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# DIRECTORS' REPORT

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## JANUARY 2010

To the Honorable Director and members of the Ohio Commission on Hispanic/Latino Affairs

### Public Policy Center (PPC)

Public Policy Center (PPC) Program Director Florentina Staigers was out of the office from January 1<sup>st</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup>.

### Policy Research and Information

#### General Assembly

#### SR 133

On January 20, 2010 Senator Teresa Fedor (D-Toledo) gave sponsor testimony regarding SR 133, a resolution to bring awareness to the issue of human trafficking, noting that "human trafficking is a very serious problem, which affects all countries, all races, all religions, all ages and sexes."

### Increase Channels of Communication

#### Ohio State Legal Services Association

PPC Director Staigers gave a presentation to the Ohio State Legal Services Association regarding legislation that will address human trafficking on January 28, 2010.

#### Latino Action Circle

PPC Director Staigers met with a team of Action Circle members to discuss the possibility of using blogspot as a website for the Action Circle. Since blogspot is a free service it was agreed that this would be a good place to start in order to encourage the exchange of information



among Latino community members and advocates. Future meetings will address in more detail the use of the website.

## Latino Community Network (LCN) Report

### Strategic Initiatives



A meeting with the Hispanic Chamber of Columbus and Ohio Business Connection has been scheduled for next month to review the status of project OPEN and issuance of a written progress report.

### Ohio Emerging Diversity



#### Census 2010

The Census 2010 Road Tour was successfully launched on January 11, 2010. Director Cavanaugh participated in the ceremony held at the Statehouse and later on the same day, delivered a message to the Latino and Somali communities during the tour's stop in the city of Columbus. A Spanish resource page has also been created with the assistance of Ohio Latino Affairs to offer timely information and easy to locate resources for our communities. The page can be visited at <http://census.ohio.gov/OhioHardToCountSubCommittee.aspx> (scroll to the bottom of the page). Census bilingual e-campaigns continue to be issued by our office and distributed among all Latino networks across the state.



#### Hispanic Impact Campaign

Su Casa from Cincinnati is the organization featured this month on the homepage for the Hispanic Impact campaign. Complete profile can be seen at <http://ochla.ohio.gov>. Director Cavanaugh will be contacting Ana Quevedo to follow up on the few profiles that still need to be translated into Spanish. Once this information is received, a webpage to host all stories will be activated within our website.

#### Emergency Preparedness



Regular messages to Latino leaders and networks along with updated e-campaigns continue to be shared with the community. Vaccine is now available for all persons. Efforts are now concentrating on ensuring Latinos are informed about unrestricted vaccine availability and encouraging them to visit the clinics to be immunized.





## Ohio Council of Latino Social Service Agencies

Follow up conference call conducted with S. Troche (Toledo), G. Alvarez (Cincinnati) with excused absences from V. Leandry (Lorain) and V. Garcia (Springfield) Discussion regarding a possible next meeting and a plan for regular conference calls was explored.

## Community Outreach (LCN)

### Advise:

#### **Karen Gasper, Ohio Attorney General's Office**

Assisted in promotion of new website in Spanish through all networks and circulated communications among Latino networks on alerts issued by AG's office.

#### **Department of Administrative Services, Minority Business Office**

Director Cavanaugh has been providing advise, information and contacts to Patrice Davies, Outreach Coordinator for the Equal Opportunity Division regarding their planned Minority Business Seminar, to be held in March, 2010.

#### **Governor's office -Women Initiatives**

Actively supporting efforts to increase Latinas' participation in the upcoming Momentum 2010, Ohio Women's Summit (March 8, 2010). A Latina luncheon will be hosted during the summit with Judge Keila Cosme as keynote speaker. To learn more about this event, go to: <http://www.ohiowomen2010.org/>

### Connect:

#### **Latino Informational Video Conference**

This is a collaborative project between Ohio Latino Affairs and ODJFS (Benito Lucio) to connect virtually Latinos across the state, to increase our ability to share information about government services, and discuss issues of importance to the community. The initial meeting projected for January has been moved to provide time for better coordination and planning. The video conferencing services will be hosted at One Stop Locations around the state located in highly Latino populated regions.

Other meetings and events:

- Participated in Human Trafficking Awareness Day (Jan. 11, 2010) at State House
- Panel member for Martin Luther King Day (Jan 19<sup>th</sup>, 2010) Event at Capital University
- Participated at Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission's event with Latino leaders to review and receive feedback regarding ideas for future development of the Region.
- Met with Consul Juan Solana (Mexican Consulate in Indianapolis) to renew relationship, exchange updates on issues of importance for Mexicans in Ohio, and provide contact/ overview of the Latino organizations and networks in Central and SW Ohio.
- Met and provided OCHLA overview to Marcy Valenzuela, newly appointed Regional Director for Central Ohio, and Richard Morales, Investigator, Civil Rights Commission.

### Build:

Our team hosted a group of students from the Ohio State University. The purpose of their visit was to learn more about the role of Ohio Latino Affairs in the community, and to hear about opportunities to



use their Spanish language skills in projects of significance to Latinos. Additionally, Director Cavanaugh met with Patricio Plazolles from Ohio Wesleyan University to explore the possibility of working together towards the formulation of an internship program and collaboration in the future.

## Administrative

### Planning Retreat and Board Meeting

The office staff has been working diligently with Chair Santiago and the Executive Committee to finalize plans for the strategic planning retreat. The event will take place in Columbus on February 20<sup>th</sup>. Charles Hauser will be the facilitator. Information on Charles' credentials has been forwarded to commissioners.

### Annual Reports

Progress continues to be made with this project. Former Director Escudero has delivered reports for 2006, 2007, 2008. Pending is the report for 2009.

### Ethics Training

A special Ethics training class has been organized to take place on Friday, Feb 19<sup>th</sup> from 10:00-12:00. The class has been opened to other boards and commissions who may need to meet this requirement. Commissioners have been informed and are encouraged to attend.

### Audit Report

Report has been submitted to commissioners for review and commentary. The office has started implementing actions recommended on the report. More details to follow in February's monthly report.

### Office Transition

Director Cavanaugh continues working on the transition plan. Meetings with DAS support team and Governor's office key personnel are underway. Weekly telephone calls are held with Chair Santiago to maintain good communication regarding the transition.

### Directors' Calendar:

Jan 1- Jan 21—Vacation (Staigers)

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Cavanaugh Calendar:

Jan 11 – Human Trafficking Event, Statehouse

Jan 11- Census 2010 Road Tour, Columbus

Jan 12 – Debbie Holmes, WOSU

Jan 14 – Patrice Davies, DAS Minority Office

Jan 18 – Capital University, MLK Day

Jan 19 – Hollie D., Women Initiatives, Off. of Governor

Jan 20 – Marcy Valenzuela, Ohio Civil Rights Commission

Jan 20 – April Raffay, Dept of Development, Census 2010

Jan 20 – MidOhio Regional Planning

Jan 21 – John Cunningham, DAS

Jan 22- Diana Rugeiro, OSU

Jan 25 – Patricio Plazolles – Ohio Wesleyan University

Jan 25 – Council Juan Solana, Mexican Consulate (Ind)

Jan 2 - Joy Estoise - DAS

