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

It has been a great honor for our team to serve one more year the Hispanic community in Ohio and our team is pleased to present its [2016 annual report](#) which is available for viewing in our website. We have accomplished important milestones and continued to build relationships within state, federal, local governments and the Latino community.

Steady progress is being made on the preparation for the 2017 Latino Education Summit, to be hosted on March 1st at the University of Cincinnati. Our team is also working on preparing for the Minority Health Month Events and we are making excellent progress in the organization of the 2017 Latino Health Summit as well as finalizing initial details for the 2017 DHO Gala.

Meetings Attended

02 Dec—Yolanda Jimenez Colon of Gateway Health Plan
02 Dec—Ronnie Marquez-Posey, (ODJFS) Terry Bolden (ODOT)
08 Dec—DACC Board Advisory Meeting
12 Dec—Latino Connection Group Meeting
14 Dec—Lorena Mora, Mujer Latina Today
15 Dec—Priscilla Ayala, University of Cincinnati
16 Dec—Dan Molina, Latino Collaborative
16 Dec—Latino Education Summit Planning Committee
16 Dec—Workforce & Economic Dev., M. Guverich
19 Dec—Anna Raygoza, NALEO
20 Dec—Veronica Dahlberg, HOLA
21 Dec—Yari Natal, Cleveland Cavaliers



Public Policy Center (PPC) Report

Andrea Lewis, Public Policy Officer

Latino Education Summit

Planning for the Latino Education Summit planning is in full-force. Our steering committee held a meeting in December, which allowed us to devise an agenda for the day's events. During the month I drafted and mailed 73 VIP invitation letters to individuals requesting their presence at the Latino Education Summit. Work was done to get a panel together for the afternoon portion of the summit. I drafted and sent letters to ODE Superintendent DeMaria, Dept. of Higher Ed. Chancellor Carey, Cincinnati Public Schools Superintendent Ronan, and Dayton Public Schools Superintendent Corr. I have also reached out to the offices of Senators Tavares and Lehner to request their presence at the Education Summit as they will be co-chairs for the annual event. Throughout the month I worked with the University of Cincinnati to get the webpage up and running. I provided verbiage, photos and step-by-step information for the "Request for Proposals" page and the general registration page. The RFP is now live, so I was able to create an e-campaign asking individuals to submit proposals for the summit. I've also made an exhibitor flyer, RFP flyer, and other marketing materials that I hope to send out once the registration page goes live. Additionally, I created two logos to promote the Latino Education Summit, one of which will be used on all subsequent marketing materials.



Annual Report

My main project throughout the month of December was working on the creation of the 2016 Annual Report. I worked very closely with our VISTA volunteer on the design of the report, which will be distributed in January.



Constituent/Legislative Matters

- Worked with Case Western professor to evaluate capstone of a former intern.
- Escalated request from Senator Manning's office to look into a complaint against an Ohio BMW
- Gave a speech to the new fellows of the Legislative Service Commission. During this time I was able to discuss my experience as a fellow, as well as my current role with the Ohio Latino Affairs Commission.
- Escalated request from constituent regarding the CDL revocation of certain immigrants.
- Assisted the Ohio Hispanic Chambers of Commerce in tracking SB 249, which is a bill of interest for them. Advised them on advocacy strategies.

Meetings Attended

12/1—SB 249 Hearing
12/6— OCHLA Board Meeting
12/7— SB 249 Hearing
12/8— LSC Speech



12/12—Latino Connection Meeting
12/14– Fernando Rincon
12/15– Priscilla Ayala, Ohio Latino Student Summit Wrap-up
12/16—Ohio Latino Education Summit Meeting
12/19– Anna Raygoza, NALEO
12/20– Veronica Dahlberg

Latino Community Network (LCN) Report

Lair Marin-Marcum, Community Liaison

Meetings to secure partnerships and discuss logistics for our feature events took place this month. We have been able to secure locations for the 2017 DHO at OSU on October 14th, and Latino Health Summit on August 4th at University of Cincinnati College of Medicine. In cooperation with Commissioner Dan Molina, we are building the 2017 Latino Pods “Cincinnati Latino Leaders Collaborative” strategy as well.

Following internal guidelines, we are in the process of updating all resource directories and have also been promoting the two new directories: Central Ohio Health & Social Services and the Faith Directory.

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

- **Connect**
 - Met with Sean Cassidy/Spark. Assistance with Community Outreach for their school readiness program that works to develop essential skills in 3-4 yr. olds before they start kindergarten.
 - Introduction meeting with Yari Natal - Greater Cleveland area/ Cleveland Cavaliers - Assistance with Latino Outreach.

- **Build**
 - 2017 Latino Health Summit/Cincinnati Latino Health Collaborative Conference Call with Dr. Christine O’Dea and LULAC Ohio Health Director Dan Almaguer
 - Meeting with Henry Guzman @ Red Cross Staff for 2017 Latino Blood Project Drive Test trial event.

Intern / Volunteers

In the month of December we had 1 intern 2 interns that were on vacation for winter break at OSU. We will not start recruiting volunteers until end the middle of January when OSU semester begins. We do have one intern/volunteer confirmed for the 2017 summer.



Connecting the Community: Information and Resources

OUTLET	DESCRIPTION	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER
Facebook	Number of “Likes” to date	1,330	1,355
Facebook & Twitter	Postings of news, resources, events	755	952
Website (Job Opportunities Page) Facebook & Twitter	Job Openings Promoted	82	72

December Constituent inquiries processed:	22
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Meetings Attended

- 1 Dec – 2017 Latino Health Summit/Cincinnati Latino Health Collaborative Conference Call
- 1 Dec – Conference Call Cincinnati Latino Leaders Collaborative Agenda & logistics Dec 4th Mtg
- 2 Dec – Meeting with Ms. Yolanda Jimenez Colon of Gateway Health Plan
- 2 Dec – Meeting at ODJFS. Quarterly debriefing with OCHLA and ODJFS Farm Labor Team
- 6 Dec – OCHLA December 2016 Board Meeting
- 6 Dec – Latino Leaders Collaborative 2017 Objectives: Talk Through Approach for 12/8 Meeting
- 6 Dec – 2017 Latino Health Summit/Touch base with LULAC Dan Almaguer—Venue locations
- 7 Dec – Conference Call with Shaina Klammer - OSU Intern - Interview for School Report Project
- 7 Dec – Conference Call with Tavia Thompson - OSU Intern - Interview for School Report Project
- 8 Dec – Latino Health Summit 2017 Mtg at Cincinnati with Dr. Christina O’Dea at Crossroads
- 8 Dec – Latino Leaders Collaborative Meeting at Cincinnati Chamber
- 13 Dec – Meeting with Henry Guzman @ Red Cross Staff for 2017 Latino Blood Project Drive
- 13 Dec – UHCAN Ohio Annual Open House
- 15 Dec – Meeting with JOBS CORPS / OCHLA Follow Up on Events & continue to outreach
- 16 Dec – Call with Commissioner Molina Next Steps on Latino Leaders Collaborative for 2017
- 19 Dec – Meeting with Sean Cassidy/Spark for Community Outreach SPARK,
- 21 Dec – Meeting with Yari Natal - Greater Cleveland area/ Cleveland Cavaliers



Organizations Development Center (ODC) Report

Georgina Alvarez, ODC Officer

CAPACITY BUILDING

The Workforce and Economic Strategic Plan was reviewed with key community leaders and advisors to obtain feedback on the direction of the plan.

Grant Announcements

- Finalized the searchable database with funding opportunities/ grants/ volunteer opportunities
- Finalized ODC 's website updates.

Meetings and Events Attended

- December 6 - OCHLA'S BOD
- December 12 - Ohio Latino Coalition Group – December Monthly meeting
- December 15 - Conference call with Ramona Reyes to discuss Minority Health Month 2017 Grant
- December 15 - Meeting with Jose Feliciano at COWIC to follow up on Workforce and Economic Development Strategic Plan
- December 16 - Meeting with Dr. Anahi Ortiz to discuss Minority Health Month April 2017
- December 16 - Conference call with Marco Grguveric to follow up on Workforce and Economic Development Strategic Plan

Respectfully submitted,

