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

Executive Director Cavanaugh and Community Liaison Lair Marin visited Akron and Canton to begin implementing the Commission's outreach expansion strategy to the northeast and lower northeast region of Ohio. Our meetings were informative and useful, providing good insight regarding the opportunities and needs of a growing community. Although most Hispanics live in urban areas of the state, the Hispanic population makes up a higher proportion of county populations in the north and lower northeast region of the state which are rural in nature. For example, Mahoning County shows a 5.6% of the population as Latino, while Wood County has a 5.5% of Hispanics. Summit and Stark county have also experienced population increases marked by growth in the Latino community. The Commission will be working with local leaders, elected officials and our board members in the area, Commissioner Jose Feliciano Jr., and Commissioner Pastor Juan Rivera on the implementation of our strategy.

Our team has been working actively to build the audience for the 2018 Latino Legislative Day. This year, the Legislative Day will challenge Hispanics to consider getting involved in government by actively seeking office and serving on boards at the local and state level. This year's keynote speaker will be Arturo Vargas, Executive Director of the National Association of Latino Elected Officials (NALEO.) We are targeting three special audiences this year and invitations have been extended to 22 Latino elected officials, selected groups of high school student leaders and faith leaders.

We continue to work closely with the Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services on two projects. The first one is a collaborative research project to document the state of mental health among Latinos; the second project involves securing and coordinating presenters for the Trauma Informed Care Conference in May. The speakers will present on topics impacting Hispanics and the effect of trauma.

Through our Organizations Development Center, we continue to provide technical support to organizations interested in applying for grants, or those requiring assistance to strengthen specific programs or training events. During this month, four different organizations



received assistance from the ODC.

More details on further activities completed by the team are detailed on the following sections of this report.

Meetings Attended

02 Feb—Nina Wojtalewicz, Purdue University (Conference Call)
05 Feb—Yahaira Rose, Projecto Mariposas
05 Feb—Ezra Escudero, Libre Initiative
06 Feb—Dorsey Hager, Columbus Building Trades
07 Feb—Kim Kehl, Ohio Health Department
07 Feb—Joseph Henry, Sherrod Brown’s Office, OHFA, HUD, USDA
08 Feb—Vincent Irvin, Ohio Laborers’ District Council
08 Feb—Jose Morales & Paul Smathers, Whitehall High School
08 Feb—Boards and Commissions , Management Group
08 Feb— Dr. Raul Soto, ODE
08 Feb—Kacy Bullard and Dave Ward, Governor’s Office Debrief
09 Feb—Eleanor Bloxham, The Value Alliance
13 Feb—Commissioner Dan Molina, Legislative Visit Day
14 Feb—Commissioner Gregory Guzman, Toledo Update
14 Feb—Deba Uwadie, New Americans Magazine
14 Feb—Lisa Gray, ESSA Parental Engagement Project
14 Feb—Jose Carrillo, NALEO
15 Feb—ODE, Education Summit Planning Group
15 Feb— NALEO, Census 2020 Planning (Conference Call)
16 Feb—Latino Connection Meeting, Hispanic Coalition
16 Feb—Mary Stagaman, Cincinnati Chamber of Commerce
20 Feb— VISTA Program Supervisor Training
21 Feb— Mayra Betances, Columbus
21 Feb—Carolina Tatcher, ODJFS, Diversity Office
21 Feb—Latino Health Summit Planning Group
21 Feb—FEMA, Puerto Rico Relocation (Conference Call)
22 Feb—Jeff Stewart and Dana Weber, Centro San Jose, Canton
22 Feb—John Turner, University of Akron, Akron
23 Feb—Father Dan Reed and Nancy Auquilla, Parroquia San Bernardo, Akron
23 Feb—Isaac Baez, Stark County Mental Health and Addiction Recovery, Canton
23 Feb—Susanne Smaltz, HealthMarkets, Canton
23 Feb—Rafael Rodriguez, City of Canton
27 Feb—OCHLA Board meeting and retreat
28 Feb—Lourdes Ribera, LULAC (Latino Health Summit)
28 Feb—Freddy Vaca, Pinnacle Group (Conference call)



Public Policy Center (PPC) Report

Andrea Lewis, Public Policy Officer

Summary of Successes

Pipeline to Trades— Updated budget and worked with intern to create a visually appealing proposal. Secured Whitehall City Schools as partners. Presented update to FCC.

Legislative Visit Day—Worked to secure speakers, panelists, confirm agenda, event marketing.

Education World Café— Finalized logistics and continued to communicate/coordinate with participants

Latino Community Report—Initiated research on the next LCR.

Trauma Informed Care Conference - Participated on Proposal Review Committee to select best practices to feature. Worked with team to address logistics and other issues.

New Americans Advisory Council - Assisted in developing strategic goals for 2018, as well as planning for New American Forum.

Puerto Rico Relief - Working with HUD, USDA, FEMA, OHFA and Sen. Brown's office to devise resettlement strategies.

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Status Report on Major Projects

Strategic Reference	Priority	Accomplishments	Next Steps	Status
2.2/1.1/2.5	Pipelines to Trades	Updated budget and proposal. Created PPT to share with interested parties. Secured Whitehall City Schools as pilot site.	Waiting to set date from Franklin County Commissioners to host meeting.	
2.5 / 4.3	Legislative Visit Day	Worked with intern to secure speakers, panelists, agenda, event marketing.	Continue implementation Z strategy	
4.3	ODMHAS—White Paper	Met with ODMHAS to develop outline for joint white paper.	Research and writing of White Paper	
2.5/3.2	Latino Education World Cafe	Finalized logistics, communicated important information to participants. Over 60 participants confirmed to-date.	All ready to host World Café in March	✓
4.2	Trauma Informed Care Conference	Selected best practices to feature at conference as a member of the proposal review committee.	Finalize programming and logistics	
3.2	New American Advisory Council	Worked with Exec. Committee to help develop strategic goals for 2018. Worked on planning for 2018 New American Forum.	Carry out goals and host New American Forum	
1.1/2.4	Puerto Rico Relief	Working with various federal agencies to address the resettlement needs of Puerto Rican refugees in Ohio.	Carry out monthly calls with federal agencies to provide updates on the state of resettlement in Ohio.	



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05 Feb—Yahaira Rose, Martin de Porres Center
05 Feb—Ezra Escudero, The Libre Initiative
06 Feb—Dorsey Hager, Columbus Building Trades
06 Feb—TIC Summit Workshop Proposal Review
07 Feb—TIC Internal Team Meeting
07 Feb—Sen. Sherrod Brown’s Office, OHFA, HUD, USDA
08 Feb—Ohio Laborers District Council
08 Feb—Paul Smathers, Whitehall High School
08 Feb—Dave Ward and Kacy Bullard, Governor’s Office
09 Feb—Field Instructor Training, OSU Social Work
09 Feb—Emerald Hernandez, Mayor’s Office
12 Feb—Franklin County Commissioner Boyce’s Office
13 Feb—Rep. Christina Hagan and OHCC
13 Feb—Commissioner Dan Molina and Exec. Dir. Cavanaugh
14 Feb—New Americans Advisory Council
15 Feb—Lisa Gray, Ohio Standard Coalition
15 Feb—Latino Education Summit Advisory Committee
15 Feb—Census 2020: NALEO
16 Feb—Ohio Latino Connection meeting
22 Feb—State of the City, Columbus
23 Feb—Nadia Kasvin, US Together
23 Feb—Rachel Weaver, OSU School of Social Work
23 Feb—New American Advisory Council Executive Committee Meeting
26 Feb—FC Commissioner Kevin Boyce
27 Feb—OCHLA Board meeting
28 Feb—Lupe Velasquez & Nadia Kasvin, New Americans Advisory Council
28 Feb—USCIS Columbus Field Office Event
28 Feb—Bhuwan Byakurel, BNCC
28 Feb—Jessica Onate, Ohio House of Representatives

Latino Community Network (LCN) Report

Lair Marin-Marcum, Community Liaison

Summary of Successes:

Puerto Rico Relief: LCN Marin-Marcum continues to distribute information to key coordinators statewide on resources for the Puerto Rican community. [Cleveland](#), [Lorain](#) and [Columbus](#) online resources are available on our homepage for easy access.

Resource Directories: The Catalogue of Latino Initiatives (CLOI) which summarizes the list of bilingual services offered by Ohio State Agencies has been updated by our Megan Honaker, ODC Coordinator. We will be ready to launch its revised version in March 2018.



Job Opportunities Page Postings Increase: The Job Opportunities Postings for the month of February continue to be increase. There were 101 postings this month marking a 30% higher number than last year on February 2017.

Social Media Visibility: The February Ohio Latino Affairs Facebook likes are up to 1,708, up by 30 from January. The website visits and view continue to grow month by month which reflects on the number of postings from the work of our AmeriVista Jesse Dotson who is also working to add Instagram to our OCHLA social media.

Constituent Services

The constituency inquiries are starting to get back to normal with 23 cases during this month with less calls on the Puerto Rican hurricane relief.

Summary Connecting the Community: Information and Resources

OUTLET	DESCRIPTION	JANUARY	FEBRUARY
Facebook	Number of "Likes" to date	1,672	1,708
Facebook & Twitter	Postings of news, resources, events	1,040	1,115
Job Opportunities Website Page	Job Openings Posted	100	101
OCHLA Website	Total Visits	5,379	6,178
OCHLA Website	Home Page Views	1,700	1,769
OCHLA Website	Users	598	603
Constituent Inquiries		30	23

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3.1	Regional grassroots engagement	LLC Toledo & Cincinnati's planning completed and ready for the regional meetings		✓
3.1	Regional grassroots engagement- Canton/Akron	Meetings scheduled and initial visits completed		✓
2.3	Community Resources & Outreach	CLOI Directory Review completed.		✓



Meetings Attended:

2 February – Update on Columbus Project Hurricane Maria Assistance to Puerto Rican Families
5 February – Call Conf. Coordination Proyecto Mariposas Summer Camp 6/21 OCHLA & statehouse visit
8 February – Lair / Briana Review new contract with Sheraton Capitol for 2018 Board Retreat
13 February – LULAC / OCHLA Brainstorming for Latino Health Summit 2018 Call conference
13 February – MACC Conference Planning Committee
14 February – Call Conf Comm. Guzman/Lair Toledo LLC - Draft Agenda & logistics 3/13 Mtg.
16 February – Latino Connection Meeting at Hispanic Coalition - Updated on PR Relief across the state.
21 February – Call Conf LLC Toledo - Final Agenda contents & strategy for March 13th mtg
21 February – Conference Call LHS 2018 Brainstorming Steering committee
21 February – Puerto Rico Relocation Efforts / TLC's national partners Welcoming America
22 February – OCHLA Visit to Canton / Centro San Jose & SPARCC,
23 February – OCHLA/ Health Markets Meeting at Akron with Suzanne Smaltz
23 February – OCHLA/ Parroquia San Bernardo Mtg. at Akron with Father Dan Reed & Nancy Auquillo
23 February – OCHLA meeting with Rafael Rodriguez/City of Canton
23 February – Stark County Mental Health and Addiction Recovery/OCHLA MTG. in Canton
27 February – OCHLA February Board Meeting & Retreat
27 February – Franklin County Sheriff's Office Advisory Council Meeting
28 February – Mt. Carmel Hispanic Latino Collaborative Meeting
28 February – LULAC / OCHLA Conference Call - LVD, LHS Scholarships and 2018 LHS

Organizations Development Center (ODC) Report

Lilly Cavanaugh, Executive Director

Megan Honaker, AmeriCorps Vista. Capacity Building Specialist

Summary of Successes:

Grant Research— Wrote a grant application for the Sofia Quintero Arts and Cultural Center for their urban gardening and honey bees initiative. The grant application was submitted to the Rumphius Foundation and hopefully will secure funds. Also found specific grants that match the programs for La Conexion and the Sofia Quintero Arts and Cultural Center in hopes of applying for these grants and receiving money for said programs.

Local ESSA Trainings— Secured the remaining funds from our Agenda Latina partnership to continue local ESSA trainings across the state in four regions: northwest, northeast, central, and southwest.

CLOI Update — Finished updating the CLOI for the Community Liaison. Added two new commissions, made a new table of contents, updated contact information, and made formatting the same throughout.

State Agencies Grant Directory— Created a new directory that lists all the state agencies and any grant opportunities they may offer. This way, anyone who is interested in grants has a one-stop document that details all the grant cycles and funding streams from all Ohio state agencies.

Grassroots organizations' support—Continue to provide support to different Latino serving organizations in several capacities including grant searches, event planning and program concept development.



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2.5	Local ESSA Trainings	Secured funding for local conversations across the state	Finalize budget and plan which cities will host trainings	
2.4	Mental Health Grants	Mapped the distribution of over \$6 million to mental health and addiction clinics across the state.	Review if their grants are helping the Latino community in any way.	
1.1	Directories	Finished CLOI and created new state agency grant directory	Finish the grants directory	
3.1	Support non-profits/Hispanic serving organizations and build leadership/engagement	Sent emails with personalized grants to SQACC and La Conexion. Wrote a grant for SQACC . Also helped Lydia Alejandro plan her Latino health summit in Fremont.	Match more grants to organizations, write 2 grants, and continue helping Lydia.	

Meetings Attended (Megan Honaker)

- February 2 - Weekly phone call with Lydia Alejandro to plan Latino Behavioral Health Conference
- February 5 - Americans for Prosperity to discuss Legislative Visit Day
- February 14 - ESSA Regional Trainings
- February 15 - Latino Education Summit Advisory Committee
- February 16 - Latino Connections
- February 27 - Board Retreat

Respectfully submitted,

