

Item F: Activities Related to But Not Supported By the Grant

Poder es Salud/Power for Health will build on and expand the Civic Community Assessment Project initiated by one of our community partners, the Latino Network, in partnership with the Executive Leadership Institute (ELI) at Portland State University (PSU).

The mission of the Latino Network is to provide an open forum that advocates for the Latino community; to educate, inform and influence public policy; and to serve as a force for social change. The Latino Network began in the mid-1990's as a series of informal breakfast, lunch and afternoon gatherings to discuss actions to better the conditions of lower income Latinos in Portland and Multnomah County. To date, the Network maintains its focus on addressing the needs of lower income Latino families and children. Among its many accomplishments, the Network was the guiding force behind the preparation of a comprehensive assets and needs assessment of the Latino community in Multnomah County, titled *Salir Adelante* (2001).

Recently, the Latino Network (LatNet), Portland State University (PSU), and the University of Portland (U of P), initiated the Civic Community Assessment Project. One goal of this project is to determine whether *promotores de salud* using Popular Education can successfully build social capital within neighborhood-based groups in the Latino community. Important objectives of the project are to increase the pool of leaders within the Latino community, and to increase the communities' ability to advocate for its needs. The Community Capacitation Center of the Multnomah County Health Department will be responsible for the *capacitation* (empowering training) and support of the *promotores*.

Other aspects of the Latino Network/PSU/U of P project include:

1. Enhancement of the Network's organizational capacity;
2. Network capacity-building;
3. Strategic leadership development;
4. University-community partnership; and
5. Ethnographic study of the target population.