



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

**Wednesday, September 25th, 2024 @ 5:30-7:00 PM
Public Meeting Hooker Conference Room**

MINUTES

Attendance: Jimena Holguin, Alysa Schroff, Javier Rosales, Raquel Anderson, Marlo Libel, Mariella Arredondo. Zoom: Dinorah Sapp.
Staff Liaison: Ximena Martinez

I. Call to order at: 5:35 PM

II. Approval of August's meeting minutes: Approved

III. LIAISON REPORT

A. Open seats – 2 Voting Members: 2 Non-Voting Members seats available due to **Jimena & Mariella** taking on the voting positions (in the process). **Ximena** needs to check when the other members' time is up (Jan 31, 2025) so that they can re-apply.

B. Black y Brown Arts Festival / Fiesta del Otoño – Booth for CHLA

- IU Immigration Panel Discussion (Alysa) – Alysa shared what occurred at the event.
- Black y Brown Arts Festival (Alysa & Raquel)
- La Fiesta del Otoño (Javier, Jimena, Marlo) – many people interested in interpreter training; also asked about what we do as a commission.
- MCCSC Latino Family Night (Raquel & Marlo)
- CHLA suggested having: business cards with the website; email for CHLA, FB/IG, informational handouts; and volunteer sign-up sheet. **Ximena** will check if this is possible.
- **Monroe County NAACP - 70 Years Post-Brown: Looking to the Past, Transforming the Future**, CHLA agreed to support the event (**Oct 13 - 3 PM, Public Library**).

C. Bloomington Municipal Code revisions for CHLA – changes were recommended.

D. Other info:

- El Centro board will visit Boston Scientific, and this is extended to the CHLA (November).
- Fiesta festival in Spencer (October)
- Commission on Human Rights – Case presented at outreach office.

E. October Meeting: Wednesday 30th, 5:30 pm – 7:00pm

IV. CURRENT BUSINESS

A. EDUCATION: RAQUEL, DINORAH, ALYSA, MARIELLA

i. Address Counselor BHSS

- Alyssa discussed data obtained from BHSN & BHSS.
- Agreed to send an email to the Principal, if no response, then directly to the superintendent.
- Alyssa will write and send it to CHLA for feedback, once OK Marlo will send it to the Principal

ii. Organize Informational Sessions about College with High School Students and Parents

- Tentative Oct 15 7-8:30 first session, in collaboration with La Casa & El Centro.
- FAFSA day – February 2025.

A. HEALTH SERVICES: MARLO, JIMENA

i. Interpretation and translation within the health care providers, especially IU Health

- Marlo and Jimena will have a meeting with the Diversity Office tomorrow (Sept 26)
- List available of individuals trained and living in Bloomington (n=8 up to now)

ii. Access to Medical Interpretation – survey

- Ximena will place it on Boletín Comunitario

B. PUBLIC RELATIONS JAVIER, MARIELLA, JIMENA

i. Foro Latino de Agencias – Organize quarterly meetings with community agencies.

- Javier working on this. Health first topic. November date is tentative. Will check the agency list developed by the Outreach Office to identify agencies. Divide the agencies by area.

ii. Information / welcome sessions (2x a year) to cover several topics such as transportation, safety, housing, health, and education. Potential sites: MCPL, CCL, churches, Adult E.C.

- Mariella working on this.

iii. Issue of sustainability – develop materials – informational

C. FUNDRAISING: MARLO, RAQUEL, ALYSA

D. UPDATES FROM PRIOR MEETINGS:

V. ADDITIONAL ITEMS:

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

A. Sara Carmona– Senior at High School South interested in the Medical Interpreter scholarship.

VI. ADJOURNMENT at: 7:14 PM