



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

**Wednesday, May 29th, 2024 @ 5:30-7:00 PM
Public Meeting Hooker Conference Room**

MINUTES

Attendance: Marlo Libel, Jimena Holguin, Mariella Arredondo, Alysa Schroff, Verónica Fuentes, Javier Rosales. Absent: Dinorah Sapp. Raquel Anderson, Giovanni Rivera.

Staff Liaison: Ximena Martinez

I. Call to order at: 5:35 pm

II. Approval of April's meeting minutes.

III. LIAISON REPORT

- A. IU Credit Union Scholarship** – 3/31 Scholarship Deadline. Selection Committee Virtual Meeting: Thursday 6/6/24, 4:00 pm, Mariella, Jimena, Verónica, & Giovanni, for selecting the scholarship winner. Ximena will upload all the applications to the Google Drive without names and the rubric.
- B. CHLA Instagram account** – old FB account not working, CHLA given the okay to create an Instagram. Ximena will create a post notifying followers to reference new Instagram account.
- C. New Interim CFRD Director** – Shatoyia Moss plans to attend a CHLA meeting. Ximena will share date.
- D. June Meeting:** Wednesday 26th, 5:30 pm

IV. CURRENT BUSINESS:

A. EDUCATION: RAQUEL, DINORAH, ALYSA, MARIELLA

i. BHSS Counselor February Allegation:

- Alysa will connect w/ Moms to document story & email School Counselor(s) re: their account of situation & process for providing college prep help.
- Alysa will start data collection w/ NAACP on Latiné high school student graduation rates & high school to college pipeline.

ii. Organize Educational Information Sessions:

- Mariella met with LA CASA and talked about High School Student Education Sessions (w/ or w/out parents re: college admission).
- Mariella talked with El Centro Comunal Latino about General Public Educational Sessions covering a variety of topics and Implementation Ideas: Podcasts, Tabling, etc.

B. HEALTH SERVICES: MARLO, JIMENA

- i. Interpretation & Translation w/in community Health Care services; specifically IU Health**

- Discovered ILI's beca de formación de intérpretes scholarship that aims to help the issue of lack of qualified interpreters w/in Indiana health care provider network. Jimena created a flyer and will be shared by social media, Boletín Comunitario, and churches. Marlo connected with graduates from this program that may be interested to collaborate.

C. PUBLIC RELATIONS: VERÓNICA-JAVIER & MARIELLA-GIOVANNI

i. Foro Latino de Agencias / Organization (Verónica-Javier)

- New foro date: week of August 18th
- Verónica will create Introduction materials and email representatives for scheduling

ii. Biannual Community Information / Welcome Session (Mariella-Giovanni)

- Mariella talked to several agencies and identified Education as the first topic to be covered followed by Housing.

D. FUNDRAISING: MARLO, RAQUEL, ALYSA

- CFRD could provide F&B for specific events- Event proposal required to receive funding.
- Confirmed CHLA internal city funding account exists & the process on how to utilize it.
- Ideas to partner with for Fundraising projects:
 - IUCU: Point of Contact – Any Latin community member in a leadership position?
 - Old National Bank – Esther Fuentes, Branch Manager
- Solidify “Funding Purposes” – how will \$\$\$ be spent (e.g. on what events, goals, etc.). Someone to initiate partnership introduction/relationship

E. UPDATES FROM PRIOR MEETINGS:

i. General Feedback: Issue of team accountability & sustainability:

Are we developing material, following through on our deliverables, and taking action to move Commission forward?

- CHLA Google Drive created by Veronica
- Verónica received a copy of N.E.X.T. Level's *Inclusive Community Engagement Survey* & will share w/ team
- Jimena will email Verónica about a “*Latíné Health Patience Feedback Survey*”

V. ADDITIONAL ITEMS

- Established best outlets for Information Dissemination (**Sherwood Oaks Iglesia Hispana & St. Paul Catholic Church**) & Partnerships (La Casa & El Centro Comunal Latino). No need to investigate further & time to utilize those resources.
- Create a Commission 6 months Goal Plan?

VI. GUESTS/PUBLIC COMMENT

A. Kelsie Clemons Office of the Mayor Intern: kelsie.clemons@bloomington.in.gov

i. Community Engagement Idea: High School Mentorship / Advising Program

- This program would connect prospective Indiana college students (geared towards 1st Gen students) with “in-house staffers/counselors/student peers” for support in navigating scholarship applications, selecting classes, etc.

VI. ADJOURNMENT at: 7:07pm