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

Education, health equity and workforce development priorities occupied centerstage during the month of February for the commission’s team.

Education: The first meeting was held with our partners and committee members to plan the Latino Education Summit 2019, to take place at Kent State University on November 8, 2019. We are inspired by the strong commitment of the planning committee and excellent ideas being considered for this year’s event. Community Liaison Marin and Director Cavanaugh hosted the director of the [ASPIRE](#) Program, which replaced the ABL program that assists people interested in ESOL classes. They are very interested in reaching more effectively the Latino community; this program is under the umbrella of the Ohio Department of Higher Education. We have updated the Commission’s ESOL Directory to include many of these additional locations and have promoted the program through social media.

Health: Cultural Elements Training, GLATTC: Our Commission in partnership with the Ohio Mental Health and Addiction Services and the [Great Lakes Mental Health Technology Transfer Center Network](#) hosted a two day event geared to counselors and providers to improve their skills in response to treatment challenges presented by clients from Hispanic/Latino cultures. Thirty experts from major regions of the state with high Latino demographics participated and discussed issues regarding cultural beliefs, attitudes and practices seen in the Latino community that influence their responsiveness to treatment.

Planning for the Latino Health Summit 2019 is well underway with the advisory committee fully formed and engaged. The Latino Health Summit will take place on October 8th at the Fawcett Center in Columbus, and the theme will be “From Cultural Competence to Humility: Addressing Gaps and Barriers.”



Workforce Development: In the area of workforce development, Director Cavanaugh visited The Centers, El Barrio in Cleveland and met with VP. Barbara Andelman for an overview of their programs and review potential collaboration opportunities in the next biennium. LCN Marin and Director Cavanaugh met with Eduardo Arabu, National Hispanic Corporate Council to provide expertise and outreach insight for their upcoming [Annual Summit](#) focused on technology influencers to take place on May 16, 2019 in Columbus. The National Hispanic Corporate Council brings together leading Fortune 1000 companies who strongly support our mission to provide our corporate members access to a collaborative community that shares resources, knowledge, best practices, and innovative solutions to grow talent, customers, and suppliers.

Our team played a key role in organizing the International Women's Day Event on March 8th at the Statehouse with Ms. Maryan Dualle from the Somalian community and other local leaders. The event was well attended and highly followed in social media channels.

On the administrative front, we are working with our fiscal officer to begin preparations for end of fiscal year forecast and biennial audit. PPC Officer and Director Cavanaugh will also be working on biennial budget hearings/testimony. A fiscal report will be provided under a separate document for review at the April board meeting.

Meetings attended:

Feb 01—Regina Sch. (HR DAS)
Feb 02—Donna Albanese, ASPIRE
Feb 05—Marilyn Sampilo, Ohio MHAS
Feb 06—Trauma Informed Care Conference Planning
Feb 06—Maryan Dualle, Global Health Education
Feb 07—Dan Murray, Padmini Roy Dixon, Census 2020
Feb 08—Visit to Kent State University, Latino Education Summit 2019
Feb 11—Barbara Andelman, The Centers (El Barrio, Cleveland)
Feb 12—Latino Connection Quarterly Meeting
Feb 12—Eduardo Arabu, National Hispanic Corporate Council
Feb 13—Vista Meeting (Vista Members 2019 Training)
Feb 13—US Latino Affairs Commissions and Councils Conference Call
Feb 13—Latino Health Summit Planning Meeting
Feb 13—Debrief, Ron Todd, Governor's Office
Feb 14—NALEO, Census 2020 Hearing, Orlando, Fla.
Feb 19—OCHLA Board Meeting
Feb 20—Cultural Elements Training, GLATTC
Feb 21—Cultural Elements Training, GLATTC
Feb 22—Manuel Martinez, Ohio Dominican University
Feb 26—Rep. Jessica Miranda
Feb 26—Yolanda Zepeda, OSU
Feb 26—NALEO, Census Hearing Planning, Doug Murray
Feb 26—Dr. Raul Soto, ODE
Feb 27—Cristin Ewart, Connie Alexander, Biennial Audit
Feb 27—Virginia Beckman, Genesis House, Lorain



Public Policy Center (PPC) Report
 Juan Jaimes, Public Policy Officer

Summary of Successes

Legislative Commissioners Appointed: The Latino Affairs Commission has been assigned with Legislative Commissioners for the year 2019: Senator Tina Maharath (D), Senator Nathan Manning (R), Representative Jessica Miranda (D) join Representative Rick Perales (R) serving as non-voting members of the commission.

Building Relationships with General Assembly: Three meetings with Legislators and/or Aides took place during February and will continue throughout the year.

Legislative Day, 2019: We have secured the Statehouse for this year’s LVD, to take place on August 21, 2019.

Latino Education Summit, 2019: The planning committee is formed, event’s structure is being planned and logistics are underway. The summit will take place at Kent State University on November 8, 2019.

Civic and Community Engagement: Presented a lecture on the 2018 Latino Community Report—Mental Health, Suicidal Ideation, and Opioid Use Disorders among Hispanic and Latinos in Ohio at The Ohio State University’s class.

Status on Major Projects:

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Strategic Reference	Priority	Accomplishments	Next Steps	Status
2.2/1.1/2.5	Project PIPELine	Hosted Parent Meet and Greet for Project PIPELine	Register our first cohort for the summer portion of the pilot program.	In Process
2.5	Latino Education Summit	Held our first committee meeting at Kent State University for planning purposes.	Follow up conversation to be scheduled withing the next week.	In Process
2.6	Legislative Visit Day	Initiating conversations for partnerships and strategy implementation.	Work on schedule and budget process.	In process

Meetings attended:

- 02/05—New Americans Advisory Council—Board Retreat
- 02/06—OSU-OCHLA Internship Admin—Jennifer Kreinbrin
- 02/08—Ohio Education Summit Planning Meeting—Kent State University
- 02/12—Ohio Laborers Union—Vincent Irvin
- 02/19—Board Retreat—OCHLA Commissioners
- 02/20—Meeting with Senator Maharath’s Aide—Eric Connelly
- 02/22—Guest Lecture at The Ohio State University—Dr. Ignacio Corona
- 02/26—Meeting with Representative—Representative Jessica Miranda
- 02/27—Hispanic Collaborative Meeting—Mount Carmel
- 02/28—Meeting with Senator Manning’s Aide—Heather, P.



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Latino Community Network (LCN) Report

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Increasing Networks in the Lower Northeast Region: We have continued building up the contacts database and are working on selecting the date and location for the first Youngstown Latino Networking Meeting. All speakers are now confirmed for the April joint meeting in for Akron and Canton. Our team continues to build the networks in these regions.

Latino Collaboratives: Meetings are organized and underway for 2019. Minutes have been prepared and action items are being tracked.

Directories: The OLANet Directory is updated. the Interpreters/Translators, and Latino Media List, Central Ohio Latino Health & Social Services directories are being updated.

Other Relevant Events: LCN Community Liaison provided assistance to organize the International Women’s Day Celebration at the Statehouse. We have also been promoting and helping in the organization of the National Latino Commission on The Census 2020 Hearing (NALEO), to take place in March in Columbus.

Connecting the Community: Information and Resources

- There were 139 Job Opportunities Postings promoted
- In the area of Social Media, there were 2,051 likes on Facebook. Social media postings on Facebook, Tweeter and Instagram doubled since December 2018 and OCHLA website total views went up by 10% from last month.
- Constituent Services totaled 25 inquiries.
- We have three student intern/volunteers this month from OSU and Otterbein University.

OUTLET	DESCRIPTION	JANUARY	FEBRUARY
Facebook	Number of “Likes” to date	2,035	2,0351
Facebook, Twitter & Instagram	Postings of news, resources, events	668	830
Job Opportunities Website Page	Jobs Posted	247	139
Job Opportunities	Website Views	924	1,139
OCHLA Website	Total Views	15,262	12,608
OCHLA Website	Home Page Views	2,082	1,671
OCHLA Website	Users	2,637	2,391
Constituent Inquiries:		30	25

Meetings Attended

- 4 February – OCHLA & Donna Albanese/ State Director, Aspire Mtg
- 5 February – Yahaira Perez/Proyecto Mariposas/Martin de Porres Center Outreach and partnership Mtg.
- 5 February – Isaac Baez Stark County Mental Health &Addiction Recovery - Resources Canton Directory
- 6 February – COSI / OCHLA Meeting - Community Outreach
- 6 February – SW School District - Recruit help for Board Members in Latino Community - Conf call



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- 6 February – Maryan Dualle Introduction and International Women's Day Conference
- 6 February – Red Cross 2019 Strategy Call w/ Rosemarie Simmons
- 7 February – Lake County Captains Copa Soccer Program Community Outreach assistance
- 8 February – Abercrombie & Fitch - Bilingual Training job Community Outreach
- 11 February – Maria Letechipia. - NextHome Experience - ihomemax team Community Outreach
- 13 February – NHCC Eduardo Arabu 2019 Annual Business Conference planning
- 14 February – 2019 Latino Health Summit 1st Steering Committee
- 14 February – CMA Museum Community Outreach Immigration Program & Documentaries
- 19 February – OCHLA Board Meeting and Retreat
- 19 February – COSI All D & I Communities mtg for new Exhibition outreach feedback
- 26 February – NALEO - 2020 Census Hearings in Columbus Debriefing
- 26 February – FCSO Advisory Council Meeting
- 28 February – Meeting Hector Cortez - Healing Hearts - New Spanish Dpt.
- 28 February – 10th Annual Human Trafficking Awareness Day
- 28 February – Red Cross / LULAC - 2019 HHM Latino Blood drives Steering Committee Conf Call

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3.1	Regional Grassroots engagement	Toledo Collaborative. Notes and Agenda Finalized. Location pinned	Host Meeting	
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3.1	Regional grassroots engagement	Canton/Akron: Joint Meeting scheduled Youngstown preliminary master list of participants done	Complete 2019 Calendar and presentations for both locations. Finalize Master list and 1st mtg set up in Spring 2019	
2.3	Distinguished Hispanic Ohioan Awards	On Feb. Board Retreat new strategy discussed for 2019 DHO	Follow up with Lilly, Chair Santiago & VP Molina	
2.4	Latino Health Summit	Successfully held 1st Conference Call and confirmed LHS with OSU. Steering Committee members and date confirmed.	Working on final Theme, breakout sessions, Plenaries	
2.3	Community Resources & Outreach	Finalized 2019 OLANet Directory. Working on Central Ohio Latino Health & Social Services Directory, Latino Media, Interpreters & Translators, and ESOL Directories. CLOI finished. but waiting on new appointments.	Finalize Directories. Hold on with CLOI until mid April for new agencies and final contact information.	
3.1	Increasing Diversity and Inclusion: Interns Management	Working with 3 interns.	Continue coordinating with 2019 Interns and stations.	✓



Organizations Development Center (ODC)

Lilly Cavanaugh, Acting
Janwin Zeegar-Holman, ODC Coordinator

Summary of Successes

Community Engagement & Leadership Development: The Akron and Canton April meetings are confirmed.

Grant Reporting: A Newsletter outlining grant opportunities was sent to 73 individuals and organizations. The Mental Health Newsletter was also distributed with information for the upcoming Trauma-Informed-Care Summit, as well as updates for relevant community events.

Capacity Building: The Latino Connection met for its first 2019 meeting to discuss priorities, partnerships and prepare its action items for the year. Our Commission continues to support this important network of key Latino organizations. ODC Coordinator also prepared the update of the Bilingual Guide to Government Services (CLOI) with information on changes under the DeWine administration.

Empowering Organizations: The Quarterly meeting for the Hispanic Chambers is scheduled for March.

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2.5	Agenda Latina Final Report	In progress	Complete	✓
2.4	Spanish translation for Canton Police Dept. Flyer	Began translation	Complete and send to Lair Marin for review	
2.4	CLOI Directory Update	Completed first draft of CLOI for board meeting	Complete and confirm changes from new administration	✓

Respectfully submitted.

