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To the Honorable Board Members of the Ohio Commission on Hispanic/Latino Affairs

Public Policy Center (PPC) Report

Nolan J. Stevens, J.D. - Policy Liaison

Advise

LCR's – Health, Voting, Education

1. Drafted, edited and compiled LCR on Ohio Hispanic voting trends and patterns for distribution to the General Assembly.
2. Oversaw the finalization and the dissemination of these LCR's to the Senate.
3. Began work on crafting 99 individual House LCR's but data was lost before they could be issued. Due to be remade early during the week of May 6th.
4. Oversaw intern research and graph creation on an education LCR that will update the General Assembly on Hispanic participation in the school funding model contemplated by the biennial budget as well as update them on the progress of Race to the Top in reducing academic achievement disparities between Hispanic students and their peers. This LCR is slated for a release in August.
5. Met with former intern to finalize his project on cultural competency among Ohio state agencies that administer services related to behavioral health. If his research is useful, this data will be turned into an LCR for release this December.

Federal Engagement

Participated in a roundtable on immigration reform with Acting U.S. Secretary of Labor Seth Harris.

Legislator Engagement

Worked with legislators on both the budget and on federal Deferred Action issues as they interact with state law. Issued an LCR on Ohio Hispanic Voting. See both above and below.



Budget

Continued to implement budget strategy:

- Continued to monitor the entirety of the budget hearings in the House of Representatives to watch for negative testimony on OCHLA. Found none.
- Oversaw the passage of the OCHLA budget through the Ohio House of Representatives without facing cuts. Monitored the budget's introduction into the Senate.
- Reached out to committee aides for the Chairmen of Senate Finance and the General Government Finance subcommittee – by whom OCHLA's budget will be considered.
- Met with Executive Director and Governor's staff to inquire about approach to securing additional dollars. Complied with administration's demand to submit request for additional appropriation through them, rather than through legislators.
- Drafted OCHLA testimony for the Senate General Government Finance Subcommittee with Executive Director; staffed her as she delivered it.
- Submitted selected budget graphs and our 2012 Annual Report, along with Director Cavanaugh's written testimony, to Senate subcommittee members.
- Updated Commissioners and the community on our budget efforts and where the Commission sits in the process.
- Began lining up public testimony for submission during the Senate public testimony process.

Deferred Action and Ohio law and policy

Worked with Ohio officials and community advocates to bring both to a better understanding of the interaction between Ohio law and the federal Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program. The chief interactions regard driver's licenses and tuition equity. Specifically:

- Met with two public institutions of higher learning and informed state university administration officials on DACA and in-state tuition. They included Terra State Community College and Ohio State
- Met with the Ohio Association of Community Colleges to discuss DACA and in-state tuition
- Met with community advocates on the issue of DACA and in-state tuition, and helped connect them to administrators and policy-makers in positions of influence.
- Drafted a resolution on DACA and in-state tuition for consideration by the OCHLA Board
- Delivered a lecture on DACA for H.R. professionals, employers and community leaders
- Arranged for Dr. Ron Abrams to address the OCHLA board at the May meeting
- Attended a hearing and updated the community on pending legislation that would, alternatively, grant or deny driver's licenses to DACA recipients in Ohio.

Agency Outreach to Ohio Latinos

- Drafted a plan for outreach for the Ohio Attorney General's Office. Submitted the plan to their office for approval.
- Introduced Lorain Hispanic leaders to Attorney General DeWine's regional representative for Lorain.
- Secured a presentation and a table as an exhibitor at the 19th Annual CHIP Hispanic Leadership Conference



Connect/ Build

Outreach to Community

- Sent update on House Bill 114 to the community.
- Attended CHIP Hispanic Leadership Conference where I staffed OCHLA Executive Director on her presentation on last year's Ohio Latino Health Summit and our plans for a follow-up.
- Recommended names for inclusion in meeting with ICE on immigration enforcement

Public Policy Center Website Updates

- Re-organized PPC website skeleton in favor of a three-tiered system including "issue pages", "sub-issue pages" and "bill pages".
- Drafted content for one issue page – "immigration", all of its attendant "sub-issue pages" and one bill page – on House Bill 114.
- Oversaw the creation of the PPC website skeleton, and initial stages wherein the pages outlined above were added, content and all.
- Began tweaking pages for final publication.

Civic Engagement

- Helped community leaders engage their legislators and the administration on issues related to DACA and the biennial budget.

Legislation Monitored

Continued to monitor legislation critical to Ohio Hispanics, including:

- **HB 114** which would deny driver's licenses to DACA recipients
- **HB 3** which specifies eligibility and licensing requirements for Ohio "navigators under the Affordable Care Act.
- **HB 82**, which would spare religious employers from civil rights liability for employment practices
- **HB 59**, biennial budget bill
- **HB 31**, a bill regulating gun storage in the home

Human Trafficking

Met with Liz Ranade-Janis, Department of Public Safety coordinator of Governor Kasich's Human Trafficking Task Force, announced by executive order in 2012. Introduced her to OCHLA Executive Director and began preparing responses to her initial survey.

Civil Rights Town Hall

Helped facilitate and participated in OCHLA's Civil Rights Town Hall Meeting. Served as photographer for the event, and passed photos onto Executive Director for publication.

Constituent Inquiry

Handled constituent inquiries on the following topics:

- Adding names to OCHLA mailing lists (twice)
- Forwarded event to OLANet for posting
- Referred constituent to Spanish-speaking Cleveland-based worker's compensation attorney
- Put constituent in touch with his legislator regarding a potential road name change in honor of his



- son, who was killed in Afghanistan in 2012
- Found a presenter for a community event

Meetings Attended

- 4/2/13 – Website meeting on Google Hangout with Kenyon interns
- 4/3/13 – Panel on immigration reform with Seth Harris, Acting U.S. Secretary of Labor
- 4/3/13 – Ben Famous, regional representative for Senator Sherrod Brown
- 4/4/13 – Website meeting on Google Hangout with Kenyon interns
- 4/8/13 – Meeting with Terra State Community College administrators in Fremont
- 4/9/13 – OCHLA Board Meeting, OCHLA Board Luncheon
- 4/9/13 – OCHLA Board Retreat
- 4/11/13 – Website meeting on Google Hangout with Kenyon interns
- 4/11/13 – Latino student college fair at Northland High School, Columbus
- 4/15/13 – Ann Bischoff and Mark Real, Kids Ohio
- 4/16/13 – Gave DACA lecture at Latino diversity and leadership luncheon
- 4/16/13 – Committee hearing on House Bill 114
- 4/17/13 – Nick Torres and Jessica Ramos
- 4/18/13 – Dayton Latino Connections meeting
- 4/18/13 – Dr. Ron Abrams, Ohio Association of Community Colleges
- 4/18/13 – Website meeting on Google Hangout with Kenyon interns
- 4/19/13 – CHIP Conference Dinner
- 4/20/13 – 19th Annual CHIP Leadership Conference in Lorain
- 4/22/13 – Former intern Jason McBride
- 4/22/13 – New volunteer interview, Cassandra
- 4/23/13 – Civil Rights Town Hall Meeting
- 4/24/13 – Video interview with intern Taylor Scult
- 4/24/13 – OCHLA Agency Testimony with Senate finance subcommittee
- 4/25/13 - Website meeting on Google Hangout with Kenyon interns
- 4/29/13 – Meeting with OSU administrators regarding DACA students
- 4/29/13 – Coffee with Liz Ranade-Janis, Governor’s Human Trafficking Task Force
- 4/30/13 – Orientation with Madeline Steele-Stockwell on constituent inquiry database



Organizations Development Center (ODC) Report & Latino Community Network (LCN) Report

Lilly Cavanaugh-Acting Officer

Improved Service Delivery-

Website:

- Created and launched page for the “About Us” Section on the Website; available at: <http://ochla.ohio.gov/AboutUs.aspx>
- Updated the [Civil Rights Town Hall page](#) with information on the recent meeting and resource documents.
- Drafted Frequently Asked Questions Page (to be launched in May, 2013).
- Updated the [Education Summit page](#) with additional information.

Constituent Services:

In order to optimize the record keeping of constituent services, a Share Point Database System for Constituent Inquiries has been created and implemented starting this month. The new database will provide a single location to access, archive and track all constituent inquiries. By using the Microsoft SharePoint Workspace, all staff has the ability to access the database and record their constituent inquiries at any time. This tool will also enable the preparation of customized reports to document the specific trends and types of inquiries received in our office. A sample of the database is shown below:

ID	Area	Inquiry	response	Times asked	Field1	Field2	Field3
1	Education/ Youth	GED in Spanish	link to GED in Spanish	3	http://www.gedtestingservice.com/testers/special-test-editions-spanish		
2	Other	consulate contact info	"sent info"	22	PDF		
3	Other	demographics statistics	"sent info"	24	http://www.pewhispanic.org/data-and-resources/	http://www.inindexmundi.com/facts/unite	http://ochla.ohio.gov/OrganizationDevelopment
4	Other	grant information	"sent info"	8			
5	Community	wants to collaborate with latino community	"sent directory"	3	http://ochla.ohio.gov/HispanicServingOrganizations.aspx		
6	Justice/Civil Rights	discrimination	contact OCRC	26	http://crc.ohio.gov/	Toll Free Number: 888-278-7101	
7	Justice/Civil Rights	free legal aid	ABLE, other pro-bono legal aids	23	http://www.communitylegalaid.org/referrals/52-legalaids	http://www.lawolaw.org/	
8	Media/Communications	radio X 103.1 contact info	614-273-1539 http://www.lamega1031.com/contacto.htm	2	PDF		
9	Policy/Leadership	contact representative	http://www.house.gov/representatives/find/ or I can create a list	4	PDF of all State and National Reps and Senators		
10	Other	interpreter/translator	"sent list of interpreters/translators"	17	PDF		

Frequently Asked Questions— Webpage Creation

We are presently working on designing and populating the FAQ page on the website. The goal is to create a depository of relevant information which can be made available to constituents through the website. The FAQ page will follow the same categories as our key areas of interest and will include a list of the most common inquiries on each particular topic. We are expecting to launch this page in May, 2013. A sample of the page is included below.



[About Us](#) | [Events](#) | [Hispanic Serving Organizations](#) | [Public Policy](#) | [Latino Community](#) | [Organization Development Center](#) | [Contact Us](#)

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Please find your question based on one of the 10 categories below.
 Por favor encuentre su pregunta en una de las 10 categorías abajo.

QUICK LINKS

- [What We Do](#)
- [Regions we Serve](#)
- [Public Policy Center](#)
- [Latino Community Network](#)

 Culture & Arts/ Cultura y Arte	 Business & Commerce/ Empresa y Comercio	 Education & Youth/ Educación y juventud	 Faith & Community/ Fe y Comunidad	 Health and Safety/ Salud y Seguridad
 Justice & Civil Rights/ Justicia y Derechos Civiles	 Labor and Work Force Development/ Trabajo y fuerza laboral	 Media and Communications/ Medios de Comunicación	 Policy & Leadership/ Político y Liderazgo	 General/ General

If you do not find your question on this Frequently Asked Questions page, please contact us.

Phone: 614-466-8333

Email: OCHLA.OLAnet@ochla.state.ohio.us

Special Support to State Agencies –Interpreting

Office Manager, Lair Marin, provided simultaneous & Continuous Interpretation for Hearing on the appeals of two cases against individual. Ohio State Racing Commission. April 30, 2013.

Office Manager, Lair Marin, provided Sight Interpreting & Continuous Interpretation at Senate Health Medicaid Senate Committee on Testimony . Minority Health Commission, May 02, 2013.

Connect

- Initiated contact with Juanita Duran, new Executive Director for the Sofia Quintero Center (Toledo).
- Initiated contact with Beatriz Maya, founding member of La Conexion (Bowling Green, Woods County)
- Initiated contact with Guiselle Mendoza, new Director of Programs for Adelante, Inc. (Toledo)
- Promoted the Latino Veterans Hall of Fame Nomination Campaign through Hispanic networks and our webpage. The campaign is launched in response to a request from the Ohio Department of Veteran Services .

Capacity Building

The LCN and ODC are tasked to implement and support the following events:

Civil Rights Town Hall Meeting—April 23rd, 2013

Successfully completed the first multicultural Civil Rights Town Hall with an attendance of 75 participants and facilitators from across the state, Chicago, IL and Washington DC and welcoming re-



marks by Columbus City Mayor, Michael Coleman. There were six well attended sessions on key topics identified by the multicultural community as priorities for discussion. An introductory discussion on the topic of Civil Rights was presented by Mr. Michael Payton, Director of the Ohio Civil Rights Commission, Mr. Carter Steward, US Attorney for the Southern District of Ohio, and Ms. Juliet Choi, Chief of Staff and Senior Advisor for US Dept. of Health and Human Services, Civil Rights Division.

The Town Hall is of special significance due to the fact that our agency built the partnership with Federal, State, and City government, the Asian & Pacific Islander and the African immigrant community to join efforts with the Latino community for a first ever multicultural event focusing on Civil Rights. Details about the Town Hall and [Next Steps](#) are available on our [website](#).

EDUCATION

USHLI Student Leadership Series 2013

Coordinated conference calls with regional education leaders in Youngstown, Cincinnati and Columbus and representatives from USHLI to discuss potential partnership opportunities for the 2013 calendar year. The Student Leadership Series are an important component of our education outreach efforts.

KidsOhio.Org—Report on Education

Met with Anne Bischoff from KidsOhio to provide information and contacts for the Education Report on Latinos which their organization is preparing for the Columbus metropolitan area. Information about the commission’s education initiatives was made available along with other education data, contacts and resources. Once the final report is issued, the commission will receive a copy.

HEALTH

Latino Health Summit, Regional Meetings—Cleveland

Continued conversations with Jasmin Santana and Jessica Cartagena, Hispanic Health Committee to discuss the regional Latino Health Summit Meeting in Cleveland. The meeting is planned for early June; agenda details will be provided at a later date.

CHIP Conference—Lorain, April 19 and 20th, 2013

- Presented a session on the Ohio Latino Health Summit to an audience of 50 participants who also engaged in regional conversation about health.
- Participated in the Lorain CHIP Conference. With a participation of 575 individuals, the conference’s theme for 2013 was “The Health of the Individual and the Community.”
- Also used the opportunity to introduce the statewide Blood Drive Campaign to take place during Hispanic Heritage month.

Ohio Hospital Association/ Ohio Department of Health Disaster Emergency Preparedness

Promoted and participated on the community focus groups for Disaster Emergency Preparedness.



The focus groups provided information and feedback that will be utilized to develop a strategic plan on how the state of Ohio would respond in case of catastrophic disaster preparedness.

WORKFORCE AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Workforce and Economic Development Summit—November 7, 2013

Continued hosting weekly conference calls with Rafi Rodriguez, CHL-Ohio for the planning of this event.

EMERGING DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION

Red Cross Hispanic Heritage Month Blood Drive—Sept 15-Oct 15, 2013

Participated on regular committee meetings for the statewide campaign blood drive campaign to be launched during Hispanic Heritage Month.

Hispanics have a higher number of type O blood types than other populations, creating a unique opportunity for giving. O-negative blood is especially valued. It is the universal red blood cell, which means a patient of any blood type can receive type O-negative red blood cells in an emergency situation.

NATIONAL PARTNERSHIPS

US Department of Health & Human Services

Interacted with Jose Velasco, National Hispanic Outreach Specialist for the Centers of Medicare and Medicaid Services to secure their participation in the Lorain CHIP Conference. As a result, Teresa Nino, Director for the Office of Public Engagement, Medicare and Medicaid Services was secured as keynote speaker for the CHIP Conference.

NALEO Conference

Continued regular communications with steering committee for the planning of the conference in June, 2013.

Administrative Report

Staff Classification

Executive Director has been working with DAS HR and Finance staff and OBM Analyst to review classification requirements for OCHLA personnel. We have been informed the commission cannot classify its employees under the administrative category and need to reclassify them as exempt or bargaining unit.



ePAR System Orientation

Executive Director participated in orientation program for the new Personnel Approval Requisition system. The training was required and organized by DAS-HR.

Biennial Budget Hearings

Executive Director Cavanaugh presented testimony before the Senate Finance Subcommittee on April 24th, 2013.

Appropriation Increase Request

Per guidelines received from our OBM Analyst, prepared and submitted the commission's appropriation increase request for FY14-15. The Governor's Office team has requested that all biennial budget increase requests be directed to their office and OBM instead of each agency attempting to pursue the increase directly through individual amendments and inquiries to legislators.

Biennial Audit FY12/FY13

Continued to work and provide information to auditor Andrew Bowman for the implementation of the FY12/FY13 Biennial Audit.

Meetings Attended by Executive Director

April 03— Connie A., Lawrence P., Orvell J. Regina S. –DAS
April 03— Hispanic Heritage Month Blood Drive Committee Meeting
April 04— Tony Simms Howell, Lourdes Barroso
April 05— Close the Gap Advisory Board Meeting
April 05— Maria Sanchez, OSU
April 08— Human Trafficking Board Meeting
April 09— OCHLA Board Meeting
April 10— Gerrie Cotter, ODJFS
April 11— Marta Villegas & Maria Sanchez [USHLI]
April 11— Marta Villegas & Youngstown leaders [USHLI]
April 11— Marta Villegas & Cincinnati leaders [USHLI]
April 11— Rae Reed, Women leadership
April 11— Ernie Apreza, StudentsFirst
April 12— Student Role Models Event, OSU
April 12— Patrick Terrien, Columbus Council on World Affairs
April 13— Otterbein University, Civic Engagement Seminar
April 15— Anne Bischoff, KidsOhio
April 16— OSU Student Panel—Education Access
April 19— CHIP Conference (Lorain)
April 20— CHIP Conference (Lorain)
April 22— Jason McBride, Intern Volunteer
April 22— Interview potential intern Cassandra T.
April 23— Civil Rights Town Hall
April 24— Senate Finance Subcommittee Testimony
April 25— Boards and Commissions Management Group Meeting
April 25— Lawrence Parson, OBM
April 25— Dayton Chamber of Commerce B2B Event (Dayton)
April 27— Emergency Preparedness Focus Group Meeting
April 30— ePAR System Orientation (DAS—HR)

Respectfully submitted,

