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

The highlight of August was the realization of the 2015 Latino Health Summit focused on "Taking Action to Enhance our Health" which included 180 participants and exhibitors. The program offered four conferences, six workshops and a keynote with Dr. Elena Rios, MD, MSPH, President and CEO of the National Hispanic Medical Association. Dr. Rios spoke on the topic of Latino Leadership and its role to improve Hispanic health.

The ODC Center is pleased to announce the receipt of a \$4,000 grant from the Minority Health Commission to update the Round 2: "2016 Continuing the Conversations" Report. In 2008, the Ohio Commission on Minority Health launched the "Local Conversations" Initiative which was funded by the U S Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), Office of Minority Health (OMH). This initiated the strategy of the National Partnership for Action (NPA) to End Health Disparities to "mobilize and connect individuals and organizations across the country to create a Nation free of health disparities with quality health outcomes for all people." As a result, 18 "Local Conversation" reports representing Ohio were issued ensuring that the voice of the Hispanic community, among others was heard, documented and reported. This funding will provide an opportunity to give a five year update on health disparity community plans in each of the 18 communities across the state of Ohio. The 2016 report will revisit and update the findings from 2011 and our commission is pleased to be engaged in this work.

In the area of capacity development, we continue our work with the Latino Business League from Canton as they prepare for the first community wide outreach day. Additionally, the Latino Connection (representing Adelante Inc., El Centro, the Spanish American Committee, Su Casa, the Ohio Hispanic Coalition and OCCHA) met to continue its work on grant opportunities, development and collaboration. Our workforce development team is working with the Ohio Hispanic Chambers of Commerce to organize their quarterly meeting which will take place in Columbus. The specific goals for this meeting include work on the strategic vision, mission and objectives for the group and a review of the economic legislative agenda.



We are also pleased to report our participation in the MBE event held at the Ohio Statehouse to announce the progress made on the Minority Business Enterprise program. The Spanish outreach materials produced by MBE (we collaborated on this effort), are now available and being distributed widely across the state.

Our work on the interagency council led by Andrea Lewis continues with a focus on the production of the Cultural Competence Webinar. We are looking forward to the opportunity to use technology to reach state agencies with this program; our first pilot webinar will be hosted through the ODJFS hopefully during Hispanic Heritage Month.

Director Cavanaugh and PPC Officer Lewis continue to meet on a regular basis with Senators and Representatives to open channels of communication and convey critical information about the Hispanic communities and programs of the Commission. During August, Director Cavanaugh attended five meetings with Legislators including the House Speaker Rosenberger and Minority Leader Strahorn.

Finally, we have started preparations for the Hispanic Heritage Month, the Distinguished Hispanic Ohioan Awards and Emergency Preparedness Campaigns through our Latino Community Network, as well as having initiated work with the planning committee for the 2016 Latino Education Summit.

Meetings Attended by Executive Director

- 04 Aug—OSU First Year Experience (Columbus)
- 07 Aug—Vacation
- 10 Aug—Speaker Cliff Rosenberger
- 10 Aug—Lydia Alejandro, (Fremont)
- 11 Aug—Al Carranza, Latino Business League
- 13 Aug—Latino Connection (Adelante, El Barrio, & others)
- 13 Aug—Rep. Barbara Sears
- 13 Aug—Latina Mentoring Academy Executive Panel
- 14 Aug—Latino Health Summit
- 17 Aug—Senator Bill Colley
- 18 Aug—Senator Bill Beagle
- 18 Aug—Linda Robertson, Kent State University
- 20 Aug—Maria Sanchez, OSU
- 20 Aug—Minority Leader Fred Strahorn
- 20 Aug—MBE Event, Statehouse
- 24 Aug—Linda Yoakum, Constituent
- 25 Aug—OCHLA Board Meeting
- 27 Aug—Board & Commissions Mgmt. Group



Public Policy Center (PPC) Report

Andrea M. Lewis, Public Policy Officer

During the month of August, efforts were focused on creating a Cultural Competence webinar for ODJFS. Devising ways to address grant funding disparities was a topic of importance as well.

• Advise

Interagency Council

This month I continued work on the webinar that will be made available to all employees of the Ohio Department of Jobs and family services. With the assistance of an intern, I created a PowerPoint presentation on the topic of Latinos in Ohio. The kinetic typography and personal interviews are being put together by a contractor, and will be played at the beginning of our presentation. Executive Director Cavanaugh and I will be facilitating the webinar. We continue to make edits with our contractor as necessary. We plan to do a live Q & A after the presentation with JFS employees. We expect the final project should be ready within a month.

Educational Rights of ELLs and Undocumented Children

In August I continued working to provide Professional Development workshops to teachers on the topic of undocumented children and ELLs. I have identified and spoken with three individuals who are willing to present, and have also been in contact with the Central Ohio ESC. We plan to conference to discuss a potential agenda and topics during the presentation.

I also contacted various state Departments of Education to learn of the services they offer to promote communication between parents and teachers. I contacted the following Departments of Education: Texas, Massachusetts, California, Illinois, Florida, Indiana, Michigan, Colorado, Arizona. Of the states that responded, many said their local districts offered language lines to promote communication, which may be funded in part by Title III money. I researched language line usage across the country and am looking into the state of Ohio's contract with Language Link to provide interpreter services.

I had an ongoing constituent case this month regarding an ELL student who has received high grades in school, but has not been able to pass the OGT's. The student's father was inquiring as to possible diploma alternatives for his son. I spoke with various employees in the Dept. of Education who walked me through the process of obtaining a GED, or entering the Adult Diploma Program or the 22+ Credit Recovery Program. I discussed the options with the father, and discussed how to enroll, other requirements, costs, etc.

Legislative Relations:

- Coordinated with Gillie Recreation Center and set date for Latino Town Hall with Rep. Kevin Boyce
- Coordinated meeting for Latino Business League of Canton with Senator Scott Oelslager and Representative Steve Slesnick
- Meet and Greet with Senator Kenny Yuko
- Meet and Greet with Speaker Rosenberger's office



- Meet and Greet with Senator Sandra Williams
- Meet and Greet with Senator Bill Coley
- Meet and Greet with Senator Bill Beagle
- Meet and Greet with Representative Michael Stinziano
- Meeting with Representative Sears
- Invited Rep. Greta Johnson to an HOLA meeting in Akron
- Invited Sen. Kenny Yuko to an HOLA meeting in Painesville
- Drafted and sent a Community Update to ListServ of 400+ members on the topic of human trafficking using information obtained during recent Human Trafficking trainings.

• Build

Addressing Grant Disparities

I've been working with Representative Barbara Sears and a number of Latino organizations to address the barriers organizations experience when applying for grants. The organizations devised a document that outlines problems and solutions to addressing grant funding disparities. We held a meeting this month with Rep. Sears and focused on the need for partnership with larger organizations who receive grant funding, Latino representation on important boards, and data collection to include ethnicity in addition to race. We also discussed the need to build the capacity of smaller organizations who do not yet have the money or infrastructure to be able to apply for grants. The Commission on Minority Health joined us on this meeting. Rep. Sears asked that we work with the Commission on Minority Health and other state grantors to explore possible scenarios that could simplify the grant funding process. She also recommended that we meet with Rep. Duffey to discuss the possibility of state government contracting with Latino agencies for case management issues. OCHLA has reached out to Rep. Duffey and the Commission on Minority Health for further collaboration efforts.

During the Latino Connection meeting this month I provided writing assistance for a grant letter of intent, and helped devise a mission statement for the cohort.

HOLA Civic Engagement Efforts

After meeting with the HOLA organization in Painesville, I offered our services to provide materials to promote civic engagement. I spoke with ODJFS, the Attorney General's office and the Secretary of State's office and was able to obtain a number of Spanish publications such as farmworker publications, scam/fraud information, voter registration instructions and voting rights information. I also received and printed off maps of Ohio's congressional districts, school board districts, Senatorial and House districts, as well as House and Senate schedules. Since OCHLA does not have civic engagement brochures, I created a brochure for OCHLA to publish and distribute. The brochure is now available in English and Spanish, and is available to all who request it. This information and more was sent to the HOLA organization.

• Connect

Constituent Outreach & Services

- Assisted constituent with finding immigration attorneys in NE Ohio.



- Spoke with the PUCO and the Public Housing Agency to assist a constituent with obtaining PIPP and Section 8 housing. I also reached out to the Ohio nursing board regarding the procedure for a certified Puerto Rican nurse to obtain an Ohio license.
- Made changes to the OCHLA website to make it clearer and more intuitive for constituents.
- Coordinated with a constituent regarding topics of discussion for upcoming Town Hall. Together with OCHLA's office manager we created Spanish and English Town Hall flyers to promote the event.

Event Preparation

—Assisted Lair with preparation for the Latino Health Summit by creating certificates, name tags, etc. I also devised a number of behavioral health questions for a panel.

—Worked with Education Summit committee members to devise a theme, possible topics, speakers, partners, etc., for next year's summit. I have been in contact with the University of Toledo, next year's host, and have coordinated a visit that will take place next month.

—Contacted various individuals in an effort to create a DACA student panel and Latina Executive panel for October's Bridge Builders Forum at The Ohio State University.

—Devised outline for the next Latino Community Report

August 2015 Meetings Attended:

- 8/3 - David Young, University of Toledo
- 8/10 - Speaker Cliff Rosenberger's Office
- 8/11 - Senator Sandra Williams
- 8/11 - Ginger Alberto, Florida Department of Education—Conference Call
- 8/13 - Latino Connection Meeting
- 8/13 - Representative Barbara Sears, Latino Connection
- 8/13 - Former Senator Tom Roberts
- 8/14 - Latino Health Summit
- 8/17 - Senator Bill Coley
- 8/18 - Senator Bill Beagle
- 8/18 - Linda Robertson, Kent State University
- 8/19 - Carolina Silva, ODJFS
- 8/20 - Maria Sanchez, The Ohio State University
- 8/20 - Minority Leader Fred Strahorn
- 8/24 - Senator Kenny Yuko
- 8/24 - Dana Weber— Conference Call
- 8/24 - Pablo Nuñez, ODJFS—Conference Call
- 8/26 - Veronica Dahlberg, HOLA—Conference Call
- 8/26 - Representative Michael Stinziano and Josue Vicente, Hispanic Coalition
- 8/31 - Rick Studer, Rotary Club



Latino Community Network (LCN) Report

Lair Marin-Marcum, Community Liaison

During the month of August, our work focused on finalizing plans and executing the 2015 Ohio Latino Health Summit. The Ohio Latino Health Summit successfully took place at OSU “Fawcett Center” with the partnership of LULAC, Molina Health, OSU, Buckeye Health and CareSource. We hosted 180 participants. During the August 25th Board meeting a preliminary report was presented and the final summary will be completed in September.

The LCN is shifting now focus to planning, coordinating and logistics for the Distinguished Hispanic Ohioan Awards Gala (DHO) . In addition, we are also working on finalizing the mid year 2015 OLANet Latino Serving Organizations Directory updates. Additionally, we are working on the 2015 Hispanic Heritage Month Calendar and the September National Preparedness Month campaigns.

Below all highlights of projects and meetings for the LCN that also took place during the month of August 2015.

- **Connect**

- Meeting with Red Cross to start coordinating Latino Blood Drive with Henry Guzman and new Franklin Recruitment District Manager Bonnie Griffin
- Meeting with Tyree Sander of Greater Columbus Empowerment Center. Assisted him with connection and resources in the Latino Community to offer their services on Prevention and Education with their AIDS Resource Center Ohio. Offered table at Latino Health Summit and connected him with several LGBT Latino serving organizations in Ohio.

Connecting the Community: Information and Resources

OUTLET	DESCRIPTION	JULY	AUGUST
Website Calendar	Community Events	52	50
Facebook	Number of “Likes” to date	860	860
Facebook & Twitter	Postings of news, resources, events	230	210
Website (Job Opportunities Page) Facebook & Twitter	Job Openings Promoted	70	58

AUGUST constituent inquiries processed:	32
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Student Intern / Volunteers

At the end of the month of August we went down to 2 Interns volunteers, but we are expecting that in September we can recruit at least 2 new ones.

August 2015 Meetings Attended:

- 03 August – Red Cross - Latino Blood Drive Meeting
- 04 August – Call with John Rawski from Ohio Ethics Commission
- 04 August – Meeting with Tyree Sander of Greater Columbus Empowerment Center
- 05 August – LULAC / OCHLA Update Conference Call on MOU & 2015 Latino Health Summit status
- 06 August – Maria / Pablo Pick up of Posters & Books
- 06 August – Meeting with Buckeye Health Latino Health Summit: Partner Lanyards nametags and add for Program Booklet
- 06 August – Meeting with ODJFS Maria Goser and Pablo Nunez for delivery of Certificate and books for Latino Farm Workers Event
- 08 August – DHO 2015 Update Conference Call with Steering Committee
- 11 August – Latino Health Summit - Conference Call with Dr. Reema Gulati/Presenter for logistics
- 13 August – Latino Health Summit - On-site location set up and material / registration preparation
- 13 August – Latino Health Summit - Hosting Health Summit Keynote Presenter Dr/ Elena Rios
- 13 August – Latino Health Summit - Accompanied Dr. Elena Rios LMA Invitation to Executive Panel
- 14 August – 2015 Latino Health Summit
- 18 August – Talk about DHO 2015 - Miami University Student exhibition
- 18 August – Interview Intern/Volunteer Candidate Jordan Royster
- 18 August – United Way Latino Engagement Committee Meeting
- 19 August – Meeting with United Way 'Sharon Ware Discussion connections in Community
- 19 August – Meeting with Jomar Windsor - Capitol City Staffing Solutions
- 19 August – DHO - On-site visit for Gala Menu Tasting
- 20 August – Red Cross Hispanic Blood Drive Call with Henry Guzman, Josue Vicente and Jesus Ovalle
- 25 August – OCHLA Board Meeting
- 26 August – Northwest Latino Alliance Meeting (Toledo)
- 26 August – Meeting with Commissioner Greg Guzman (Toledo)
- 27 August – OCHLA Presentation at OSU for Spanish Classes and intern volunteer recruitment
- 28 August – Meeting with Maria Goser/ODJFS & Books for Hispanic Health Fair (Fairfield)
- 31 August – Meeting with Rick Studer / Rotary Club to connect with Latino Community



Organizations Development Center (ODC) Report

Georgina Alvarez— ODC Officer

Capacity Building

- Issued the August e-Campaign and initiated research on local grant opportunities to create customized resources for each region.
- Identified and shared with potential applicants grant opportunities that may be of specific interest to organizations.

Grant Opportunities

- Completed 2016 Health Grants applications for the Minority Health Commission.
- Completed paperwork and coordinated Grant MGS 15-03 .
- Followed up and completed documentation on 2016 Local Conversations Grant.
Met with contractor to discuss scope of grant on Local Conversations and strategized on the grant implementation.

Building rapport with Hispanic grassroots and serving organizations

Continued work with the Latino Connection on partnership opportunities and focused priorities on the areas of funding, grant opportunities, partnerships on health and leadership development programming. The Spanish American Committee and Su Casa have joined the group.

Meetings and Events Attended

- August 10 - Visit Fremont to meet with Lydia Alejandro to discuss her possible contract for the Grant MGS 16-22
- August 11 - Participated in the meeting with Alfred Carranza on their Health Fair on September 13 in Canton
- August 11 - Participated to the CINCO Workshop on Social Enterprise at the Columbus Foundation
- August 13 - Participated in the Latino Connection meeting and in the visit with Rep. Sears with this group
- August 14 - Participated in the Latino Health Summit 2015
- Aug 21—Sept 3—Vacation

Respectfully submitted,

