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

During April, we have focused on preparing for the New Americans Forum, an event organized in collaboration with other entities serving the refugee and immigrant communities in Columbus. This event focuses on the need to come together to discuss strategies for inclusion, integration and empowerment of the fastest growing demographic sectors in Franklin county. Additionally, we are promoting the Minority Health Month and will be implementing this year's grant through programs in two cities: Lorain and Toledo. April is also the month when CHIP (Coalition for Hispanic Issues and Progress) in Lorain holds its annual conference. The commission will be presenting at the event and hosting a workshop on women development. Furthermore, we will be collaborating with the US Hispanic Leadership Institute for a presentation from Dr. Juan Andrade on the Latino Vote.

Our work in the area of organizations development continues with community visits to Lorain, Youngstown and Cleveland to review potential grant opportunities with the local Latino organizations.

Meetings Attended

- 01 Apr—Keynote Speaker, Miami University, Cesar Chavez Day
- 04 Apr—Jose Salinas, Ohio Migrant Education Center
- 04 Apr—Rachel Hudson, Attorney General's Office
- 07 Apr—El Centro, Lorain, Evibase and WalMart Grant Meeting
- 08 Apr—Ramona Reyes, Centro Guadalupe
- 11 Apr—Victor Ruiz, Esperanza Inc., (Cleveland)
- 12 Apr—Greg Williams, MBE EDGE Programs, DAS
- 13 Apr—Latino Role Models Day, OSU
- 14 Apr—Hispanic Chambers of Commerce Quarterly Meeting



14 Apr—Ethics Training (Columbus)
15 Apr—Minority Health Month Event (Youngstown)
16 Apr—Keynote Speaker, Worldwide Intercultural Network, ICC-WIN (Cleveland)
18 Apr—Human Trafficking Commission Meeting
20 Apr—Su Casa Annual Dinner (Cincinnati)
22 Apr—CHIP Conference, Lorain
23 Apr—CHIP Conference, Lorain
25 Apr—Regina Sheiderer, DAS HR.
26 Apr—OCHLA Board Meeting
27 Apr—Diana Pagan, Festival Latino
27 Apr—Veronica Dahlberg, Grant Support (Conference Call)
28 Apr—Ashley Saltzman, Andrea Lewis (Conference Call)

Attended also weekly conference calls on Latino Health Summit and Interpretation Conference.

Public Policy Center (PPC) Report

Andrea Lewis, Public Policy Officer

New American Forum

Much of April was spent working with the New American Forum committee to plan the event, which will be hosted on May 12th at Franklin University. I have been assisting the committee with drafting an agenda, securing speakers and doing marketing and promotion for the event. We have been able to secure Felicia Escobar, Special Assistant to the President for Immigration Policy, as the event's keynote speaker. The event will also feature a panel discussion on Columbus' strategy for welcoming and integration. The panel will feature Rep. Kevin Boyce, Columbus City Councilmember Liz Brown, Executive Director of the Community Relations Commission Derek Anderson and Chief Diversity Officer for the City of Columbus Steve Francis. Additional remarks during the program will be made by Columbus City Council President Zach Klein and Franklin County Board of Commissioners President John O'Grady.

Other featured speakers and panelists include the Small Business Development Center (SBDC), Ohio Civil Rights Commission (OCRC), Homes on the Hill, Department of Homeland Security, Columbus Public Health, ADAMH, Community Refugee and Immigration Services, World Relief Columbus, and more.

I have devised and sent out a few campaigns to our ListServ and other community leaders and will continue to promote the event leading up to it.

Legislative Update

During April, I tracked new legislation introduced by the Ohio House and Ohio Senate, and drafted two legislative updates that were sent to our ListServ of 400+ individuals. The legislative updates featured summaries and status updates of HB 523, SB 310, HB 514, HB 286, SB 204, HB 511, and SB 264. Included with the update were relevant news articles and a list of upcoming community events.



Latino Community Report

I have continued research and writing for the next Latino Community Report, which will discuss the importance of Latino representation in government. I interviewed 4 Latino elected officials for the section of the report dedicated to addressing the unique challenges facing Latino elected officials in Ohio. The interviews feature Franklin County Coroner Dr. Anahi Ortiz, State Rep. Rick Perales, State Rep. Dan Ramos, and Wauseon Mayor Kathy Huner.

Constituent Services

- I assisted constituents this month with finding ESL classes for preschoolers and adults.
- I worked with a constituent to connect her with her legislators to advocate for a bill that would require certain healthcare professionals to undergo cultural competency training in order to receive or renew their license.
- I worked with our Attorney General, Executive Director Cavanaugh and HOLA Executive Director Veronica Dahlberg, on potential grant opportunity.
- I worked with LULAC Columbus to get information together for a “Candidates Night” in Franklin County. I researched and compiled a list of Franklin County candidates, and included links to their contact information. I also sent a template for partnership opportunities, and information on protocol for hosting, introducing and addressing elected officials.
- I presented at the quarterly Immigrant Advocacy Task Force Meeting in April, and provided a legislative report to attendees.
- I attended Ohio State’s annual LASER Role model day and took part as a role model/facilitator to a group of high school students from Central Ohio.
- I presented a legislative report at the quarterly Hispanic Chambers meeting. I assisted the Chambers with developing a legislative agenda.

Meetings Attended

4/1—Nolan Stevens
4/4— Jose Salinas, Ohio Migrant Education Center
4/7— Mayor Kathy Huner
4/8—LULAC Columbus
4/12— Emerald Hernandez
4/13— LASER Rolemodel Day
4/14— Hispanic Chambers Meeting
4/14— Immigrant Advocacy Task Force Meeting
4/26— April Board Meeting
4/28— New American Forum Meeting



Latino Community Network (LCN) Report

Lair Marin-Marcum, Community Liaison

During the month of April, we focused on two main projects: the 2016 Latino Health Summit and the Latino Pods "Cincinnati Latino Leaders Collaborative. We have also been planning the Medical Interpreters Conference.

The LCN has increased the number of constituents served and have also increased the number of job postings that are being processed and included on the webpage for job opportunities.

The highlights of projects and meetings for the LCN that also took place during the month April 2016 are as follows:

- **Connect**
 - Continue to connect and advise the BWC - Melony Bryant on OSCHA 10 Classes and trainings throughout the State of Ohio on locations and needs in community.
- **Build**
 - Planning underway for the 2016 Latino Health Summit. Weekly calls with MetroHealth on all details.
 - Latino Leaders Collaborative (Latino Pods) Working on strategy, logistics and contents with Commissioner Dan Molina.
 - Medical Interpreters Conference—Working closely with Steering committee of in marketing, workshops, logistics and contents.
- **Advise**
 - Meeting with DAS Regina Schneider / OCHLA on Outreach & Advising for State on Ohio Job postings Promotion
 - Mark Hall / Marketing Solutions - Assistance with Outreach to Latino Community
 - Meeting with Centro Guadalupe new program Director Ramona Reyes and Director Cavanaugh on Program Expansion discussion and Community connections

Connecting the Community: Information and Resources

(See next page for details)



OUTLET	DESCRIPTION	MARCH	APRIL
Facebook	Number of "Likes" to date	1,113	1,143
Facebook & Twitter	Postings of news, resources, events	210	222
Website (Job Opportunities Page) Facebook & Twitter	Job Openings Promoted	106	90

April Constituent inquiries processed:	37
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Student Intern / Volunteers

In the month of April we continue to with 2 Interns volunteers and expect 2 more interns in May 2016 and June 2016 as summer interns.

Meetings Attended

- 1 April – Latino Health Summit Lourdes Negron / MetroHealth
- 4 April – Latino Pods Latino Leadership Collaborative with Commissioner Molina Catch Up
- 4 April – Ezra Escudero - Libre & Cynthia Valencia School Choice Ohio
- 4 April – Rachel R. Hudson, Attorney General Office
- 4 April – Franklin County Latino/Hispanic Health & Social Services - Planning Committee Start Up
- 5 April – Mark Hall / Marketing Solutions - Assistance with Outreach to Latino Community
- 8 April – Centro Guadalupe Program Expansion discussion - Ramona Reyes
- 8 April – OCHLA / LULAC Columbus Meeting: Candidates Night October 2016
- 12 April – LaVone Caldwell 2016 Ohio Latino Health Summit Update
- 13 April – OSU LASER Program - Latino Role Models Day 2016
- 19 April – New Intern Volunteer "Milena" Ramos-Reina Interview
- 19 April – United Way of Central Ohio Latino Engagement Committee Quarterly Meeting
- 22 April – Latino Health Summit Touch Base w/ Lourdes Negron / MetroHealth
- 25 April – Meeting with DAS Regina Schneider / OCHLA on Outreach
- 26 April – OCHLA April 2016 Board Meeting
- 26 April – Latino Leaders Collaborative Meeting with Commissioner Molina
- 26 April – 2016 DHO Committee Mtg, Commissioner Santiago, Guzman-Bowman and Chair Ortiz
- 26 April – 2016 Latino Health Summit Committee, Commissioner Beth Guzman-Bowman
- 28 April – OCHLA 2016 Latino Health Summit Steering Committee Conference Call
- 29 April – BWC - Melony Bryant Trainings
- 29 April – Latino Health Summit Touch Base w/ Lourdes Negron



Organizations Development Center (ODC) Report

Georgina Alvarez, ODC Officer

CAPACITY BUILDING

Grant Announcements—E- Campaigns

The month of April is very intensive in Minority Health Month grants; we had two workshops on Nutritional Healthy Habits in the cities of Lorain and Youngstown. The first event at OCCHA was on April 15 and had a food presentation, cooking and Zumba classes for the 46 participants. On April 21 a similar workshop was done in El Centro de Lorain with 91 participants.

We are in the process of reviewing two potential grant for the Victims of Crime (VOCA,) a grant from the Attorney General Office and Grant 167 from ODJFS – Migrant Farm Workers.

Building rapport with Hispanic grassroots and serving organization

Request for Honduras Consulate Visit-

We have been working with Pathstone to request a consular visit. Correspondence has been exchanged with the Consulate, but there have been challenges attempting to obtain the correct information required by the consulate to consider the request. Patricia Lopez from Pathstone has been asked to comply with the requirements from the consulate on the petition; we are still waiting for the proper documentation to support this request for a consular visit to issue passports and renewals.

Regional Health Conversations Grant

Followed up Grant on Regional Conversations – Round 2. Met with consultant to work on final report to be completed by May.

Vista Member Project

Worked with Director Cavanaugh on completing documentation and following up for our request on Vista Member Volunteers.

Meetings and Events Attended

- April 1 - Attended Celebration of Cesar Chaves Day at Miami University
- April 4 - Jose Salinas, Director of the Ohio Migrant Education Center
- April 4 - Rachel Hudson and Mischa Hitchcock from the Ohio Attorney General Office
- April 7- El Centro de Lorain to discuss a possible grant with Evibase and Walmart.
- April 15 - OCCHA in Youngstown for 2016 Minority Health Month Workshop
- April 16 - Worldwide Intercultural Network, ICC-WIN (Cleveland)
- April 21 - El Centro de Lorain for 2016 Minority Health Month Workshop
- April 22 - Lydia Alejandro RE: MGS 16-22 grant
- April 22 - Max Rodas in Nueva Luz in Cleveland to discuss grant opportunity
- April 22 - CHIP conference in Lorain
- April 23 - CHIP conference in Lorain
- April 26 - Workforce Development and Commissioners' BOD meeting

Respectfully submitted,

