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

Our team is excited to bring 2017 to a wrap with a very busy month of December. We hosted the Ohio Hispanic Chambers of Commerce quarterly meeting, where our team facilitated the process as the group outlined their 2018 strategic priorities and legislative agenda. PPC Officer Lewis and Executive Director Cavanaugh joined the Latino Connection [representing four major Latino grassroots organizations] in their last annual meeting which took place in Su Casa, Cincinnati to outline planning priorities for next year. Executive Director Cavanaugh had the opportunity to participate in major events with the Hispanic Chambers of Commerce in Dayton, Columbus and Cleveland bringing our outreach program for 2017 to an end.

Important projects are underway as we line up the programs for 2018. Committees are actively planning the Latino Education Summit World Café (March 9, 2018) and the Hispanic Legislative Day (April 11, 2018). Work is also underway to support LULAC Ohio as they host the LULAC Women's National Conference in May. Excellent progress continues to be made in the workforce development arena and both Latino Collaboratives in Cincinnati and Toledo are working with clear goals and good results. Additionally, Community Liaison Lair Marin and Executive Director Cavanaugh met with Commissioner Pastor Juan Rivera and will meet with Commissioner Jose Feliciano Jr. and community leaders as we begin to prepare our strategy to increase support and networking opportunities for the Canton/Akron and Youngstown region.

Finally, we are pleased to present the [2017 Annual Report](#) for your review. We appreciate the support and trust the board has provided to our team and look forward to a productive 2018.

Meetings Attended:

- 01 Dec—Glenn College, OSU. Leadership Program Graduation
- 01 Dec—Guadalupe Velasquez, City of Columbus
- 01 Dec—Dayton Hispanic Chamber Gala, Keynote (Dayton)



04 Dec—Carson Wesserman, Preston Eberlyn, Vista Review
05 Dec—Board Meeting, OCHLA
06 Dec—Hispanic Chambers of Commerce Quarterly Meeting
07 Dec—Columbus Hispanic Chamber Event, Keynote
08 Dec—Mary Stagaman, Cincinnati US Chamber
08 Dec—Cleveland Hispanic Chamber Gala (Cleveland)
11 Dec—Diana Pagan, CAPA
12 Dec—Toledo Collaborative Meeting (Toledo)
13 Dec—Sister Ana Gonzalez, Yahaira P., K. Litt, Dominican Sisters
13 Dec—Education Senate Hearing, SB 164, Statehouse
13 Dec—FEMA Conference call, Puerto Rico Crisis
14 Dec—Strategy meeting, Commissioner Juan Rivera
15 Dec—Dontavious Jarrells, ODPMHAS
15 Dec—Krizia Melendez, Behavioral Health Project
18 Dec—Glenn Martinez, OSU, Lair Marin
18 Dec—Michelle Rankin, Principal, Whitehall City Schools
20 Dec—Latino Connection Meeting (Cincinnati, Su Casa)
20 Dec—Julie Arostegui LeMaster, Brian Wright, ILRC (Cincinnati)
21 Dec—Allen Proctor, Social Ventures
21 Dec—Mr. Trace - Whitehall Deputy Superintendent

Public Policy Center (PPC) Report

Andrea Lewis, Public Policy Officer

Summary of Successes

Pipeline to Trades— Met with administrators to gain buy-in of school district for pilot project.

Latino Community Report—Finished LCR report on the [State of Education for Latinos in Ohio](#) and distributed the report to legislators and other interested parties.

OCHLA Annual Report - Developed content for annual report. Worked with VISTA on graphic design and formatting.

Latino Education Summit, World Cafe—Drafted letter of invitation for world café. Finalized invitee list. Worked with chair to secure partnership of Sens. Lehner and Tavares. Sent out letters to invitees. In the process of scheduling next meeting and finalizing logistics.

NAAC Annual Report- Finished Report and worked with county printing to format print copies.

Legislative Visit Day—Initiated contact with potential panelists and presenters.

OHCC Meeting - Attended quarterly meeting, which was focused on establishing strategic priorities for the 2018 year.

Trauma Informed Care Taskforce - Attended first meeting as a member of the TIC taskforce. Talked to members about OCHLA and discussed ways to outreach to Latino community.



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Strategic Reference	Priority	Accomplishments	Next Steps	Status
2.2/1.1/2.5	Pipelines to Trades	Met with Whitehall administrators to gain buy-in of school district	Confirm partnership with Whitehall and meet with potential partners	
2.5 / 4.3	Latino Community Report	Finished report and mailed out to legislators and other interested parties		✓
4.3	OCHLA Annual Report	Finished report and mailed out to legislators and other interested parties		✓
4.3	NACC Annual Report	Finished Report and worked with county printing to format print copies.		✓
2.5/3.2	Ohio Latino Education Summit	Drafted letter of invitation for world café. Finalized invitee list. Worked with Chair Ortiz to secure partnership of Sens. Lehner and Tavares. Sent out letters to invitees. In the process of scheduling next meeting and finalizing logistics for world café.	Confirm participation and finalize log	
3.1	Hispanic Chambers of Commerce	2018 Strategic priorities development with ED and OHCC		✓
4.2	Legislative Day	Organize the outline of event, select presenters, work on logistics, secure partners, follow up on grant applica-	Continue to organize participants and logistics for the event	
2.4/3. 2/4.3	Trauma Informed Task Force	Attended first meeting as a member of the TIC taskforce. Talked to members about OCHLA and discussed ways to		

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- 01 Dec—Guadalupe Velasquez, City of Columbus
- 04 Dec—NAAC Executive Committee Meeting
- 05 Dec—OCHLA Board Meeting
- 06 Dec—Hispanic Chambers of Commerce, Quarterly Meeting
- 06 Dec—Trauma Informed Care Taskforce
- 07 Dec—LSC Fellow Presentation
- 07 Dec—Fairness and Sensitivity Data Review Committee
- 12 Dec—HB 164 Hearing, Statehouse
- 12 Dec—Jose Morales, Whitehall High School
- 12 Dec—Martin de Porres Center



- 13 Dec— SB 216 Hearing, Statehouse.
- 13 Dec— Senator Brown’s Conference, Puerto Rico
- 14 Dec—Emma Peterson
- 15 Dec—Dontavius Jarrells, ODMHAS
- 15 Dec—Krizia Menendez, UT
- 15 Dec—Senator Tavares Office
- 15 Dec—Senator Manning Office
- 18 Dec—Michelle Rankin, Whitehall City Schools
- 20 Dec—Ohio Latino Connection, Cincinnati
- 20 Dec— Immigrant and Refugee Law Center, Cincinnati
- 20 Dec—Mark Trace, Whitehall City Schools
- 28 Dec—Lupe Velasquez, City of Columbus

Latino Community Network (LCN) Report

Lair Marin-Marcum, Community Liaison

Summary of Successes:

Latino Collaboratives: The quarterly meetings for Cincinnati and Toledo were successfully held.

End of year reporting: Narrative and fiscal reporting is underway for the DHO and Latino Health Summit respectively.

Puerto Rico Relief: We continue to provide constituent services to people coming from Puerto Rico and coordinate assistance through the Latino serving organizations across the state.

Resource Directories: Updating of OCHLA’s Resources lists have also began.

Social Media Updates; The December Ohio Latino Affairs Facebook likes are at → 1,636. The website views, visits and users continue to growth steadily. Postings have decreased again in December as our AmeriVista Jesse Dotson is working the final annual report and also due to Holiday season, and the numbers are expected to increase again in January 2018.

Summary Connecting the Community: Information and Resources

OUTLET	DESCRIPTION	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER
Facebook	Number of “Likes” to date	1,622	1,636
Facebook & Twitter	Postings of news, resources, events	730	680
Job Opportunities Website Page	Job Openings Posted	100	80
Total OCHLA Website Visits on December:		5,000	
– Home Page views:		1,407	
– Job Opportunities Views:		600	
– Website Users:		470	
December Constituent inquiries:		20	



Status on Major Projects:

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3.1	Regional grassroots engagement	Dec. 12 Meeting took place quiet Successfully at Toledo United Way and next step for strategic groups have started. Notes of mtg. finalized & follow up call done.	Master Lists, e-mails and ppts. Coordinating with Comm. Guzman. Finalize taskforce groups, follow up calls and March mtg. preparation.	
3.1	Regional grassroots engagement	Dec. 7 Meeting took place with great 2017 accomplishments and new ideas for 2018 taskforce. Dec 7th notes finished and pending review.	Review of Dec. notes and next steps brainstorming.	
2.3	Distinguished Hispanic Ohioan Awards	Event took place successfully on Oct 14th. 320 attended, perfect flow and good reviews. Debriefing finalized.	Pending final numbers from OSU and final report	
3.1	Increasing Diversity and Inclusion: Interns Management	Recruitment for January	Set up dates to speak at OSU and another university	
2.4	Health Equity	Budget finalized. Final Latino Health Summit Summary Reporting Pending	Finalizing Summary report	
2.3	Community Resources & Outreach	Updating of OCHLA Resources Lists	Commence Update of OLANet, CLOI, ESL & Central Ohio Directory	

Meetings Attended:

- December – OCHLA Board Meeting
- 7 December – Cincinnati Latino Leaders Collaborative
- 8 December – 2017 LHS 3 Mini Grants Payment Procedures
- 11 December – LULAC Women Conference
- 11 December – Meeting with Dr. Robinson, Steve Vasquez and Comm. Guzman on LLC Toledo
- 12 December – Toledo Latino Leaders Collaborative
- 13 December – Martin de Porras Center / Dominican Sisters of Peace - OCHLA Overview
- 13 December – Sen. Brown's Office - FEMA - Assistance Available for Puerto Ricans
- 13 December – Conference Call MACC—M-SAPT Meeting
- 14 December – Meeting with Commissioner Rivera - Canton / Akron Strategy and Health Committee
- 18 December – Conference Call w/ Dr. Glenn Martinez/OSU on PCORI project Engagement Award
- 21 December – Marco Peña / Lair - Update on new Health Consulting business
- 27 December – Toledo Dec. 12th Debriefing & Next Steps on the Strategy and Process Conference Call
- 27 December – Cincinnati LLC short notes on suggested 2018 taskforce idea



Organizations Development Center (ODC) Report

Lilly Cavanaugh, Executive Director
 Megan Honaker, AmeriCorps Vista. Capacity Building Specialist

Summary of Successes:

Grant Research— Grant research has focused heavily on grants revolving around civic engagement and workforce development this month. The upcoming Hispanic Legislative Visit Day needs funding and the ODC has been looking for grants from various resources that have a special interest in civic engagement, minorities, and other areas. The pipeline to trades initiative that the Public Policy Officer has been developing also needs funding so the ODC has been looking at workforce development, minority employment, and education grants.

Legislative Visit Day— Working on specific grants for the event and plan on submitting those grants in January.

Mental & Behavioral Health—Created the fall edition of the mental and behavioral health newsletter to keep experts in Ohio on the same page regarding mental health. Included resources from the Governor’s office on the opiate epidemic, actions plans from the Department of Mental Health, and other helpful resources for teens and adults alike.

Hispanic Chambers of Commerce— Had a successful meeting with the Chambers from around the state to discuss 2017 accomplishments and 2018 goals. Chambers asked for a copy of the Hispanic-Owned Businesses Master List to be copied onto a Google sheet so everyone can utilize.

Status Report on Major Projects

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4.2	Hispanic Legislative Visit Day	Begun preliminary research of grants for the event.	Applying for the actual grants.	
2.2	Pipeline to Trades	Helped Public Policy Officer develop outline and action plan after extensive research.	Apply for grants to fund the pipeline.	
1.1	Directories	Discusses plan of action with Executive Director on how to help update directories.	Begin helping LCN update directories and create separate directory wherein grant opportunities and trainings are kept.	
3.1	Support non-profits/ Hispanic serving organizations and build leadership/engagement	Met with the Hispanic Chambers of Commerce from all over Ohio. Also met with Latino Connections group.	Continue searching for grants for other organizations. Stay up to date on new grants and contact organizations ASAP so there’s plenty of time to apply.	



Meetings Attended (Megan Honaker)

- December 4 - VISTA site visit
- December 5 - OCHLA Board Meeting
- December 6- Hispanic Chambers of Commerce Quarterly Meeting
- December 11- Brainstorming discussion for a Museo Latino
- December 20- Latino Connections meeting
- December 20- Introduction and Follow-Up with Immigrant and Refugee Law Center

Respectfully submitted,

