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

This month we hosted our 2016 Latino Education Summit in Toledo. We had an attendance of 213 participants, the majority of attendees represented non-profit and community organizations. Over 30% of this year's participants attended last year's event as well. There were 16 different interest sessions throughout the day and topics of interest conversations that touched on subjects including English Language Learners; Culturally Responsive Education; Career Planning; Dealing with Undocumented Students; Engaging Parents and the Community and College Student Leadership. The summit had very good reviews from the participants and all goals for the event were successfully completed. The 2017 Latino Education Summit will be hosted at the University of Cincinnati; initial conversations will begin in May to prepare for next year's event.

Director Cavanaugh and Community Liaison Marin-Marcum attended the Bureau of Workers Compensation Board Meeting on March 1st, to express our support for the Bureau's efforts to make more of its resources available in Spanish, as well as to provide customer service in Spanish and expand the availability of bilingual personnel at BWC. Additionally, Director Cavanaugh presented our report on Language Access in Healthcare before the Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services DACC Advisory Committee, where Director Cavanaugh serves as a member of this committee. The DACC Advisory group is comprised of OhioMHAS program staff and external community members, and was formed with the goal of eliminating disparities and moving towards health equity. Their goals are to (1) Identify core quality Indicators to effectively track and monitor performance; (2) Develop a business case for cultural and linguistic competency; (3) Create a cultural and linguistic competence plan for all human services and (4) Identify best and promising practices based on lessons learned and develop a promising practice resource bank/learning community.



We continue our focus in the area of economic development by working with Greg Williams, DAS Equal Opportunity Division, to explore opportunities to grow Latino participation in the MBE/EDGE programs. Finally, we have started work to prepare for Agenda Latina 2016 in collaboration with NCLR. Our goal is to be able to bring this important national Latino organization to co-present with us on this important community grassroots event. More details on the planning will be provided in May-June.

We are also pleased to announce that MetroHealth Hospitals in Cleveland has been selected as the host for the 2016 Latino Health Summit, to take place in August 2016.

Further details on activities completed by the different program offices are included in this report.

Meetings Attended

01 Mar - Bureau of Workers Compensation (Pickerington)
03 Mar- Director Michael Payton, Civil Rights Commission
04 Mar—Charles Hauser, OCHLA Board Retreat
08 Mar—International Women’s Day Keynote, Fawcett Center, OSU
08 Mar—Governor’s Workforce Transformation Board Meeting
10 Mar—OCHLA Board Meeting (Toledo)
10 Mar—Sofia Quintero Arts & Cultural Center site visit (Toledo)
11 Mar—Latino Education Summit 2016 (Toledo)
15 Mar—Mt Vernon District Improvement Association Leadership Breakfast
17 Mar—DACC Advisory Committee Meeting
18 Mar—Greg Williams, EEO, DAS
18 Mar—Lorena Mora (MujerLatinaToday), interview Interpreting Conference
22 Mar—Latino Education Summit Debrief
22 Mar—Workforce Development Meeting (Tony Ortiz, Jane Dockery, Georgina Alvarez)(Dayton)
23 Mar—Interpretation Conference Planning Call
24 Mar—Bowling Green University Latino Conference, Presentation (Bowling Green)
25 Mar—Harvey Hook , RELALeadership.Org
27 Mar—Natasha Curtis, Language Access Project
27 Mar—Jacqueline Rioja, Miami University Oxford
30 Mar—Ohio Latino Connection Meeting
30 Mar—DAS, International Women Month Presentation
31 Mar— Pablo Nunez, Maria Gosser, Andrew Maciejewski Workforce Development and Ohio Farm Worker Program

Public Policy Center (PPC) Report

Andrea Lewis, Public Policy Officer

Latino Education Summit

Much of March was spent finalizing logistics and reporting on the Latino Education Summit. Over 200 individuals registered for the summit, with the majority of attendees representing non-profit organizations. Superintendent Dr. Lonny Rivera’s keynote speech was well received, as nearly 90% of participants rated it to be of “great value”. A total of 14 breakout sessions were offered. The top four



most attended sessions were 1) The Role of Latino Culture in Classroom Behavior Management, 2) What are the Rights of DACA Recipients and LEP Students? A Legal Panel, 3) Immigration Status and Financial Aid, 4) Estamos Unidos: United Through Mentorship. A complete analysis and expense report of the summit is available upon request.

Two e-campaigns were sent to our listserv, which included a program booklet and highlights of the day's event. All presenters and speakers were sent hand-written thank you letters after the summit. Next year's summit will be hosted at the University of Cincinnati.

New American Summit

We have continued work with the New American Summit Committee and Representative Kevin Boyce to plan an all day summit that focuses on addressing the needs of Ohio's New American community.

Our committee has met/teleconferenced five times this month to address logistics and policy issues impacting New Americans. The summit was originally planned for April but will be moved to May to accommodate the schedules of our elected officials. I have contacted a few individuals inviting them to speak at our event. They have both obliged. Rep. Boyce has asked the legislative committee to prioritize drafting a bill that would create a statewide office to address the needs of the New American community. Our committee heard from the Michigan Office of New Americans and various "Welcome Initiative" cities from around Ohio to garner input for the bill. I created a comparison document, which contains the bill/Executive Order language for different states around the nation that have established an office. Committee members used the documents to outline what they would like to see in the bill. Using the committee's input I drafted a document for LSC to utilize when creating the bill. I have also sent bill language to Rep. Boyce's office that is aimed at preventing Notario fraud in Ohio.

MBE Certification for Minority-Led Non-Profits

The Ohio Legislative Black Caucus has voiced concerns regarding this legislation, and I recently had the opportunity to speak with OLBC's president and other members of the caucus to hear their concerns. A subsequent meeting was held with the bill sponsors. I am collecting more information on the proposal, and have reached out to the Hispanic Chambers of Commerce to garner their thoughts on the legislation.

Legislative Update

During March, I tracked new legislation introduced by the Ohio House and Ohio Senate, and drafted a legislative update that was sent to our ListServ of 400+ individuals. The legislative update featured summaries and status updates of SB 268, HB 360, SB 295, and HB 360. Included with the update were relevant news articles and a list of upcoming community events.

Latino Community Report

This month, I researched pertinent information to be included in the next Latino Community Report. The focus of the report will be on the importance of Latino representation in government and on boards. I have begun drafting the report and have found helpful information to include in it. There will be a section of the report dedicated to addressing the unique challenges facing Latino elected officials in Ohio. I have contacted the offices of five elected officials in Ohio to request personal inter-



views. I was able to speak with Franklin County Coroner Dr. Anahi Ortiz to gather her perspective. Excerpts from this interview and others will be included in the report.

Other

-I am working on securing a meeting with legislators on behalf of the Hispanic Chambers of Commerce

Meetings Attended

3/1—Rep. Dan Ramos
3/1- Minority Leader Fred Strahorn
3/3- Ohio Civil Rights Commission, Director Payton and Ms. Turocy
3/7- New American Summit Meeting
3/8- Rep. Michael Ashford
3/9- Rep. Rick Perales
3/10- OCHLA Board Meeting
3/11- Ohio Latino Education Summit
3/14- Rep. Alicia Reece
3/15- Senator Charleta Tavares
3/16- New American Summit Meeting
3/22- Rep. Perales, Rep. Sears, Rep. Dever, Greg Williams (Teleconference)
3/22- New American Summit Meeting
3/28- Teleconference with Ohio Welcome Initiatives
3/29- Dr. Anahi Ortiz
3/29- Kacy Bullard
3/29- Chair Ortiz
3/30- New American Summit Conference Call
3/30—Ohio Latino Connection Meeting
3/31- Rep. Dan Ramos

Latino Community Network (LCN) Report

Lair Marin-Marcum, Community Liaison

We are focused on the Latino Pods project “Cincinnati Latino Leaders Collaborative” and the 2016 Latino Health Summit. LCN Marin-Marcum also provided logistical and administrative support to Public Policy Officer Lewis with Latino Education Summit. We continue to manage the constituent requests and inquiries. Our job postings have doubled increasing the time demands on this activity to ensure the website is up to date.

The highlights of projects and meetings for the LCN:

- **Connect**
 - Meeting with Ohio Job Corps Meeting Valetia Tyree – Share information and give resources for Latino Community outreach. Gave contacts and resources for community
 - Meeting with Cristo Rey - Pastora Maria Lourdes Castillo & Carmecita Segarra on Women Conference (May 7) - To connect, advise and recommend Community Outreach, provide expert pre-



senders, contacts and resources.

- The Wellington School - Mtg w/ Rob Brisk/Director of Projects and Upper School. Gave information on insight and ideas for reaching out to the Latino communities in Central Ohio
- **Build**
 - Worked on strategy with Commissioner Dan Molina on Regional Hispanic-Latino Pods Project.
 - Prepared Call for Venue Proposals for the 2016 Latino Health Summit. After reviewing the bids, MetroHealth Hospitals in Cleveland has been selected as the site for the 2016 health summit.
 - Meeting with Edwin Medina - New Business Plan idea - Information and Recommendations: SBDC, ECDI, SBA & HCC, become an MBE and post new job opportunities on our website.
- **Advise**
 - The collaboration with the Ohio BWC for Latino community outreach for the Columbus March OSHA10 Spanish classes was successfully pinned down at The Ohio Hispanic Coalition. The Training took place on March 28th & 29th. We assisted with negotiations, partnering, promoting, posting and the recruitment registered 18 participants of which 12 successfully finished the training and were certified.

Connecting the Community: Information and Resources

OCHLA Events Calendar, website calendar & Social Media

The Ohio Latino Affairs Facebook likes are at → 1, 116 l. We achieved 10,399 impressions (postings reached). This is 2,630 more posts reached and seen in the month of March compared to February 2016.

We continue to work on community outreach and informing constituents for events, services, trainings, resources and other relevant information by using our events and social media outlets (Facebook & Tweeter). We have started to do more postings of calendar events on social media by scheduling postings in a more regular basis. This is allowing more outreach and views to the community through social media rather than the website calendar.

Job Opportunities section on OCHLA's website home page. Promoting through Social Media

⇒ The Job Opportunities Postings for the month of March on the OCHLA website was higher than normal of from last year on the same month. We posted 106, more than twice from the month of February.

Constituent Services

For the month of March, 36 constituent inquiries were answered. This figure is a higher than usual number.



Student Intern / Volunteers

In the month of March we continue to with 2 Interns volunteers and continue recruitment for 1 more intern until May 2016 and June 2016 when we will have 2 summer interns .

OUTLET	DESCRIPTION	FEBRUARY	MARCH
Facebook	Number of “Likes” to date	1,090	1,113
Facebook & Twitter	Postings of news, resources, events	116	210
Website (Job Opportunities Page) Facebook & Twitter	Job Openings Promoted	52	106

March Constituent inquiries processed:	36
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Meetings Attended

- 1 March – BWC Board of Directors roundtable meeting
- 1 March – Ellen Nasner / OSCHA10 Classes Follow up & Meet Spanish Call Center
- 1 March – Ohio Job Corps Meeting Valetia Tyree
- 3 March – Cristo Rey - Pastora Maria Lourdes Castillo & Carmecita Segarra
- 7 March – 2016 Ohio Latino Health Summit Update
- 7 March – Latino Pods Project Management Meeting
- 8 March – The Minority Health Advisory Committee Bimonthly Meeting
- 8 March – Conference Call Commissioner Dan Molina on Cincinnati Latino Pods Next Steps
- 9 March – Lulac Ohio Director - Lourdes Ribera 2016 Latino Health Summit
- 10 March – Natasha Curtis - Interpreters Conference Meeting debriefing
- 10 March – OCHLA March 2016 Board Meeting - Lourdes University - Toledo
- 11 March – Ohio Latino Education Summit - Toledo
- 15 March – Hispanic Alliance All Hands Meeting - Cleveland
- 16 March – Call w/Dan Almaguer, Lulac Ohio Health Director
- 16 March – Meeting at MetroHealth with Mari Galindo, Patient Support & Language Access
- 16 March – Onsite visit at MetroHeath Dr. Bugahali & Lourdes Negron McDaniel
- 16 March – Isaac Baez / Battered Women's Shelter - Specialized Outreach advocate
- 17 March – 2016 Medical Interpreters Conference Planning Committee Call
- 17 March – Nationwide Childrens / Jaclyn Rohaly Latino Health Summit
- 23 March – 2016 Medical Interpreters Conference Planning Committee Call
- 28 March – Meeting with Edwin Medina - New Business Plan idea
- 29 March – Ohio Department of Job and Family Services Migrant and Seasonal Farm Worker (MSFW)



Organizations Development Center (ODC) Report

Georgina Alvarez, ODC Officer

CAPACITY BUILDING

Grant Announcements—E- Campaigns

Issued customized grant opportunities from USDA, Civil Rights and Attorney General Office and sent it to the stakeholders .

BUILDING RAPPORT WITH HISPANIC SERVING ORGANIZATIONS

Consulate of Honduras

Followed up with the Honduran Ministry of Foreign Relations and Pathstone – Patricia Lopez, in regards to the request to have the Honduran Consulate visit to Ohio to help immigrants with passports.

Report Preparation: Grant on Regional Health Conversations

Community focus groups have been successfully completed and we have initiated the process of report writing on this grant. ODC Officer Alvarez is in close communication with Lydia Alejandro to ensure that all grant requirements are met through the report writing process.

Fatherhood Summit

We are working with contractor L. Macias to prepare for the presentation our commission will make on the Fatherhood Summit, scheduled for May 25 & 26 regarding Fathers, Parenting in the Hispanic community and will highlight some of the major issues impacting Latino families in Ohio. Our goal by making this presentation on the summit is to increase understanding about the Hispanic community, Latino families and open lines of dialogue, communication and opportunities to engage Latino fathers with government services that can assist them in their important roles.

Minority Health Month 2016

Our Commission is working this year in collaboration with El Centro de Lorain (event scheduled for April 21st) and OCCHA in Youngstown (Event scheduled for April 15th). This year's program focus on healthy eating and exercising.

Latino Connection

Hosted Latino Connection meeting in Columbus to discuss potential project with EviBase, provide a status report on the Vista Volunteer Program and present a legislative update.

Ohio Farm Worker Program

Along with other team members, attended the orientation meeting to launch Ohio's 2016 Farm Season. This meeting is organized by ODJFS Farm Worker Program and provides the opportunity to share information about programs and services available to farm workers during this year, including services



for families and children accompanying the workers.

Sofia Quintero Arts & Cultural Center

Assisted in the organization of the onsite visit for the OCHLA Board to Sofia Quintero Arts & Cultural Center. ODC Officer has been able to provide detailed grant opportunities to Sofia Quintero for their projects and has made herself available to support the organization should they choose to apply for any of the grants forwarded.

Workforce Analysis Project

Director Cavanaugh and ODC Officer Alvarez met with Chair Ortiz and Ms. Jane Dockery, Associate Director at Applied Policy Research Institute, at Wright State University to discuss Ohio's Workforce Development Programs. We also met at ODJFS with Maria Gosser, Pablo Nunez and Andrew Maciejewski to receive more information on Workforce Development and Ohio Means Jobs. We will continue to work on strategy development for the commission's work in this area and will be reporting the results through the Workforce and Economic Development Committee.

Meetings Attended

- March 8 - Governor's Board of Directors Workforce Transformation Initiative
- March 10 - Board Meeting, OCHLA at Lourdes University, Toledo
- March 11 - Education Summit in Toledo
- March 21 - Michael Evans at Governor's Office of Workforce Transformation
- March 22 - Workforce Development Strategy (Dayton) Chair Ortiz, Lilly Cavanaugh and Ms. Jane Dockery at Wright State University.
- March 24 - Kick off for 2016 Minority Health Month
- March 29 - ODJFS -Beginning of the Season Meeting for Ohio Farm Worker Program
- March 30 - Ohio Latino Connection month meeting in Columbus
- March 31 - Pablo Nunez, Maria Gosser and Andrew Maciejewski on Workforce Development and Ohio Farm Worker Program

Respectfully submitted,

