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

Public Policy Center (PPC) Report

Nolan J. Stevens, J.D. - Policy Officer

Advise

LCR – Medical (& Legal) Interpreting

- Interviewed Bruno Romero at the Ohio Supreme Court
- Drafted LCR
- Prepared it for editing and distribution

Federal Engagement

- Emailed Ohio Senator Sherrod Brown and Ohio Congressional delegation regarding support for a Congressional Gold Medal for the Borinqueneers

Legislator Engagement

- Invited and prepared Senators Tavares and Lehner for their participation at the Ohio Latino Education Summit
- Attended HB 130 Hearing with Rep. Teresa Fedor
- Monitored and supported introduction and hearing of Borinqueneer resolutions in Ohio from:
 - Representative Rick Perales (R – Beavercreek) and Assistant Minority Whip Dan Ramos (D – Lorain) in the House of Representatives
 - Senator Gayle Manning (R – North Olmstead) and Assistant Minority Leader Charleta Tavares (D – Columbus) in the Senate
- Met with a constituent and Senator Peggy Lehner to discuss tuition equity legislation



Agency Outreach – Education Summit

- Continued to work with OSU and ODE on planning and implementing the 2014 Education Summit

Connect/ Build

Outreach to Community

- Attended hearings on SCR 31, HB 130 and HB 334
- Updated community and Commissioners on SCR 31 and HB 130
- Worked with intern who will be taking over policy briefs
- Attended event in the community with Lupe Velasquez

Civic Engagement

- Put constituents in touch with key administrators for pursuit of ESL education initiatives
- Put constituents in touch with Senator Lehner regarding college tuition legislation
- Began planning to aid constituent with pursuit of state recognition of Cesar Chavez day

Legislation Monitored

- Attended hearings on SCR 31, HB 130. HB 334
- Continued monitoring other important bills

Education Summit Support

- Planned and lead several conference calls on 2014 Education Summit.
- Coordinated volunteers, presenters, speakers and panelists for 2014 Education Summit
- Continued to polish agenda and confirm attendees

Constituent Inquiries

Handled several constituent inquiries, notably:

- Referred three constituents to attorney list
- Sought answers and provided answer to attorney representing constituent in deportation proceedings
- Sought and provided answers to constituents concerned about a constituent arrested at school
- Sought and provided answers to a business providing immigration services in Ohio

Meetings Attended

2/1/14 – Event with Lupe Velasquez, City of Columbus
2/3/14 – Intern interview: Calla Sneller
2/4/14 – Intern interview: Guadalupe Medina
2/4/14 – Education Summit conference call
2/5/14 – Jessica Ramos, ABLE
2/5/14 – Senator Peggy Lehner re: tuition equity
2/7/14 – Legislative Day conference call



- 2/7/14 – Dr. Rebecca Watts, Julia Simmerer, Lori Lofton at ODE/OBR
- 2/11/14 – Education Summit conference call
- 2/12/14 – Civil Rights Town Hall conference call
- 2/13/14 – USHLI Conference, Chicago
- 2/14/14 – USHLI Conference, Chicago
- 2/15/14 – USHLI Conference, Chicago
- 2/18/14 – Education Summit conference call
- 2/19/14 – Senate Public Safety, Local Government and Veterans Affairs Committee
- 2/19/14 – House Education Committee
- 2/21/14 – Hispanic Legislative Day conference call
- 2/21/14 – Tony Ortiz, Katie Brown re: Cesar Chavez day
- 2/25/14 – Senate Criminal Justice Committee
- 2/25/14 – Education Summit conference call
- 2/28/14 – Tim Carrion & Mike Ferrer, CHIP

Latino Community Network (LCN) Report

Lair Marin-Marcum, Community Liaison

Projects

During February, LCN concentrated efforts on the following projects::

- Finalizing, posting and e-campaigns of OCHLA Resources Lists
- Website Calendar postings
- Facebook postings
- New Organizational Development Officer training
- Constituency
- Volunteers Follow up & Coordinating:

| <u>Name</u> | <u>Staff</u> | <u>Project</u> |
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| Alena Hayden | Lilly | Website, Social Media & Hootsuite |
| Bridget Filarski | Nolan | Policy & LCR's |
| Isabel Gaitan | Lair | OLAnet database, Calendar & Job postings |
| Calla Snyder | Nolan | Policy & research |
| Lupe Medina | Nolan/Lair | Policy & Translations |

Meetings Attended

- 03 February Interview Inter/Volunteer Calla Sneller - OSU Senior
- 04 February 2014 LEON/OCHLA DHO GALA Preliminary Brainstorming & Logistics
- 04 February Interview Intern/Volunteer Guadalupe Medina - OSU Senior
- 04 February Meeting with Welcome Springfield / Director Karl Ruby
- 10 February Black History Month Celebration
- 10 February Meeting with Rachel Lustig/President & CEO, Catholic Social Services
- 11 February Mtg with Rep Lundy & Rep Ramos Lorain county OCHLA Event



- 11 February Westside Community Health Advisory Committee
- 11 February Mtg w/ Carolina Silva new ODJFS Diversity and Inclusion Initiatives
- 12 February Civil Rights Town hall Mtg Call Conf
- 13 February Mtg. w/ Bruno Romero RE: Their New Complaint system and docs
- 13 February IT Conf Call to discuss the Office 365 project with the team
- 14 February Greater Columbus Infant Mortality Task Force Meeting
- 15 February The 2nd Central Ohio Region MRC Volunteer Summit
- 19 February Columbus Dispatch - Diversity Panel
- 24 February Mtg with Danielle Lopez – Contractor New Projects
- 24 February Columbus Metropolitan Library’s (CML) Reading Buddies Kick-Off event
- 26 February Team Meeting & Welcome to Georgina
- 27 February Georgina / Lair Orientation
- 28 February Mtg with Mike Ferrer & Tim Carrion CHIP Conference Brainstorming

Organizations Development Center (ODC) Report

Lilly Cavanaugh-Acting Officer
 Georgina Alvarez— ODC Officer

Improved Service Delivery-

Outreach Strategy: Website and Social Media

- Continued work on new webpage
- Delayed implementation of social media strategy to later part of March

Capacity Building

Grant Management—Minority Health Month Events

- Initiated plan implementation for both workshops. The behavioral health workshop will take place on Friday, April 11th and the Domestic Violence Prevention workshop will be held on April 25th.
- Registration website and marketing campaigns for both workshops were drafted and approved.
- Speakers for both workshops were confirmed.
- Event agenda description was designed and approved.
- Educational and outreach materials for the event have been selected and will be ordered/reproduced.

HEALTH

The Affordable Care Act—Outreach and Information

- Continue working with stakeholders and DHS on the implementation of outreach efforts with a good number of events concentrating on the Lorain, Cleveland area.
- Participated in national and regional calls to plan last push for registration which will run through the end of March.



DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION

Participated in meetings with committee members and staff for the following capacity building events:

- **Civil Rights Summit 2014—April 15, 2014**

Planning for the event is well underway. A webpage has been created for this event: <http://ochla.ohio.gov/OrganizationDevelopmentCenter/CivilRightsTownHall2014.aspx> to host all information on sessions, speakers and to increase visibility for the event

- **Legislative Visit Day 2014—Rescheduled for December 3, 2014**

Due to scheduling conflicts with the Primary and our original date for the legislative visit day, we have rescheduled the event for December. We will seek to host this year's legislative day in cooperation with the Ohio Hispanic Chambers of Commerce. Nolan Stevens will lead this effort with the support of Commissioner Jose Feliciano Jr.

- **Education Summit 2014—**

Final logistics and coordination is underway for the Latino Education Summit at Ohio State University. We are very pleased with the partnerships created to bring this summit to fruition and are looking forward to a high quality and very productive event at the Ohio State University.

- **Latino Health Summit 2014—**

Lair Marin and Commissioner Mike Robinson are finalizing the program for the 2014 Health Summit event and continue to work with their respective committee.

Lair Marin and Lilly Cavanaugh will begin scheduling regional conversation meetings starting in March to provide useful information and feedback that can be integrated to the planning for the Latino Health Summit 2014. These regional meetings are possible through a grant from the Minority Health Commission.

Additionally, Community Liaison Marin and Director Cavanaugh met with State Representatives Lundy and Ramos to discuss the Health conversation in Lorain. Both representatives are interested in supporting our efforts on health outreach and access. They will be working with us to build an audience for our Lorain conversation and will be actively involved in the implementation of this meeting.

Georgina Alvarez, Brief Report

With three days of work in the last week of February, the following items were completed:

- Meet with Mike Ferrer and Tim Carrion from C.H.I.P. to brainstorm about the needs of their next Conference
- Started preparing my Working Plan as Organizations Development Officer
- Read documents of interest
- Learned about the office procedures



Connect

Welcome Springfield.Org

Met with Carl Ruby, CEO for WelcomeSpringfield.org, a non profit seeking to welcome and assimilate new Americans to Clark County to empower them to be productive members of society. The focus of programming centers on five key service areas: education, justice, economic empowerment, health and wellbeing, culture and the arts. The initiative seeks to engage and involve volunteers, advocates and civil leaders, service agencies and the public and private sector to create an environment that welcomes immigrants and helps them transition into the fabric of the communities.

Close the Gap Advisory Board

Director Cavanaugh continued to participate in the Advisory Board of this program which seeks to improve heart health of Latinos and other minorities. The program focuses on three areas: community education, healthcare professional education, and adherence to guidelines in regards to good heart health. We support the community outreach efforts by increasing the awareness of cardiovascular risk factors through community programs, awareness of risk factors and the identification of high risk patients.

Black History Month

Director Cavanaugh participated on the events to commemorate Black History Month. Michael Payton, Executive Director for the Civil Rights Commission and Janet Jackson, President and CEO for United Way of Central Ohio presented keynotes to highlight the importance of this month in our community.

Carolina Silva— ODJFS Diversity and Inclusion Initiatives

Met with Carolina Silva, who will lead the diversity and inclusion initiatives at the ODJFS. She will continue to do some of the outreach work previously conducted by Julia Arbini who retired recently. Community Liaison Marin and Director Cavanaugh provided Ms. Silva with an overview about the commission and also discussed some of the initiatives we have underway where we may be able to collaborate with ODJFS. We also extended an invitation for Carolina to join the Civil Rights Town Hall working committee.

United States Hispanic Leadership Institute—Feb 12-15

Participated in the USHLI annual conference and Leadership Education Summit. Nolan Stevens joined Director Cavanaugh at this important conference. As part of the Leadership Education Summit, we were able to plan possible student leadership series in Ohio. We also had the opportunity to network and meet with directors and board members of other state commissions providing with invaluable opportunity to learn from each other and network.

CHIP Annual Conference—

Held a brainstorming session with Mike Ferrer and Tim Carrion to discuss the program for this year's



CHIP conference. The team provided updated on trends, shared resources and information, as well as committed to presenting in three workshops dealing with civic engagement and legislation, women empowerment, access to community information, resources and services. Lair Marin, Nolan Stevens and Lilly Cavanaugh will be presenting on the conference which will take place on Saturday, April 26, 2014.

Asian & Pacific Islander Advisory Council

Met with Dr. Lu to provide overview of the budget process and give guidance regarding the structure of the Legislative Visit Day. The APIAC will be hosting their legislative day and pursuing a request to become a state commission in the near future; therefore, they are interested in learning as much as possible about our commission and its structure, administration and budget.

Administrative Report

Personnel

- Hired Organizations Development Officer. Georgina Alvarez joined our team at the end of the month.
- Initiated onboarding process
- Issued e-campaign to announce Georgina’s appointment

MBE Training

Director Cavanaugh participated in the MBE required training for all agencies. In this workshop, information and guidelines were received regarding the MBE 15% requirement for 2014-2015, including a walk through on the reporting tools.

Financials

Our budget will be more balanced as we approach the last quarter of the year. With the hiring of the new ODC Officer, and realization of two major community events as well as board meeting and retreat, we will be able to account for some expenses that were not reflected in February.

Ohio Commission on Hispanic/Latino Affairs (SPA)
 FY14 GRF Disbursement Estimates
 Last Update: 3/10/2014

| ALI | Name | Available Appropriation | FEB Estimate | FEB Actual | Dollar Variance | % Variance | YTD Estimate | YTD Actual | YTD \$ Variance |
|--------|--------------------|-------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|------------------|---------------|------------------|------------------|-------------------|
| 148100 | Personal Services | \$ 334,514 | \$23,994 | \$21,080 | \$ (2,914) | -12.1% | \$214,908 | \$188,190 | \$(26,718) |
| 148200 | Maintenance | \$ 6,792 | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | #DIV/0! | \$ 6,792 | \$ 5,902 | \$(890) |
| 148402 | Community Programs | \$ 52,983 | \$ 7,110 | \$ 5,453 | \$ (1,657) | -23.3% | \$ 33,219 | \$ 27,707 | \$(5,513) |
| - | Total | \$ 394,290 | \$31,104 | \$26,532 | \$(4,572) | -14.7% | \$254,920 | \$221,800 | \$(33,120) |



Meetings Attended

Feb 03—Calla Sneller, Potential Intern Interview
Feb 04—Lourdes Barroso, & LEON team
Feb 04—Carl Ruby, WelcomeSpringfield.Org
Feb 04—Guadalupe Medina, Potential Intern Interview
Feb 05—Affordable Care Act, national call
Feb 06—MBE training
Feb 07—Close the Gap Advisory Board Meeting
Feb 10—Black History Month Event, Rhodes Tower
Feb 11—Rep. Lundy & Rep. Ramos. RE: Health Conversations
Feb 11—Carolina Silva, ODJFS
Feb 11—HHS Briefing Call
Feb 12-15—USHLI Annual Conference (Chicago)
Feb 18-20—**Jury Duty (Out of the Office)**
Feb 25—Dr. Lu, APIAC
Feb 26—Georgina Alvarez, Welcome and Onboarding
Feb 28—Mike Ferrer, Tim Carrion, CHIP

Respectfully submitted,

