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

We were delighted to close Hispanic Heritage Month by hosting our Distinguished Hispanic Ohioans Gala to acknowledge the impact of Latinos in our communities and recognize those who support the work to empower Hispanic Ohioans. The celebrations around this month also allow our team to visit organizations around the state, participate in their celebrations and frequently make presentations in organizations to bring greater awareness about Latinos in Ohio.

The commission has been playing an active role in connecting organizations and leaders who are actively participating in the Puerto Rico relief effort. Our gratitude is extended to members of the OCHLA Board for their active involvement supporting critical initiatives to support not only relief efforts, but also the coordination of assistance for families and individuals who are arriving in Ohio as a result of the natural disasters in Puerto Rico.

In the area of workforce and economic development, we continue working to develop the Pipelines to Trades Project. Our team had the opportunity to visit technical/vocational schools and meet with different stakeholders to explore this pilot project. We hosted the Ohio Hispanic Chambers of Commerce quarterly meeting via conference call and they will begin outlining their 2018 priorities in the next few weeks.

Our efforts in the leadership development arena continue to render results. We will be hosting Agenda Latina on November 16th and 17th with a robust program and the largest participation of leaders for an event of its nature in our recent history. Over 70 leaders will be joining our team to focus on organizational development, discuss key issues impacting Latinos and participate in a comprehensive workshop on the implementation of parent engagement initiatives through the ESSA (Every Student Succeeds Act.) which replaces the No Child Left Behind Act. Through ESSA, Ohio and all states are required to articulate its plans for using federal funds to ensure accountability for all students, create safe and supportive learning environment, encourage innovation and extended learning opportunities.

Preliminary work has also started to seek community members to serve in our health com-



mittee, begin planning our 2018 Hispanic Legislative Day and board retreat. Additionally, we are diligently working to meet all administrative requirements for end of calendar year reporting.

Meetings Attended:

03 Oct— University of Findlay, Woodrow Wilson Visiting Fellow Event (Findlay)
04 Oct—University of Findlay, Leaders Meeting with Ernesto Nieto, National Hispanic Institute
05 Oct—Keynote presentation, Honda of America (Marysville)
05 Oct—Latina Mentoring Academy Graduation, Columbus
06 Oct—National Assoc. of Hispanic Nurses Conference Call
10 Oct—Lisa Gray, Unidos US, Agenda Latina planning (weekly calls & meetings)
11 Oct—John Shepard, Painesville City Schools Superintendent (Painesville)
11 Oct— Hispanic Heritage Month Celebrations, Painesville High School
12 Oct—Hispanic Heritage Month Event, University of Akron (Akron)
14 Oct—Latino Connection Meeting, OSU University
14 Oct—Distinguished Hispanic Ohioan Awards Gala
16 Oct—Eastland Career Center Tour (Groveport)
17 Oct—OCHLA Board Meeting
20 Oct—Glenn College Leadership Program, OSU
23 Oct—Carmen Andujar, Latino ATTIC, Conference Call
25 Oct—Stiles Elementary School, Community Conversation, (Columbus)
26 Oct—Graduation Alliance and Tony Ortiz Meeting (London, OH)
27 Oct—NAMI, Latino Behavioral Health Conference (Toledo)
27 Oct—Taylor Burciaga, Sofia Quintero Arts and Cultural Center (Toledo)
30 Oct—Toledo Collaborative Conference Call
30 Oct—Human Trafficking Conference Planning Committee

Public Policy Center (PPC) Report

Andrea Lewis, Public Policy Officer

Summary of Successes

Pipeline to Trades— Connected with Sen. Sherrod Brown's Office and with the Eastland Fairfield Career Center to continue gaining insight on making the pilot project a success in Franklin County. Began working on specific programming for project.

FBI Community Meeting- Coordinated meeting with FBI, Franklin County Sherriff's Office, OCHLA and SW City Schools to discuss crime and gangs. The meeting was carried out this month.

DACA Resolution - Worked with intern to draft DACA Resolution. Board members signed off, and resolution has been sent to Ohio's Congressional Delegation.

Guest Column - Drafted an editorial column based off of the previous Health Care LCR focusing on Latino access to health care in Ohio. Thus far one media outlet has published

Civic Engagement Panel - Represented OCHLA as a panelist on the importance of civic engagement in Ohio's Latino community.



Fairness and Sensitivity Data Review - Reviewed Ohio's standardized tests to uncover potential biases.

DACA and Puerto Rico - Met with Governor's office to advise on the impacts of DACA rescission and PR refugee crisis. Asked for roundtable discussions to discuss next steps in aid.

Cable TV Interview- Provided commentary on impact of DACA in Ohio's Latino community.

Status Report on Major Projects

KEY: [✓]:Completed [YELLOW:] In Progress [RED]: Not Started

Strategic Reference	Priority	Accomplishments	Next Steps	Status
2.2/1.1/2.5	Pipelines to Trades	Connected with leaders, elected officials to devise strategy for Latino recruitment in trades. Created pilot project outline.	Continue connecting and strategizing. Research pilot programs	
2.3	FBI Anti-Gang Unit	Connected with leaders, elected officials to devise strategy for Latino recruitment in trades. Created pilot project outline.		✓
1.1/2/5	DACA Resolution	- Resolution sent to Ohio's Congressional Delegation. - Cable station Spectrum featured a segment on Ohio's response to the DACA rescission. OCHLA, ACLU and immigration attorneys provided commentary. - Met with Governor's office to discuss issues related to DACA and PR. Asked to collaborate on a DACA Roundtable and ensuring communication with		✓
4.3/2.4	Guest Column-Latino Access to Health Care	Wrote guest column on Latino access to health care and sent to local media outlets.		✓
4.2/4.3	Civic Engagement	Took part in panel discussing the importance of Latinas and civic engagement.		✓
3.2	Fairness and Sensitivity Data Review	Reviewed standardized test questions for potential biases		
3.1	Agenda Latina	Planning and concept / content development	Secure location, handle logistics, quotes, speakers	
1.1/3.3	Human Trafficking Summit	Coordinated with FBI and Rep. Fedor's office to finalize topics for discussion for Labor Trafficking Workshop		



Meetings Attended:

Date	Description
2-Oct	Senator Sherrod Brown's Office
3-Oct	April Tibbles, AMLE
3-Oct	Agenda Latina Planning Meeting
3-Oct	Commissioner Kevin Boyce
5-Oct	Rep. Fedor, FBI - HT Conference Planning Meeting
6-Oct	OSU Center for Design and Manufacturing Excellence
10-Oct	Ashley Rambacher, SW City Schools
10-Oct	Agenda Latina Planning Meeting
10-Oct	Senator Sherrod Brown's Office
11-Oct	NAAC Legal Subcommittee
11-Oct	John Shepard, Painesville Superintendent
11-Oct	Painesville City Schools Hispanic Heritage Night
12-Oct	University of Akron Conference
13-Oct	OLSS Wrap -up Committee Meeting
14-Oct	DHO
16-Oct	Eastland Career Center
17-Oct	OCHLA Board Meeting
18-Oct	Fairness and Sensitivity Data Review Committee
19-Oct	Ashley Rambacher, SW City Schools
19-Oct	DACA Updates Webinar
19-Oct	In Focus Interview
20-Oct	Jessica Ramos, ABLE
25-Oct	Laura Oeters, Marriott
25-Oct	Columbus Hispanic Chamber of Commerce
25-Oct	Latino Community Conversation, FBI
26-Oct	Case Western Reserve/Latina Inc. Panel
30-Oct	Christine Boucher, EFCC
30-Oct	VDI, IT Meeting with Jennifer and Nmadi
30-Oct	Rep. Fedor, FBI - HT Conference Planning Meeting
31-Oct	Governor's Office
31-Oct	Agenda Latina Planning Meeting

Latino Community Network (LCN) Report

Lair Marin-Marcum, Community Liaison

Summary of Successes:

Distinguished Hispanic Ohioan Awards: Successfully orchestrated event and coordinated all logistics, communications with awardees, marketing campaign and all other event preparations.

Latino Collaboratives: Organized, coordinated and hosted networking meetings. Worked with corresponding commissioners to plan next steps, prepare meeting minutes and manage communications with Collaborative participants.

Constituent Services Increased: Due to the Puerto Rico relief efforts and other needs, there has been a marked increase in constituent cases, reaching 80 inquiries in the months of September and October. We have also experienced an increased number of inquiries for job postings from potential employers and candidates.



September & October Status Report on Major Projects:

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3.1	Regional grassroots engagement	Successfully coordinated logistics and plans for the 1st Toledo Chamber established. Notes from 9/12 sent out and follow up and calls set up.	Master Lists, e-mails and ppts. Coordinating with Comm. Guzman new group and date set. Finalize Agenda and have meeting.	
3.1	Regional grassroots engagement	Successfully coordinated logistics and plans for the Cincinnati Latino Collaborative Meeting 9/7. Meeting Notes finished and sent out. Dec.5 date coordinated and established.	Agenda draft prepared, and calls in progress for next meeting.	
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	One intern started in September.	Maintain workload and manage interns	
2.4	Health Equity	Finalized 2 HHM Latino Blood Drives on September 23 and Oct 15 in partnership with the Red Cross, HCC and LULAC.	Successful donor recruitment of 120 and 67 Units obtained. Created committed 2018 Committee.	✓
2.4	Health Equity	Latino Health Summit Reporting for grant, final budget and transfer to website done.	Finalizing Summary report	

Connecting the Community: Information and Resources

OUTLET	DESCRIPTION	SEPTEMBER	OCTOBER
Facebook	Number of "Likes" to date	1,592	1,608
Facebook & Twitter	Postings of news, resources, events	1,175	902
Job Opportunities Website Page	Job Openings Posted	83	68



Total OCHLA Website Visits on October:	15,294 (up 35% w/ 5,958 from Aug.)
– Home Page views:	2,137 (Doubled by 1,126 from Aug.)
– Job Opportunities Views:	740 (172 up from Aug.)
– Website Users:	1,945
September & October Constituent inquiries:	80

Meetings Attended (September and October)

- 1 September – DAS HHM D & I Committee Call Basic Conversational Spanish Classes for State employees
- 1 September – OCHLA Intern/Volunteer OSU Candidate Caroline Filbrun Interview
- 1 September – 2017 LHS Final Expenses Review with LULAC
- 5 September – Phil Adams/Center for School, College & Career Resources– Resources call for website
- 6 September – Toledo LLC Follow Up Call with Commissioners
- 6 September – Question about additional education resources CCCR on OCHLA educational resources
- 7 September – Cincinnati Latino Leaders Collaborative Quarterly Meeting
- 7 September – DHO 2017 touch base call OSU/OCHLA Yolanda Zepeda & Lauren Gonzalez
- 11 September – Red Cross Latino Blood Drives Committee Conference Call / Logistics for 9/23 event drive
- 12 September – MACC Conference Planning Steering Committee
- 12 September – Toledo’s 1st Latino Leaders Collaborative Meeting
- 13 September – Vanguard Veteran, LLC Community Outreach Meeting w/ Lt.Col. (Ret.) Kathy Lowrey
- 14 September – DHO 2017 touch base call OSU/OCHLA Yolanda Zepeda & Lauren Gonzalez
- 14 September – 2017 DHO OSU/OCHLA AV Logistics on-site visit
- 19 September – HHM DAS EVENT Basic Conversational Spanish Class
- 21 September – 2017 DHO Catering and Logistics Meeting with OSU
- 25 September – Latino Health Summit Mini Grants - Review submissions w/ Dr. Odea & Dan Almaguer
- 27 September – OCHLA / ODJFS Quarterly Meeting
- 28 September – Nationwide 2017 DHO Possible Partnership call
- 29 September – LULAC Cincinnati 2017 Awards Gala - Keynote Cid Wilson
- 11 October – Mount Carmel Hispanic Latino Collaborative
- 11 October – 2017 DHO VOG Daniel Rodriguez Run through with Script and Power Point presentation
- 13 October – DHO 2017 touch base call OSU Yolanda Zepeda & Lauren Gonzalez/OCHLA
- 17 October – OCHLA Board Meeting
- 18 October – BWC HHM keynote event
- 19 October – Jennifer Hutton Financial Group Hutton in Springfield - Community Outreach
- 23 October – LLC Cincinnati next Mtg Agenda call
- 25 October – Toastmasters at DLA Community Outreach/ Michael McCoy Call
- 30 October – TOLEDO LLC Next steps Conference call

Organizations Development Center (ODC) Report

Lilly Cavanaugh, Executive Director

Megan Honaker, AmeriCorps Vista. Capacity Building Specialist

Summary of Successes:

Grant Research— Identified five “spotlight” grants for the monthly grant newsletter and tracked the number of people who opened the newsletter and followed the links inside. Had the most successful grand newsletter yet with the most number of opens. Also identified a new grant researching website that



OCHLA can utilize more often to find more local grants.

Hispanic MBE Businesses Database— Updated the database completely and then received 1 more list to insert. After that list, all regions of Ohio will have sent in their information to be documented.

Pipeline to Trades Pilot Project— Research is still ongoing for this pilot project but the proposal and project idea is completely put together. The workforce development team visited Eastland Career Center to understand more about their programs and how they recruit students. Also toured Ohio State’s Center for Design and Manufacturing which vided examples of the latest professional trades and how students can apply for those opportunities. Next steps are learning more about implementation.

Agenda Latina— Agenda Latina was the main priority for the month of October. Identifying the key materials and figuring out which details about ESSA seemed the most important was the major goal. Sending invitations, organizing the attendance sheet, remaining in contact with the hotel, and speaking to the print shop were the latest items handled.

Leadership and Training Opportunities— Partnered with NAMI, Toledo and attended the Latino Behavioral Health Workshop along with Director Cavanaugh.

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3.1	Agenda Latina	.Designed and organized attendance sheet and confirmed the 50 hotel rooms. Helped decide which materials were most important.	Send final email, receive printing, organize binders and flash-drives, and then host the event.	
2.3	Hispanic MBE Businesses	Caught up on the current regions lists’ and presented document to the Commissioners.	Received Toledo’s list and need to insert those businesses.	
2.2	Pipeline to Trades	Visited the Career Center and spoke to them about potentially partnering to recruit more minority students to the trades.	Discuss with the Public Policy Officer where to go from here and how we implement.	
3.1	Support non-profits/ Hispanic serving organizations and build leadership/engagement	Met with 3-4 Latino non-profits in northern Ohio and brainstormed ways to improve their organizations.	Researching specific and focused grant opportunities for each group.	



Meetings Attended (Megan Honaker)

- October 6 - National Association of Hispanic Nurses Conference Brainstorming call
- October 6 - Toured Ohio State's Center for Design and Manufacturing for the Pipeline to Trades
- October 10 - Agenda Latina Meeting
- October 11 - Meeting with John Shepard, Painesville City Schools Superintendent
- October 12 - Hispanic Summit at the University of Akron
- October 14 - DHO Gala
- October 16 - Eastland Career Center tour
- October 17 - Board Meeting
- October 27 - NAMI Latino Health Forum
- October 31 - Agenda Latina Planning Meeting

Respectfully submitted,

