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

Our team is enthusiastic to begin programming for our 2015 calendar year. A good portion of this month's activity centered around the preparation of our annual report and the issuance of our updated key directories: the OLANet directory (which includes Latino serving organizations,) and the CLOI (Catalogue of Latino Outreach Initiatives) which details all bilingual services and key resources for Hispanics in 26 state agencies.

With the onset of January we are also immersed in the implementation of two minority health grants; the first one is focused on minority health month and the second grant will concentrate on language access and cultural competence. This second grant includes a critical research component to help us better understand how Latinos are accessing interpreting services in hospital and health service settings, what are the systems that facilitate the access and barriers that impact effective access to services. Natasha Curtis will be working with Georgina Alvarez in this important research and will be connecting with language access experts and advocates across Ohio to capture important information on accessibility and service delivery.

We are also gearing up for our first community leadership event partnership for 2015 with Amanecer, a Latino grassroots organization in Columbus. Together, we will be conducting a Latina women leadership and empowerment conference on March 28th. The target audience for this event will be Latinas from across the state. The conference focus on two main areas: women's empowerment, leadership development and access to tools, services and information. It is expected that this conference will bring to Columbus at least 250 women participants. Additionally, our Education Committee has been working diligently to build the audience for the March 6th summit and finalize all logistical details. The "Best Practices" selection has been completed and we are happy to report that 13 different topics will be presented during the summit.

The commission is also working to maintain the community well informed regarding the President's announcement on Administrative Relief (DACA/DAPA). We have issued alerts and e-campaigns to inform the community about the Administrative Relief scope and provided gen-



eral information in an attempt to avoid people falling victims of scams. Furthermore, we are actively participating with the City of Columbus Taskforce which includes community stakeholders to share information and work together to ensure that people do not fall prey to scams. Our Commission is also working closely with the Attorney General's Office to promote information regarding "Scams Prevention" and the services offered by the AG's office through their consumer protection bilingual services.

Finally, our commission was fully immersed in the national campaign for the Affordable Care Act Enrollment Campaign. This is an important "last push" to ensure that as many Latinos as possible have the resources available to make informed decisions regarding health coverage. As part of our work, we promoted webinars that covered special audiences such people with disabilities, those requiring behavioral health services, small businesses, young adults, and LGBT communities.

From the administrative front, we are working on the preparation of required end of year reporting, budget preparation and MBE/EDGE planning for 2015. We are also expecting a decision from the Governor's office in regards to our last set of candidates for consideration to fill the Public Policy Center Officer position. We hope to have a reply on this request by early February.

Meetings Attended by Executive Director

07 Jan—Chelsea Faulkner, Secretary of State's office
12 Jan—Human Trafficking Committee Meeting
14 Jan—El Barrio Visit (Cleveland)
15 Jan—Human Trafficking Awareness Day (Columbus)
15 Jan—Administrative Relief Taskforce Meeting (City of Columbus)
16 Jan—Santa Maria Community Services (Cincinnati)
16 Jan—Women Leaders, Cincinnati Islamic Center
20 Jan—Marisol Fernandez, Amanecer
20 Jan—Natasha Curits, Language Access Project (Conf. Call)
21 Jan—Carla Coolman and Nikki Fleming - U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission
22 Jan—Latino Education Summit Steering Committee (Conf. Call)
22 Jan—Francisco Gomez-Bellenge, OSU
23 Jan—Lynn Stevens, Governor's Office
23 Jan—Marisol Fernandez, Amanecer
26 Jan—Human Trafficking Commission Meeting
27 Jan—Marisol Fernandez, Amanecer
27 Jan—Cincinnati Greater Coalition Meeting (Cincinnati)
29 Jan—Tracy Najera, OSU
29 Jan—Daniel Stemen (Intern Candidate)
29 Jan—Eric Fisher (Rep. Ramos Aide)
29 Jan—Boards and Commissions Administrative Meeting
30 Jan—Allen Proctor, CincOhio
31 Jan—Faith Leaders Conference (Columbus)



Public Policy Center (PPC) Report

(Activity is limited due to vacant position)

Lilly Cavanaugh, Acting

Legislative Visit Day

Finalized report on 2014 Legislative Day and extended thank you notes to partners, key players on the event.

Followed up with the Ohio Hispanic Chambers of Commerce regarding event outcome and results from meeting with government officials. The Chambers have agreed to host a quarterly meeting in Columbus early in 2015 to work on their legislative agenda.

Ohio Latino Education Summit

We continue to make good progress on the planning for the Education Summit.

- The committee has selected best practices to be featured at Summit
- All presenters for best practices have been contacted and informed
- Marketing is fully underway to promote event, keynotes, best practices
- Press release issued and distributed among Latino and mainstream media
- All logistic components of the event are well underway.
- VIP's and event co-chairs have been confirmed
- Invitations have been sent to all legislators above US 30 to inform them about the summit and extend an invitation to the event. So far, six legislators have confirmed attendance.

Latino Community Network (LCN) Report

Lair Marin-Marcum, Community Liaison

The highlights for January include the preparation of the 2014 Annual Report, updating the OLANet Latino Serving Organization, the Catalogue of Latino Outreach Initiatives "CLOI" and the resources lists. In addition, we have initiated steps to prepare for the 2015 Latino Health Summit with Nationwide Children's, 2015 DHO 35th Anniversary, with LEON, Hispanic Legislative Day and continuous support for Minority Health Training workshops. We also focused on recruiting three new intern/volunteers.

Advise

- Began working with U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission/Carla Coolman and Nikki Fleming on a potential outreach campaign in Ohio.

Connect

- Meeting with Chelsea Faulkner from Secretary of State Office to discuss how our agencies can start working and collaborating together to increase educational opportunities, outreach and services to the Hispanic community. As a result of the meeting, we provided a list of contacts, resources and made ourselves available to work with the Secretary of State's office to plan an outreach campaign for Latinos in 2015.



- Meeting with Ohio Secretary of State Office, Minority Outreach Director Monique Cox-Moore. To discuss more in detail partnership and collaborations throughout the year on OCHLA events. We provided a general overview and recommendations on how to reach the Hispanic community with resources, trainings and flyers.

- ***Build***

2015 Latino Health Summit

- Confirmation of Venue at Nationwide Children's. On site visit & follow up with Nationwide Children's Director of Health Equity LeVone Caldwell and Dr. Jane Coleman. We have begun the coordination of planning committee to start in March to discuss pinning down details on topics and workshops sessions.

Metro Health Conference on Domestic Violence "Building Healthy Families creates strong communities"

- Metro Health in Cleveland is planning a Conference on Domestic Violence "Building Healthy Families creates strong communities" for the community and health providers to the Hispanic Community on Saturday, April 11, 2015 as part of the Minority Health Month. This Conference will have workshop sessions and a health fair with many exhibitors. Lair Marin, Community Liaison has been asked to support as part of one of their planning committee members to advice and supply recommendations. They are expecting a participation of over 250 people.
- Working with Amanecer on recommendations for their April 2015 Women's Conference. OCHLA will partner with Amanecer to conduct the afternoon workshops on government services. As part of our responsibilities, Community Liaison Marin will connect and secure session speakers, provide advice on logistics, and support the overall organization of the event.

Connecting the Community: Information and Resources

- OCHLA Website Events Calendar: January Website Event Postings: 86
- Connecting through Social Media: Facebook Postings: 141 Facebook Likes: 703
- Job Opportunities Promoted in January: 14 Job Postings

Constituent Services

During the month of January we had a higher number of constituency calls that the month of December.

⇒ Month of January: 22 Constituent Requests

Student Intern / Volunteers

During the month of January we took on 3 new intern volunteers. In February, we will a total of 5 intern volunteers.



January 2015 Meetings Attended:

- 06 January – Planning Committee for Cleveland Conference on Domestic Violence “Building Healthy Families creates strong communities”
- 07 January – Chelsea Faulkner from Secretary of State
- 09 January – Rosy Rivera (Columbus Women’s Conference)
- 12 January – Marisol Fernandez (Columbus Women’s Conference)
- 14 January – Monique Cox-Moore, Ohio Secretary of State
- 16 January – Visit to Santa Maria Community Services’ International Welcome Center at Roberts Academy/ Luz Elena Schemmel
- 16 January – H.A Musser (CEO), Santa Maria Community Services, Cincinnati
- 16 January – Islamic Center of Greater Cincinnati -
- 20 January – Marisol Hernández / Women’s Conference in April 2015
- 20 January – Dimaris Medina (DHO Planning)
- 20 January – Presentation at OSU Spanish Department Classes—Recruiting of Intern/Volunteers
- 21 January – Call with U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission/Carla Coolman and Nikki Fleming
- 23 January – Interview with Tim Burgener for possible Intern/Volunteer Opportunity

Organizations Development Center (ODC) Report

Georgina Alvarez— ODC Officer

NOTE:

ODC officer was out of the office the first two weeks of the month on vacation, hence reduced activity reported.

Capacity Building

The grants e-campaign was prepared and sent the fourth week of January.

Ohio Minority Health Commission Grants

Grant #1: “Empower yourself, improve your health” (Minority Health Month)

These series of workshops are targeted to community and faith leaders; the events will be hosted in major cities around Ohio and will cover the following topics:

- The importance of Community and Faith-based Leaders in reaching Hispanics and helping them meet their healthcare access needs
- Do what Works: Best Practices and Programs to address most common diseases impacting Latinos (diabetes, hypertension, obesity, pregnancy and reproductive health) – What is working for Hispanic Ohioans and what lessons have we have learned?
- Learning to be a smart patient: Understanding and knowing patients rights and responsibilities and how the American Health Care system works



Grant #2: Cultural Competence in Health Care

The second grant has two main objectives, to identify the status of language access in health care across Ohio by connecting with service providers, advocates and leaders and to increase cultural competence aspects that impact accessibility and quality of service for Hispanic Ohioans.

The audience for this grant is divided into two groups: those coordinating interpreting services for Latinos in hospitals and health service institutions, and community health workers, leaders, faith leaders.

When appropriate, the plan is to conduct the educational/training portion of this grant parallel to the minority health month event as we will be targeting the same audience. For the meetings with interpreting service coordinators and providers, separate meetings will be held as required.

Following is a list of host cities, type of event and date for the different trainings that will take place:

CITY	TYPE OF WORKSHOP/GRANT	SITE OF THE WORKSHOP	DATE
Columbus	Whole day workshop in a mix of both grants MHM 05-15 and MGS 03-15	Mt. Carmen West in alliance with the organization Amanecer Columbus	April 29
Cincinnati	Whole day workshop in a mix of both grants MHM 05-15 and MSP 03-15	Su Casa	April 17
Cleveland	Half day workshop to accomplish grant MHM 05-15	Nueva Luz Urban Resource Center	April 10
Toledo	Half day workshop in how to navigate the Ohio Health System to accomplish grant MGS-03-15	Adelante	April 24
Lorain	Half day workshop in how to navigate the Ohio Health System to accomplish grant MGS-03-15	El Centro de Servicios Sociales	April 9
Dayton	Half day workshop in how to navigate the Ohio Health System to accomplish grant MGS-03-15	El Puente	March 28

Building rapport with Hispanic grassroots and serving organizations

Follow up contact has been made with the following groups:

Adelante Inc., Toledo

To review the status of a site visit to Cleveland (El Barrio) to see the workforce development program and continue conversation with the board regarding possibilities to engage in collaboration.

Amanecer, Columbus

To assess progress made on planning for the Women’s Conference and review status of board and governance meeting to be scheduled for early February.



Meetings and Events Attended

January 20 – Conference call with Natasha Curtis

January 20 – Meeting with Amanecer (Marisol Fernandez and Nora Montalvo) in our office

January 27 – Conference call with Amanecer

January 27 – Trip to Cincinnati to participate in the Greater Cincinnati Latino Coalition Meeting

Respectfully submitted,

