Border Colleagues:

The New Mexico Office of Border Health is pleased to send you the attached the “Prevention and Health Promotion among Vulnerable Populations on the U.S.-México Border: Report on the Regional Stakeholder Planning Meeting” held in Eagle Pass, Texas on April 23, 2013. Similar reports are being finalized to be sent out to participants of the other regional stakeholder planning meetings for the events that took place in Imperial Valley and San Diego, California; Nogales and San Luis, Arizona; and El Paso, Texas. The preparation of the synthesis report that combines the results of all six regional meetings is also in progress and expected to be presented formally in late September to the United States-México Border Health Commission. The six individual stakeholder meeting reports and the synthesis report will provide Commission members an improved understanding of health and human services disparities in the border region, knowledge of current organizational resources available, and recommendations on how to improve access to health and human services and the role of state and federal health authorities in the U.S. and Mexico, as well as the Commission, in facilitating improvements.

As we move into the next fiscal year and with the advent of provisions under the Affordable Health Care act in the U.S. and continued expansion of Seguro Popular in Mexico, we hope to convene follow-up meetings to support improved networking among all stakeholder organizations to participate in actions that improve access of vulnerable populations to health and human services in the tri-state Paso del Norte Region and the U.S.-Border Region as a whole.

Thank you sincerely for your participation in this meeting and for your valuable contributions to this effort.

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