

Latino Health Council
July 28, 2022

Minutes

Attendance: Moranda Medina Lopez, William Parke-Sutherland, Jhonathan Real, Evelyn Storto, Nicholas VanDerwerker, Martha Saucedo, Patricia Tellez-Giron, Alessandra (Ali) La Jeunesse, Juan Carlos Cabrera, Rodrigo Valdivia, Arely Tinoco, Elizabeth Ringle, Judith Rasmussen.

Judith approves the minutes.

Shiva seconds.

Announcements:

Judith- vacancy on WI Council of the Blind, posted until filled

Anne-Louis Plesh- job opportunity

Elizabeth Ringle- looking to find new director?

Nick- hours of operation

Alessandra Lajeunesse- looking for a Spanish speaking

Congratulations to Elizabeth Ringle on her new position! Thank you for the grant money as well!

Rebeca Liebl-

Two of Patricia's students are currently in Guatemala taking care of individuals with diabetes and hypertension.

Agenda

Who has paid their LHC dues:

Access Midwifery LLC, Agrace, Gilda's Club,

Organizations that are major sponsors do not have to pay for membership. UW Health, GHC, Access?

Covid is here- current variant is very aggressive. Mask, Mask, Mask. Consider wearing a mask everywhere you go. Patricia is doing videos/commercials with LaMovida. Will only get worse in the fall.

Likely there will be a new/different vaccine in the fall. Vaccines available for 6 months and up.

Could not apply for another round of grants from DHS since we were already recipients of prior grant.

Commercials are very expensive.

Question- have we worked with middle and high schools on vaccination?

Yes. Boy and Girls Club received their own funds.

Dr. Maria Mora is doing research on what type of messaging is best for the LHC, which gets the most 'hits', where is it most received. All things to consider as ways to disseminate information to the community.

Project with Advance Directives.

MOLA WI- hoping for a formal presentation, hosting them for a luncheon next month.

Presentations

RISE Wisconsin- Fernando Cano Ospina, DEI Director at RISE. Worked for over 20 years with Mendota Mental Health Institute, community engagement is principal to his role now.

Pillars. Video shown. Music by J.R.P. Serial: Embrace Yourself”.

RISE History- 2017 merger of Center for Families and Community Partnerships.

Early Childhood, Mental Health, Crisis Services- respite

Early Childhood Home Visiting- help kids be prepared for 4K, early literacy. 2 visits/week over 10 months old for 2 years. 30 minute home visits. Each Bilingual staff. No citizenship requirement.

Welcome Baby; Early Childhood Initiative- mom must be pregnant or kid is less than one, and that they live in specific neighborhoods.

Mental Health Programs- Comprehensive Community Services, Children Come First.

CCS- looking for two staff, bilingual preferred but not required. 6 to 35 years old, provide individualized support.

CCF- wrap around care coordination for youth ages 0-19. Internal programs for more intensive therapy: therapeutic services team, peer and parent peer specialist program- looking to grow the program.

The Respite Center- respite care for families, for children up to age 14, have had to limit capacity to maintain safety during COVID

Respite child care 24 hours a day. Could be for a number of reasons, for a break for example. Helps prevent caregiver burnout.

Outcomes- interrupt cycles of trauma,

RISE is Hiring for a Mental Health Director

Shiva- partners with RISE in taking care financially of families with their UW Health bills. Increased percentage of federal poverty guidelines now covered to have a percentage of their bills waived (from 500% to 600% FPG).