local health departments in AZ, CA, NM, TX
- International partners
  - U.S.-Mexico Border Health Commission, U.S.-Mexico Border Health Association, Pan American Health Association

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2004 Activities

- Border Binational Health Week (Oct 2004)
- HRSA Border All-Programs (Dec 2004)
- Support US-Mexico Binational Conference on Transportation/Road Safety (April 2004)
- Support 62nd Annual US Mexico Border Health Association meeting (June 2004)

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2005 Activities

- Border Binational Health Week- October 10-16, 2005
- Support of 63rd Annual U.S.-Mexico Border Health Association Meeting
- Launched a Border website within the Rural Assistance Center http://borderhealth.raconline.org
- Environmental Health Project with EPA on pesticide exposure
- Promotora training initiative, Salud Para Su Corazon, with NHLBI

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Anticipated Activities in 2006

- HRSA Border Health Summit- September 2006
- Working with HRSA grantees to support health promotion and disease prevention efforts along the border

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