

Latino Health Council
Meeting Minutes
June 28, 2015

Attendance: Fernando Cano, Mary Vasquez, Shiva Bidar-Sielaff, Patricia Tellez-Giron, Yolanda Salazar, Jeff Golden, Kirsten Norslien, Maria Huerta, Rosario Angulo, Noelia Breitman, Tehmina Islam, Owen Karcher, and Veronica Lazo

Fernando approved the minutes and Tehmina second

New business:

- If the East Clinic is not having a presentation the next meeting will take place at WINGRA. If we do not have anyone interested on a presenting, Shiva will present on the issues of Latinos (DACA, DAPA, and Immigration)
- The LHC continues working with Agrace. They have been consulting with the LHC to see how they can outreach to the Latino community. The second phase of their project is a global advertisement with a Spanish billboard campaign.
- Alcohol grant- we are waiting for an answer on the AODA grant that Centro and UW Madison submitted we will know more by June.
- We have a mentoring students program. We are talking to the students about projects in the community for them to get involve. We like to have a variety of programs and projects opportunities for the students to choose from. We like Centro Hispano to be the hub for the students and we are trying to launch a wellness center at Centro Hispano, where each LHC member organization will play roll. We are looking for someone to orchestrate this idea to coordinate and put together all the logistics of the wellness center.

Old Business

Finances:

- We are having a hard time connecting with someone at ARCW. We are not sure if they have been paid for their services. Their finance person changed and its being hard to establish communication. Patricia is willing to pay and then get reimburse.

Membership:

- Mary will check who has not yet paid the membership.
- The sponsorship request for the event is late.
- We need to be strategic to recruit more members. We need to invite Journey and access to come again. Also Dane County Parent Council should be members.
- Send any organizations suggestions to Sarah.
- Shiva-We've been trying to bring people to the table. We should be asking people if they are going somewhere else or if they are sitting at other meetings. If not ask them to join us.

- Send the contact information to Sarah to invite the following entities the table: Oral Health Coalition of Dane County, Dental Health Collaborative, Dental Association and Madison Dental Initiative.

Committees:

- The committees need to meet at least quarterly. They will send a doodle survey to coordinate meetings

Web page

- Fernando-The biggest expense to the website is the radio show. We need to have a link between UNITY and us to get to the radio programs through their page. UNITY already has all the programs for the year. Fernando will look at the old radio programs to determine which to delete.
- Mary- If you have not send your agency info send it to Fernando.
- UNITY is doing a newsletter for patience and employees in Spanish, every 3 or 4 months.
- We will develop more materials to post on our Facebook page.
- Noelia Breitman is a new license professional counselor. She has an office downtown and is providing family and individual counseling.
- Patricia is in a parent advisory board with the Madison School District. A research was conducted and based on the research they create the dual immersion programs rather than ESL classes. This benefits both Latinos and English speaking children. The MSSD started doing the dual immersion program. Recently they realized that this was not equally available to all students. Silvia and Teresa Carranza moved to higher positions at the school district and they did a research on areas to look at attendance for bilingual education. The expanded the research to the entire district. They have been going around from school to school talking to parents. They have this parent advisory board to present the plan to the board in September. They are going to need more support to convince the school board. Even Hmong kids are in need of services. We have a large enough population for Hmong. They will continue to hire teachers that can do bilingual education using the 50% - 50% model instead of 90% - 10%. They will continue to hire teachers from Spain and will be looking into other countries in South-America. MMSD videos the meetings with the board of education to increase access for Spanish speaking children.
- Shiva- Well woman program pushed back on the changes and the program will continue as it has been for now in Dane County. Secondly, there is a group of health care providers that will be providing mental health services at the schools. The school district gave the contract to Catholic Charities to provide mental health in addition to the school mental health program. This is a good model to see if there is going to be improvement, access and integrations in the school. They are also culturally and linguistic mental health providers. The team at the schools also includes the nurses. There is one program that was happening with journey but that is ending, not sure if it will continue. We put money for undocumented Latino kids so they are not excluded from the program. This program starts in the fall. Jeff brought up the idea of other school district having similar pilot project.

Presentation:

- Gilda's Club PSA will aired at the Mallards game on August 15th. They are selling tickets for this game.
- They are also having Healthy Living and Social Family adventure day in August.
- Gilda's Club membership is free. Most of their members are middle age white and women.
- They provide support and weekly member meetings.
- Their services are for people with cancer or someone that cares about or for someone with a diagnosis of cancer.
- They have 24,000 members and are supported by donations and grants.
- Their support focuses on how to leave with cancer, how it is impacting relationships and death among others. They do not talk about cancer diagnoses.
- Group for supporters as well in English and Spanish.
- Provide weekly support groups
- Monthly networking
- They provide services in Baraboo, Dodgeville and Middleton

The also provide the following programs:

- Survivorship life after treatment
- Cancer transition (6 session focusing on life after treatment)
- Exercise
- Nutrition
- Emotional impact
- Medical follow up (Helps to identify the most important questions base on personal needs to generate a list for doctor's visits).

Meeting adjourned at 11:31am.