

Immigrant Health
Common Interest Lunch Table
2008 CPHI Retreat

Themes/Areas of Interest identified

- African, Latino, Asian immigrant communities
- Mental health
- HIV/AIDS
- Immunization
- Access for undocumented patients
- Confidentiality concerns regarding interpreters among LEP patients with HIV, mental illness, other sensitive issues

Potential Action: Creation of a **Referral Database for LEP patients**

- one-stop shop for providers (not patients/clients – this would be too resource intensive)
- centralized and searchable, useful for busy clinicians
- frequently updated, maybe allow multiple users to update, maybe use wiki interface
- bilingual mental health providers are often difficult to provide, even for Spanish
- COMHAR (?) might be a resource
- group participants noted that at present, many referral contacts that they use have been identified by chance alone; a better system is needed
- can social networks like facebook etc be useful somehow? Listserves are also an option for sending out occasional questions (e.g., "Does anyone know a French speaking psychotherapist?") but this doesn't provide point-of-care information due to the turn-around time for responses to come back
- Any organizations that might want to take this on? The City of Phila doesn't have a designated office for immigrant/refugee issues. Maybe Nationalities Svc Center or Welcoming Center for New Pennsylvanians? Phila Immigration Coalition?