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## **NRHA announces upcoming community health worker trainings as part of Clinton Global Initiative-America Commitment to Action**

The National Rural Health Association (NRHA) is committed to developing a National Rural Community Health Worker Training Network to help recruit and retain community health workers to rural and underserved areas along the U.S.-Mexico border.

NRHA is working with the U.S.-Mexico Border Health Commission as well as state and federal partners to help enhance access to care along this region of the country, as part of a Commitment to Action that stemmed from NRHA's participation at the 2011 Clinton Global Initiative-America (CGI America) meeting.

Over the course of one year, NRHA will provide community health workers with periodic trainings and follow up. The trainings will cover topics such as leadership, coordination and pressing health concerns along the border, and through the community health workers, will support the growing needs within the rural and underserved areas of this region.

NRHA secured funding to provide travel scholarships for community health workers to attend each training, support for facilitators and support for completing evaluations of these trainings to assess outcomes.

"The National Rural Health Association is both humbled and excited to be able to offer this opportunity to participants who may not otherwise have this experience," said Alan Morgan, NRHA CEO.

NRHA's first training as part of this commitment was in April in Denver. Twenty community health workers from Arizona participated in the event. The next training will be June 13 and 14 in El Paso, Texas, where 40 community health workers are expected to attend. The third training event will take place Aug. 16 and 17 in San Diego.

During the training event in Texas this week, NRHA is expected to surpass its initial goal of training at least 60 community health workers.

### **About CGI America**

President Clinton established the Clinton Global Initiative America (CGI America) to address economic recovery in the United States. CGI America brings together leaders in business, government, and civil society to generate and implement commitments to create jobs, stimulate

economic growth, foster innovation, and support workforce development in the United States. Since its first meeting in June 2011, CGI America participants have made more than 160 commitments valued at \$12.8 billion when fully funded and implemented. To learn more, visit [cgiamerica.org](http://cgiamerica.org).

### **About the Clinton Global Initiative**

Established in 2005 by President Bill Clinton, the Clinton Global Initiative (CGI) convenes global leaders to devise and implement innovative solutions to some of the world's most pressing challenges. Since 2005, CGI Annual Meetings have brought together nearly 150 current and former heads of state, 18 Nobel Prize laureates, and hundreds of leading CEOs, along with heads of foundations, major philanthropists, directors of the most effective nongovernmental organizations, and prominent members of the media. These CGI members have made nearly 2,000 commitments, which have already improved the lives of 300 million people in more than 180 countries. When fully funded and implemented, these commitments will be valued in excess of \$63 billion. The CGI community also includes CGI University (CGI U), a forum to engage college students in global citizenship, [MyCommitment.org](http://MyCommitment.org), an online portal where anybody can make a Commitment to Action, and CGI Lead, which engages a select group of young CGI members for leadership development and collective commitment-making. CGI America is the newest addition to this community. For more information, visit [www.clintonglobalinitiative.org](http://www.clintonglobalinitiative.org).

### **About the National Rural Health Association**

The National Rural Health Association (NRHA) is a nonprofit organization working to improve the health and well-being of rural Americans and providing leadership on rural health issues through advocacy, communications, education and research. NRHA membership is made up of more than 21,000 diverse individuals and organizations, all of whom share the common bond of an interest in rural health. For more information, visit [www.RuralHealthWeb.org](http://www.RuralHealthWeb.org).

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