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# APRIL AND MAY 2018

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

The 2018 Latino Legislative Visit Day was a tremendous success and provided the opportunity to engage with local leaders, advocates, legislators and students. The commission had the honor to host Arturo Vargas, Executive Director of the National Association for Latino Elected Officials (NALEO) and the largest gathering of Ohio Latino elected officials. A separate report was emailed to board members providing feedback and statistics on the event.

In the education realm, the Commission secured a \$4,000 grant to bring training to parents on the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) in response to the recommendation made during Agenda Latina 2017. Leaders expressed a desire to have customized trainings that explain the importance of understanding ESSA as it relates to specific services for English learners and the ability parents have to communicate clearly with schools about independent learning plans and support systems to ensure students are able to be properly assessed and supported to succeed in school. During April and May, events are being planned and coordinated in the Northeast (Painesville), Northwest (Toledo), Central (Columbus) and the Southwest Region's event already took place in March.

Workforce development strategies are being implemented through the work with potential partners refining the potential Pipeline to Trades Pilot Project. It is expected that the final concept of this project will be finalized and presented to the partners in early May.

On the outreach front, Director Cavanaugh and Community Liaison Marin-Marcum are working with leaders in Akron, Canton and New Philadelphia to better understand what existing networks are in place to support the Latino community in the lower northeast region of the state. Initial visits and planning meetings are getting scheduled in order to host



at least one regional networking event during this summer. Furthermore, our commission

played a key role organizing the central Ohio's New American Forum, held at the Columbus Public Library on May 9, 2018 with the goal to engage the growing New American community and present relevant information regarding the impact of this population on the economy, education and representation in the Columbus area, of the fastest growing regions of the state of Ohio.

We are pleased to partner with the University of Akron, Stark State College and NEOMED for the 2018 Latino Health Summit. During April and May, Executive Director Cavanaugh and Community Liaison Marin-Marcum visited the University of Akron to meet with partners and begin planning this event. Conversations are also underway for the Distinguished Hispanic Ohioan Awards Gala, to take place in Lorain, OH. A meeting will be coordinated for late May with the local partners and Commissioner Mary Santiago.

In early May, our commission had the pleasure to host Ms. Elia James, Executive Director of the Indiana Latino Affairs Commission for a brief orientation regarding the work of our commission and to explore opportunities for future collaborations. We are pleased to serve as a model for other commissions looking to learn from our programming, while at the same time, we have the opportunity of expanding our networks and learning best practices from surrounding states. In the recent past, our commission also hosted the Executive Director of the Michigan Latino Affairs Commission.

Finally, in May we received clearance to begin recruitment for a new Vista Member to replace Megan Honaker who has been serving in the role of Organizations Development Coordinator, whose tenure with the Commission will end in June, 2018. We are thankful for the critical support Megan has provided to the Organizations Development Center and wish her the best in her future endeavors. It is our hope to secure a new Vista to fill this position. The new candidate will assume responsibilities in July, 2018.

### Meetings Attended

- Apr 02— Steve Driehaus and Bryant Wright, Cincinnati Compass
- Apr 03—Mayra Betances
- Apr 03—Rep. George Lang
- Apr 03—Todd Molfanter, Carmen Andujar, ATTC Behavioral Health Project
- Apr 04—Kim Kehl, Ohio MHAS
- Apr 04—Barb Smooth, WELD
- Apr 05—DACC Advisory Board Meeting
- Apr 10—Board Meeting, OCHLA
- Apr 11—Latino Legislative Visit Day
- Apr 12—Latinx Role Models Day, OSU
- Apr 13—Buckeye Health Summit, COSI
- Apr 16—Stark State College, President Jones Meet and Greet
- Apr 17—Dr. Glenn Martinez, OSU
- Apr 18—Ohio Laborers Council Training Center Visit
- Apr 20—Trauma Informed Care Planning, Dontavius
- Apr 23—Lourdes S., ESSA Training, Toledo
- Apr 23—Dra. Elena Foulis, OSU
- Apr 24—Jolene Lane, The University of Akron
- Apr 24—Fiscal orientation webinar, DAS
- Apr 25—2020 Census Update, NALEO
- Apr 27—Latino Behavioral Health Conference, Fremont
- Apr 27 & Apr 28—CHIP Conference, Lorain



Apr 30—New African Commission, Rosaire M.

## May 2018

01 May—Elia James, Indiana Latino Affairs Commission  
02 May—Trauma Informed Care Planning Meeting  
02 May—Dr. Elena Foulis, OSU Internship Program  
02 May—Regina S., DAS Human Resources  
03 May—Randy Slaughter, DAS Property Management  
03 May—Scott Fitzgerald, Otterbein University, Human Resources Director  
04 May—Kacy Bullard, Governor's Office Briefing  
04 May—Laurie Donley, Latino Cultural Connections, New Philadelphia  
04 May—Yolanda Zepeda, OSU  
07 May— Diversity & Inclusion Conference, OSU  
08 May—Andy Maclejewski, Pipeline Project  
09 May—New American Forum, Columbus  
09 May— Priscilla Ayala, University of Cincinnati  
10 May—Ethics Training (L. Cavanaugh)  
10 May—University of Akron, Health Summit Planning Meeting  
11 May—Rafael Hernandez, Marisa Rohn, Canton Network  
14 May—Marilyn Brown, Franklin County Commissioner  
15 May—Governor's Office, Press Conference, New Immigrants Advisory Council launch  
16 May—Latino Connection Quarterly Meeting (Lorain, El Centro)  
22 May—Trauma Informed Care Conference  
24 May—Joy Bivens, ODJFS, Franklin County  
25 May—Janween Z., Project Vista, Interview  
29 May—VOCA Briefing, Attorney General's Office  
30 May—Rafaela Reyes, Potential volunteer  
31 May—Padmini Roy Dixon, Development Services Agency (DSA)  
31 May—Mary Santiago, Debbie Jancsura, M. Quinonez, LCCC. DHO Planning (Lorain)

## **Public Policy Center (PPC) Report**

**Andrea Lewis, Public Policy Officer**

### Summary of Successes

**Legislative Visit Day**—Successfully held the civic engagement day with 300 participants. Workshops, panels, one on one meetings with legislators, tours and special programming for students were satisfactorily delivered.

**New Americans Forum** - Facilitated planning and executed the event on May 9th at The Columbus Metropolitan Library.

**Latino Education World Café**—Debriefing with partners successfully held and next steps outlined for the 2018 Education Summit, to take place at The Ohio State University.

**Project PIPELine**— The Interested Party Meeting was successfully held on April 17, 2018. The next steps include individual meetings with potential partners and Franklin County Commissioners.

**Trauma Informed Care Conference** - Actively engaged in the planning of this conference; our commission is assisting



**Legislative Engagement**— Executive Director Cavanaugh and PPC Officer Lewis met with State Representative George Lang to debrief him on the work of the Commission. Also provided background information and supported the Latino Collaborative meeting in Cincinnati.

**Latino Community Report**— Continued research and interviews for the preparation of the 2018 LCR #1.

**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         | Project PIPELine                | Presented on Project at the Interested Party Approx. 20 individuals attended the meeting,   | Follow-up on funding requests. Meet with contractors and other business owners to brief them on the project. Begin coordination of Fall Career Fair.Meet with Joy Bivens June 11th; follow up with partners. |        |
| 2.5 / 4.3           | Legislative Visit Day           | Devised PPT, confirmed school coordination, Name tags, Interest Sections, Printed Programs and Poster Boards, Sent Thank You Notes, Analyzed Results of LVD survey, Ensured Logistics, executed event | Final reporting  | ✓      |
| 4.3                 | New American Forum              | Coordinated and facilitated planning meeting, Confirmed Latino panelists; invited Senator Tavares and Rep. LaTourette invited them to participate; finalized agenda for the day.                      | Execute event  | ✓      |
| 2.5/3.2             | Latino Education World Cafe     | Report on event and strategize with team for the 2018 Education Summit  | Completed  | ✓      |
| 4.2                 | Trauma Informed Care Conference | Developed presentation format with El Centro and Su Casa and executed presentations at event. Successfully participated in the conference.  | Finalize presentation  | ✓      |
| 2.5/3.2             | Legislative engagement          | Briefing with Rep. Lang to learn about key legislative priorities, which include business and workforce development. He is interested in engaging the Hispanic Chambers of Commerce.                  | Invite Rep. Lang to Hispanic Chambers of Commerce Quarterly Meeting and Cincinnati Latino Collaborative  |        |
| 2.5                 | Latino Community Report         | LCR Draft completed. Scheduled interviews.  | Obtain and add qualitative data  |        |
| 2.5                 | Voter Mobilization              | Worked with team on Voter Mobilization strategies. Began creating infographics and social media kit.  | Implement campaign   |        |
| 2.5                 | ODMHAS/OCHLA Collaborative LCR  | Continue working with ODMHAS team to conceptualize, research and write the LCR  | Continue research and project execution  |        |



Meetings Attended:

03-Apr Rep. George Lang  
03-Apr Ed Leonard, Franklin County BOE  
04-Apr Angela - CSRAB  
04-Apr Faith Based Response to Opiates  
50-Apr Stacy Terman, Milo's  
06-Apr New American Forum Planning Meeting  
09-Apr Arturo Vargas, NALEO - Conference Call  
10-Apr OCHLA Board Meeting  
11-Apr Hispanic Legislative Visit Day  
13-Apr Krizia Melendez, UT  
13-Apr New American Forum Planning Meeting  
17-Apr Glenn Martinez PCORI Engagement Mtg./ OSU - Conference Call  
17-Apr Project PIPEline Interested Party Meeting  
18-Apr Ohio Laborers Council Training Center Visit  
20-Apr New American Forum

May, 2018

01 May—Indiana Commission Latino Affairs  
02 May—TIC Planning Meeting  
03 May—New American Forum, Planning Meeting  
09 May—New American Forum  
14 May—Commissioner Marilyn Brown, Pipeline Project  
15 May—Maria Prasek, ETSS  
16 May—Latino Connection Meeting  
21 May—Voter Mobilization, Megan H. & Jesse D.  
22-23 May—Trauma Informed Care Conference  
24 May—Joy Bivens, Franklin County Job & Family Services  
29 May—Dan Molina, Commissioner  
30 May—Dr. Anahi Ortiz, Elections/Bilingual Ballots

## Latino Community Network (LCN) Report

Lair Marin-Marcum, Community Liaison

Summary of Successes:

**Lower Northeast Network:** Work is underway to survey community resources, serving organizations and support the organization of the first networking meetings to take place during summer 2018.

**Collaboratives Engagement:** The Latino Collaborative Meetings in Cincinnati and Toledo were successfully held and work is underway to follow up on actionable items for both networks, as well as planning for June meetings.

**Summit and Gala Planning:** Initial meetings and phone calls have been scheduled and coordinated for the planning committee. The Latino Health Summit will take place on October 10th at the University of Akron. Conversations are also underway with the Lorain County Community College to host the Distinguished Hispanic Ohioan Awards Gala



on October 26th in Lorain.

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| 3.1                 | Regional grassroots engagement                         | LLC Toledo March 13th 1st 2018 Quarterly meeting notes prepared.   | March 13th meeting Notes to be sent out and Next steps brainstorming for next meeting agenda and strategy                            | ✓      |
| 3.1                 | Regional grassroots engagement                         | Strategy in the Akron area with next steps set up, including Canton, Youngstown and one in New Philly. Table of organizations created and working to fill them in and select orgs. | Finalize list of orgs and pin down date and venue for 1st meeting.   | ✓      |
| 2.3                 | Distinguished Hispanic Ohioan Awards                   | Successfully created budget and brainstormed for themes and keynote.   | Set up meeting at LCC for on site visit and start defining themes & keynote. <b>Start brainstorming</b> for partners, and logistics. | ✓      |
| 2.4                 | Health Equity  | 2018 LHS Location and date at Akron University was pinned down for October 10th.   | Meeting for on-site visit and start working on theme, keynote and logistics.   | ✓      |
| 2.3                 | Community Resources & Outreach                         | Continue work on OLANET, ESOL, Faith, Latino Media List, Churches, Translators/ Interpreters & Attorneys & Central Ohio Health & SS Directory.                                     | Continue updating.....   | ✓      |
| 3.1                 | Increasing Diversity and Inclusion: Interns Management | Continued recruitment of inter/volunteers.   | Try to pin down 1-2 Summer Interns/Volunteers  | ✓      |

Connecting with the Community: Information and Resources



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| OUTLET                         | DESCRIPTION                         | APRIL     | MAY       |
|--------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-----------|-----------|
| Facebook                       | Number of "Likes" to date           | 1,789     | 1,816     |
| Facebook & Twitter             | Postings of news, resources, events | 748       | 1,166     |
| Job Opportunities Website Page | Job Openings Posted                 | 92        | 148       |
| Job Opportunities              | Website Views                       | 533       | 836       |
| OCHLA Website                  | Total Views                         | 10,409    | 10,998    |
| OCHLA Website                  | Home Page Views                     | 2,275     | 1,618     |
| OCHLA Website                  | Users                               | 1,302     | 1,750     |
| <b>Constituent Inquiries:</b>  |                                     | <b>24</b> | <b>31</b> |

**Meetings Attended:**

- 02 April – Meeting with Steve Driehaus and Bryant Wright, Cincinnati Compass
- 03 April – Conference Call w/ Yolanda Zepeda 2018 DHO update
- 03 April – Conference call with Commissioner Santiago 2018 Draft DHO Budget
- 10 April – Latino Health Committee Meeting
- 10 April – 2018 DHO Committee Meeting
- 10 April – OCHLA April Board Meeting
- 11 April – 2018 Hispanic Legislative Visit Day
- 25 April – Stark College - Conversation about Latino Regional Networking Group (Canton)
- 25 April – Stream Energy Cynthia Daly & Lucy Jordan - Assistance w/ outreach Latino Leaders
- 26 April – Meeting with Esther/IdivineLine2Health & Yahaira/Martin de Porras - Community Outreach
- 26 April – Tour & meeting with SUN Behavioral Health Center
- 27 April – The Ohio History Connection / Yolanda Gelo History of Hispanics/Latinos in Ohio - Outreach
- 30 April – Community Outreach OSU Wexner Planning for a Community type event on HHM

**May 2018**

- 1 May – Meet and Greet- Elia James, Indiana Latino Affairs Commission Executive Director
- 2 May – OSU debrief for student internship opportunities - Dr. Elena Fouli
- 3 May – Mtg w/ Inali Pichardo - Centro Esperanza - Guidance connections & jobs
- 4 May – Latino Cultural Connections - Tuscarawas County - Next Steps
- 9 May – Ohio Department of Medicaid State Recruitment - Training & Networking
- 9 May – New American Forum
- 9 May – Suzanne Smaltz - Next Steps Akron Hispanic/Latino Networking Mtg & update on 2018 LHS
- 10 May – 2018 LHS On site Visit to University of Akron Meeting
- 11 May – Ohio Latino Affairs - Canton Next Steps Latino Regional Networking Group
- 14 May – 2018 Red Cross Latino Blood Drives Advisory Committee - Conference Call
- 15 May – Candelaria Mota Ohio Latino Affairs/ National Youth Advocate Program Meeting
- 16 May – BBBS - Senate recognition
- 18 May – Bi-Weekly update with Lilly
- 21 May – Bi-Weekly update with Lilly
- 22 May – Reference check past OCHLA Intern - Hanna Kesig



- 24 May – Clark County - Springfield Latino Coalition Meeting
- 29 May – Collyn Floyd - Canton Regional Chamber of Commerce
- 29 May – Minority Health Grant Review first draft Latino Health summit
- 29 May – Conference Call Cincinnati LLC Meeting Draft Agenda
- 29 May – LLC Toledo Update Call with Commissioner Guzman
- 29 May – Franklin County Sheriffs Office Community Advisory Council Meeting
- 30 May – Mount Carmel Latino/Hispanic Collaborative Meeting
- 30 May – Rafaela Reyes / OCHLA - Volunteer from Cleveland
- 31 May – 2018 DHO Meeting at Lorain County Community College

## Organizations Development Center (ODC) Report

Lilly Cavanaugh, Acting

Megan Honaker, ODC Coordinator

### Summary of Successes

**ODC Outreach**— This month, the ODC has done more outreach in the lower Northeast, Ohio area in the Akron/Canton region. A couple of organizations want to do more collaborative work and were working with OCHLA to organize a meeting to discuss priorities and outreach efforts. The Latino Community Network is handling all the logistics for that meeting. The ODC is also working with Lydia Alejandro of Fremont to wrap up her conference by compiling the evaluations into a final report.

**Local ESSA Trainings**— Held the 2nd out of 4 trainings in Painesville and the presentation went well. The invoices for the presenters and location are being processed and the last two presentations are being held in early June in Columbus and Toledo, respectively.

**Grants** — The ODC is finishing up the Minority Health Commission grant application and plans to secure the funds for the Latino Health Summit in October. The ODC is also applying for the VOCA grant from the Attorney General’s office. The VOCA grant aims to help victims of crime and OCHLA believes it is important for the Latino community to have more access to community resources and help lines as they are often victims of crime.

### Connecting and supporting organizations through research and media

| Newsletter             | Subscribers | Opens | Clicks |
|------------------------|-------------|-------|--------|
| Grant Newsletter       | 172         | 54    | 15     |
| Mental Health (Winter) | 65          | 23    | 6      |



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|---------------------|---|---|---|--------|
| 2.5                 | Local ESSA Trainings  | Secured the locations for the final 2 trainings and are processing the invoices for the Painesville training. | Hold the trainings, print all materials, and process all invoices.                  |        |
| 2.4                 | Minority Health Grant   | Began application and in process of editing before submitting.  | Submit the application  |        |
| 2.4                 | VOCA Grant  | Attended the VOCA open-house to learn more about the grant and it's parameters                                | Write and submit the grant  |        |
| 3.1                 | Support non-profits/ Hispanic serving organizations and build leadership/engagement | Participated in multiple conference calls for Akron/ Canton collaborative efforts.                            | Finalize final report for Lydia Alejandro's conference on Latino Behavioral Health. |        |

## Support to Organizations

| Organization                         | Support   | Results   |
|--------------------------------------|---|---|
| Fremont, Latino Health               | Summary of evaluations and help with final report on conference                       | Continuing work on final report   |
| Parent Leadership Training Institute | Help with their Parent Leadership Training Institute and getting established in Ohio. | Attended board meeting and am helping with grant opportunities                                      |
| Adelante, Inc                        | Help creating a flyer for the ESSA training in English and Spanish                    | Created the flyer, edited it with their suggestions, and sent it to them. Also providing materials. |
| Ohio Hispanic Coalition              | Help creating a flyer for the ESSA training in English and Spanish                    | Created the flyer, edited it with their suggestions, and sent it to them. Also providing materials. |
| Latino Cultural Connections          | Transportation funding  | Showed them various avenues of receiving transportation support via grants and partnerships.        |
|                                      | <b>TOTAL ORGANIZATIONS ASSISTED:</b>  | <b>5</b>  |

Respectfully submitted,

