



**City of Bloomington  
Commission on Hispanic and Latino Affairs**

**Wednesday, March 26th, 2025 @ 5:30-7:00 PM  
Public Meeting Hooker Conference Room**

**MINUTES**

**Attendance:** Mariella Arredondo, Jimena Holguin, Claudia Lara, Marlo Libel. Via Zoom: Raquel Anderson. Absent: Javier Rosales, Dinorah Sapp, Alysa Schroff.

**Staff Liaison:** Ximena Martinez

I. Call to order at 5:55 PM

II. Approval of February's meeting minutes: Approved

**III. LIAISON REPORT**

A. **Open seats:** 1 Common Council voting seat

B. **Next Meeting:** April 30th

C. **Jaripeo Event:** Mariella and Marlo will host the table

D. **IUCU 2025 Scholarship:** Deadline May 23. Subcommittee: **Raquel, Jimena, Javier.**

E. **Protocol for communication:** Emails will be sent by the Latinoprograms email account with a CHLA signature.

F. **Municipal ID:** **Jimena** will reach out to the people responsible in South Bend to get feedback.

**IV. CURRENT BUSINESS**

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A. **Education:** **Raquel, Dinorah, Alysa, Mariella**

• **Address counselors at BHSS**

• **Organize informational sessions** for high school students and parents regarding college

• **Ximena** checked on the status of the letter to the superintendent with the Head of the Department. No answer from the Legal Department yet. The letter will be signed as CHLA.

• **Raquel** will reconnect with Dr. Markay Winston's Communication Director.

• To verify information on attendance changes post-January 2025, **Mariella** drafted an email to be sent to each principal for disaggregated data. The letter will be signed as CHLA.

**Dinorah** will submit contact info of ENL, **Raquel** of Summit and Fairview, **Mariella** of HighSchool principals. **Ximena** will contact Romeri to get more emails.

B. **Health Services:** **Marlo, Jimena, Claudia**

• **Interpretation and translation services** within healthcare providers, particularly IU Health.

• **Access to medical interpretation** - Conduct a survey.

- The next agency meeting will focus on **mental health**, particularly considering current immigration issues. The Mental Health forum will be held on the last week of May and will be Focused on wellness with topics such as: Access and availability services, language barriers, legal and immigration concerns, cultural stigma. **Claudia** will lead a workshop.

**C. Public Relations: Javier, Mariella, Jimena**

- **Foro Latino de Agencias** – Organize quarterly meetings with community agencies.
- **Informational/welcome sessions** twice a year covering transportation, safety, housing, health, and education. Potential locations include MCPL, CCL, churches, and Adult Educational Centers.
- Issue of sustainability – develop materials – informational

**D. Fundraising: Marlo, Raquel, Alysa**

**E. Updates from prior meetings:**

- **Marlo** will attend the 812 podcast.

**VI. ADDITIONAL ITEMS:**

- A. BPD Chief Mike Diekhoff and Sheriff Marte will be invited to the next meeting.
- B. **Marlo** will present the CHLA 2024 Annual Report to the City Council. Council Member Isaac would like to come to our next meeting.

**VII. GUESTS/PUBLIC COMMENT** (Please allow 3-5 minutes per guest)

**VI. ADJOURNMENT** at: 6:25 PM