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Mission, Goals/Objectives

The mission of the Center is to:

1. Provide educational programs that assist health care providers to gain knowledge and skills needed to deliver culturally sensitive and competent care
2. Increase understanding of health through research of individual experience and cultural meanings
3. Foster understanding between health care professionals and peoples of Hispanic origin
4. Promote interdisciplinary and inter-university collaboration to address bicultural issues facing health care professionals

Structure of the Center

The Center for Hispanic Studies in Nursing and Health is administered by two Co-Directors with the support of five Associates, and an Advisory Council. Associates and Advisory Council members are individuals who have special interest and/or expertise in issues related to the health of the growing Hispanic population. As volunteers, they assume responsibilities for selected aspects of the work of the Center.

Associates of the Center

UTA College of Nursing Associates (2011-2012)

Mary Jane Ashe, RN, MSN, Clinical Instructor and Co-Coordinator of College of Nursing participation in the Hispanic Wellness Fair, Fort Worth

Dr. Donelle Barnes, Associate Professor, assumes responsibilities for identification and assistance with implementation of selected research projects

Dr. Kristina Ibitayo, Clinical Assistant Professor; provides selected educational activities (oriented to Travel, Study, Learn, January 2012).

Dr. Margarita Trevino, Clinical Assistant Professor.

Community Associates

Jose Alejandro, RN, MSN, PhD candidate; President of the National Association of Hispanic Nurses.

San Juanita Garcia, RN, BSN, serves as faculty for Medical Spanish continuing education course
Advisory Council Members (2011-2012)

Dr. Carolyn Cagle, Professor, Texas Christian University, Harris College of Nursing

Dr. Carolyn L. Cason, Interim Vice President for Research, The University of Texas at Arlington

Griselle Estrada, Clinical Instructor, UTACON. Appointed in July of 2012.

Dr. Marygrace Hernandez-Leveille, Baylor University Medical Center, Dallas TX.

Dr. Ferne Kyba, Clinical Professor Emeritus

Dr. Mary Elaine Jones, Brig. General Lillian Dunlap Professorial Chair in Nursing, University of the Incarnate Word, San Antonio, Texas and Co-Founder, Hispanic Center

Sylvia Alonzo Rawlings, Director of the Center for Rural Health Outreach, UTACON.

Goals/Objectives for 2011-2012

The Goals and Objectives for the Center for 2011-2012 were to continue to:

- Support research contributing to the knowledge base of health care issues relevant to the Hispanic population
- Provide educational programs to foster increased understanding between health professionals and people of Hispanic origin
- Maintain/expand collaborative relationships with interdisciplinary and university groups

Strategic Plans/Goals met:

1. Support research contributing to the knowledge base of health care issues relevant to the Hispanic population.

   Dr. Cheryl Anderson, Associate Professor in the UTACON received a $1000 grant award to explore the symptoms of depression and birth trauma (appraisal of birth and trauma impact) among adolescents between 13 and 19 years of age with a focus on the Hispanic adolescent. Preliminary findings included:

   - Birth trauma assessment via subjective and objective means indicates a large number of teens experience birth trauma following delivery
   - Birth appraisals indicative of an ‘awful birth’ characterized 22 of adolescents
   - Moderate to severe birth trauma indicated through the Impact of Event scale characterized over ½ of the teens
• Over 16% of adolescents also reported depressive symptoms which often overlap with the symptoms of birth trauma
• Partner violence, depressive symptoms, marital status, and parity influenced the outcome of birth trauma
• An ethnic racial distinction was not noted as significant to the outcome variable.

Drs. Susan Baxley and Kristina Ibitayo, Assistant Clinical Professors in the UTACON received a $1000 research grant to explore “What do Mexican origin women expect from their health care providers”? The purpose of the study was to explore pregnant Mexican descent women’s expectations of trust and communication with their health care providers to reach their desired outcomes and satisfaction. Interviews were conducted in a private room at a local clinic in either English or Spanish or both, whatever language the participant chose. The interviews have been conducted. Transcription of the audio recorded interviews is currently underway.

2. Provide educational programs to foster increased understanding between health care professionals and people of Hispanic origin

Continuing Education Offerings:

The Travel, Study, Learn Program, a continuing education program for health professionals who wish to begin or refine Spanish language skills and learn about Mexican culture and health first hand, offered one travel tour to Cuernavaca, Mexico (January, 2012). The program was developed as a modified field experience and founded on the belief that achieving skill in communication across cultural boundaries requires opportunities for the learner to reflect on personal beliefs and values as well as gain knowledge specific to a particular culture. Thirty-six continuing education units (Type I) are awarded through the American Nurses Association Credentialing Center. A total of 5 persons participated during 2012; Dr. Kristina Ibitayo directed the week’s tour.

Communication with Spanish Speaking Clients (Medical Spanish) was marketed but not offered during the 2011-12 academic year due to lack of sufficient enrollment numbers.

Juanita Garcia and Drs. Mary Lou Bond and Wendy Barr conducted a workshop (Medical Spanish and cultural focus) for participants at the Texas Nurse Practitioner Conference in Fort Worth, Texas on September 8, 2011. Approximately 20 persons were in attendance.

3. Maintain/expand collaborative partnerships with interdisciplinary and university groups.

Collaborative partners include:

• Universidad Internacional, Cuernavaca, México (since 1991)
• Sigma Theta Tau International and Delta Theta Chapter
• Universidad Autónoma de Morelos (Cuernavaca, México) School of Nursing
• Universidad Internacional de Madrid
In the spring of 2011 Dr. Bond, with the assistance of Dr. Donelle Barnes, hosted Dr. Manuel Moreno, Director of the Nursing Program at Universidad Internacional de Madrid (UEM), Spain. While at UTACON, Dr. Moreno explored potential collaborative student/faculty exchanges and research between the two programs of nursing. In December of 2011 the two universities (representatives of the International Offices and the Presidents) signed a general agreement of collaboration.

Subsequently, Drs. Cheryl Anderson and Donelle Barnes spent two weeks in Madrid in March of 2012. During their time there they presented lectures to faculty and students and explored potential future research collaboration.

In July of 2012, Dr. Mary Lou Bond spent two days in Madrid following a personal trip to the area. During the visit, she was introduced to Pilar Gonzalez, a graduate of their nursing program who has been appointed as the new International Manager of the School of Health Sciences. Pilar has been designated to work with the faculty at Universidad Europea de Madrid (UEM) to assist in the formation of an Honor Society in Sigma Theta Tau International. Mary Lou Bond will continue to work with the School of Nursing faculty and Pilar in this effort. Dr. Moreno has signed a letter of agreement to co-author a chapter in a book on mentoring which is being written for STTI by Drs. Susan Baxley, Kristina Ibitayo and Mary Lou Bond. His contribution will include aspects of global mentorship.

**Representation of Co-Directors and Associates in organizations dedicated to Hispanic issues:**

- Jose Alejandro was inducted as President of the National Association of Hispanic Nurses (NAHN) in July of 2012.

- Jose Alejandro has been appointed, as the first Latino, to the American Red Cross National Nursing Committee. He also was inducted as a Fellow of the American College of Healthcare Executives.

- Dr. Donelle Barnes is Chair of the Board of Mission Fort Worth which provides primary health care for uninsured Hispanics.

- Dr. Wendy J. Barr is a member of the National Association of Hispanic Nurses (NAHN).

- Dr. Mary Lou Bond is a member of NAHN.

- Griselle Estrada is a member of NAHN.

- Dr. Margarita Trevino accepted membership on an Advisory Board at Trinity Valley Community College. Helen Reid, Director, contacted Dr. Bond to request a representative from the Hispanic Center to serve on the board for a RWJ Advancing Nursing Progression in Nursing Grant which has as its aim the retention and progression of Hispanic students within the RN to BSN program.
Other activities, 2011-2012

1. Participation in the annual Hispanic Wellness Fair, Fort Worth, TX, August 4, 2012. The Fair provides screening for Hispanics and is used as a vehicle for recruiting Hispanics into the nursing programs at UT Arlington. Ms. Mary Jane Ashe collaborated with volunteers from the Hispanic Student Nursing Association (HSNA) and the Nursing Constituency Council to provide information about nursing as a career.

2. The Center sponsored the President of the Hispanic Student Nursing Association (HSNA), Isabel Garcia, to attend the National Association of Hispanic Nurses (NAHN) convention in San Juan, Puerto Rico in July of 2012. She was selected based upon her application and presented a report to the HSNA upon her return. Her taped presentation is available to interested faculty and staff.

3. The Center provided a $1000 scholarship to an undergraduate student in the spring of 2012 based on the criteria established by the College of Nursing.

Research Studies

Although not directly sponsored by the Center for Hispanic Studies in Nursing and Health, several individuals in the College of Nursing and members of the Advisory Council have been involved in research projects related to Hispanic issues:

- **Drs. Mary Lou Bond** and **Carolyn Cason** (along with Dr. Susan Baxley) received a research grant from the National League for Nursing ($16,482) to conduct a study entitled “Institutional Supports for Diverse Student Populations of Hispanic and African American Students and Program Faculty”. Data collection is complete and analysis is ongoing.

- **Cagle, C. S. & Wells, J. N.** Defining culturally sensitive care approaches to meeting Mexican American family caregiver needs: A focus group approach. TCU Research and Creative Activities Award, funded 2011-2012.

**Bold** = Hispanic Center affiliates

Publications related to Hispanic issues (2011-2012)


- **Alejandro, J. L.** Cultural competencies for case managers (module): CMSA Careers Knowledge Pathways. (In Press)


• **Bond, M. L. & Cason, C. L.** (In Press). Evaluation of the content validity and reliability of the institutional self support for factors supporting Hispanic student retention (ISA) and the healthcare professions education professional self-assessment (PSA). *Nursing Education Perspectives*.


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Miscellaneous

Sylvia Rawlings provides on-going promotion of the Hispanic Center’s educational
activities through distribution of marketing materials through the Rural Health Outreach Program. She also continues to serve on the Conference Planning Committee for the annual Bi-national Symposium for Health Professionals and Health Profession Students and facilitates provision of continuing nursing education contact hours.

| Strategic Planning goals/objectives not met |

Goals for 2011-2012 should be continued in 2012-2013 to reach desired outcomes.

**Plans for the coming year (2012-2013)**

1. Offer the *Travel, Study, Learn* Program in Cuernavaca, Mexico in January 2013. Dr. Wendy Barr will lead the January trip.

2. Continue to explore with Baylor Health and Hospital System (Dallas) the potential of offering a series of Spanish courses during the coming year. Proposal currently under review by Dr. Rosemary Luquire.

3. Continue dialogues with Mina Kini of Texas Health Resources who contacted Dr. Mary Lou Bond in August to explore future educational possibilities (Medical Spanish, cultural programs, etc).

4. Continue marketing a new educational offering in 2013 (June 16-23rd). An educational cruise entitled, “Enriching your Nursing Practice and Patient Outcomes through Written and Culturally Based Communication” will be conducted by Dr. Pat Yoder-Wise, UTACON Writing Coach and Hispanic Center Co-Director, Dr. Mary Lou Bond. Approval for continuing nursing education is pending and marketing will begin soon. *Travel Leaders* will handle cruise/travel arrangements. Participants who choose to submit a manuscript to *The Online Journal of Cultural Competence* will have the opportunity to do so through an agreement with Dr. Margaret Andrews, editor, to publish a special issue which will be edited by Drs. Yoder-Wise and Bond.

5. Participate in the Hispanic Wellness Fair (Fort Worth) in August, 2013.

6. Continue to offer an annual scholarship to CON students according to established guidelines.

7. Offer a research award (2-3 year) to a Center for Hispanic Studies in Nursing and Health Associate or Advisory Council member who submits a proposal for a research project with potential for building a program of research.

8. Offer membership to the local chapter of NAHN to an HSNA student who agrees to participate in a Pre-Nursing Academy activity.
9. Explore potential collaboration with the High School Nursing Academy coordinated by Sylvia Rawlings.

10. Continue to develop partnerships with selected health/business groups interested in Hispanic healthcare.

11. Continue major fund drive to increase the Center for Hispanic Studies in Nursing and Health Endowment to $100,000.

We would like to thank all of the Associates and members of the Advisory Council for their support and contributions throughout the past year. It is with regret and best wishes that we accept the resignation of Dr. Ferne Kyba who has moved to Austin from the Advisory Council. Her contributions throughout the years have been greatly appreciated.

Respectfully submitted,

Wendy J. Barr (electronic)          Mary Lou Bond (electronic)