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# JANUARY 2016

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

We are looking forward to an exciting year in 2016. The first part of the year will focus on the work underway to line up the Latino Education Summit to take place in Toledo during March, our Legislative Visit Day in May, the first Ohio Medical Interpreters Conference in June, and collaborative efforts to increase voter registration and show up to the polls.

The Commission's 2015 Annual Report has been completed and shared with our board and the public in compliance with our mandates. During this month, the team has been reviewing work plans and preparing for project activity in 2016.

### Meetings Attended by Executive Director

- 05 Jan — Natasha Curtis, Interpretation Conference
- 06 Jan — Katherine Nickey, OBM Budget Analyst
- 08 Jan — Charles Hauser, Board Retreat Planning
- 21 Jan — Boards and Commissions Management Meeting
- 22 Jan — Sarah Bollig Dorn (HHS, AHC Model)
- 22 Jan — Wilter Perez (Canton)
- 25 Jan — Darrel Gibson, Mt. Vernon School System
- 25 Jan — Human Trafficking Commission Meeting
- 26 Jan — Natasha Curtis, Interpretation Conference
- 27 Jan — Latino Health Collaborative, Mount Carmel
- 27 Jan — Jamoya Cox, Ohio MHAS
- 27 Jan — Kacy Bullard, Governor's Office
- 29 Jan — Judy Williams, Action for Children
- 29 Jan — Ezra Escudero LIBRE Institute



## Public Policy Center (PPC) Report

Andrea Lewis, Public Policy Officer

### Annual Report

Assisted with final edits to the annual report. The 2015 Annual Report has been sent to 200 recipients including members of Ohio's General Assembly, the Governor's office, OCHLA's commissioners and other key stakeholders. Additionally, I created an e-campaign with links to the online version of our report, which was sent to our ListServ of over 400 individuals.

### Latino Education Summit

Work has steadily continued on preparing for next year's Latino Education Summit. The education committee held two meetings this month to discuss logistics, award nominees, budget, etc. I coordinated with the award nominees to receive their bios and professional pictures and have combined all this information into a single document for the committee's review. The committee chose an award winner at our last meeting, which will be announced at the event on March 11. During the event, we will also be recognizing three Ohio programs that were recognized as one of 150 National Commitments to Action by the White House Initiative on Educational Excellence for Hispanics. I have contacted all three organizations (LASER, Esperanza, Inc., Springfield City Schools) to thank them for the critical work they are doing in our community and to ask for their presence at the summit, as we would like to formally recognize them for this outstanding achievement. Representatives from all 3 organizations have said they will all be able to attend the summit. Additionally, I created a final *Request For Proposals* e-campaign that was sent to our ListServ of over 400 individuals. I also contacted a number of individuals to formally invite their faculty and staff to attend the summit, and to encourage them to consider submitting a best practice. We received 21 proposals for the education summit, covering an array of topics as it relates to Latino education. I have combined all proposals into a single document for the committee to review, and have created a rubric that we will use to ensure a fair scoring process. The committee will vote on proposal winners next month.

### New American Summit

We have continued work with the New American Summit Committee and Representative Kevin Boyce to plan an all day summit that focuses on addressing the needs of Ohio's New American community. During this month's meeting, we were able to discuss our policy ideas with Rep. Kevin Boyce. We were also able to discuss important logistics and devise an agenda for the event. Next month we will meet to discuss more logistics and brainstorm more policy ideas. I have contacted individuals from the Department of Public Safety and have invited them to our next policy meeting so that we may discuss issues that our constituencies are dealing with as it relates to obtaining ID's/ driver's licenses through Ohio BMVs.

### MBE Certification for Non-Profits

This month I received a bill draft from Rep. Sears' office that would allow non-profit entities to become MBE certified. After analyzing the bill, I sent my comments back to her office and have notified



the office that we are willing to get advocacy efforts underway, should she choose to introduce the legislation. More meetings with interested parties are likely to take place before further action is taken. We have approached Rep. Perales about being a joint sponsor on the bill, and I have sent him a document which outlines the importance of this initiative.

### Cesar Chavez Day Initiative

Senator Tavares' office provided OCHLA with language for a bill that would recognize Cesar Chavez Day in Ohio. OCHLA has signed-off on the bill language and is in the process of coordinating with Senator Tavares' office to drop the bill.

### Mosaic Program Meeting with Latino High School Students

I had the opportunity to speak with a group of Latino Central Ohio high school students this month to discuss the impacts of the Latino community in Ohio. The students are part of a program called Mosaic, which implements a project-based, integrated humanities curriculum in order to challenge students to become analytic thinkers, effective communicators, successful collaborators and responsible citizens. I was able to speak with the students regarding the history of Latinos in Ohio, reasons for Latino population increase, important Latino community leaders and other various topics. The students had many questions, and we were able to foster meaningful dialogue during our time together.

### Legislative Update

During January I tracked new legislation introduced by the Ohio House and Ohio Senate, and drafted a legislative update that was sent to our ListServ of 400+ individuals. The legislative update featured summaries and status updates of HB 394, SB 158, HB 359 and HB 380. Included with the update were relevant news articles and a list of upcoming events.

### Professional Development Workshop

The presenters and I met via teleconference one final time to discuss final details for the workshop. Presenters shared their PowerPoint and received feedback from other members of the group. We combined all presentations into one PowerPoint, and sent it to the Central Ohio ESC. The workshop was held on Thursday, January 28th and approximately 66 individuals attended the full-day event. The workshop was well-received and meaningful dialogue was fostered during this time. The workshop was taped by the Central Ohio ESC, and I will be working with the producers to edit the workshop into smaller segments for viewing. Once editing is finished, I will post these videos online for other teachers to view and will present the videos to other school districts so that they may add the videos to their TeacherSoft system.

### Meetings Attended

1/10—Rep. Boyce and New American Summit Committee  
1/13— Latino Education Summit Meeting  
1/21— Mosaic Group  
1/21— Professional Development Workshop Teleconference  
1/21— Wilter Perez, Teleconference  
1/25— Commissioner Dan Molina, Teleconference



- 1/25- AG DeWine’s Human Trafficking Commission
- 1/27- Education Summit Meeting
- 1/28- Professional Development Workshop at Central Ohio ESC
- 1/29- Judy Williams, Action for Children

## Latino Community Network (LCN) Report

Lair Marin-Marcum, Community Liaison

During January, resource lists were updated and uploaded to the website, including: The Catalogue of Latino Outreach Initiatives, ESOL Catalogue, Ohio Latino Media List, Attorney’s list and Interpreters & Translators list.

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

- **Connect**

- Call with Centro Guadalupe Program Dir. Ramona Reyes to assist in connecting her with OCHLA legal services list for a new legal advise day they would like to offer.

- **Build**

- Call with Comm. Molina on Regional Hispanic-Latino 'Pods or Collaboratives Project

- **Advise**

- Meeting with Ohio BWC for advise & brainstorming on their outreach to Latino community for the Columbus March OSHA10 Classes. Also shared more resources and contacts as well for their successful recruitment.

### Summary Connecting the Community: Information and Resources

OUTLET	DESCRIPTION	DECEMBER	JANUARY
Website Calendar	Community Events	30	25
Facebook	Number of “Likes” to date	1,049	1,063
Facebook & Twitter	Postings of news, resources, events	127	204
Website (Job Opportunities Page) Facebook & Twitter	Job Openings Promoted	62	128

January constituent inquiries processed:	35
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## Student Intern / Volunteers

In the month of January were down to only 2 Interns volunteers. We will start recruiting in January with the new OSU semester start. On a positive note, had two interviews for 2016 summer intern/ volunteers Amy Lucé and Rachel Mack during this month and both are confirmed too start in May and June 2016.

## Meetings Attended:

5 January – Meeting with new immigration lawyer in Columbus. Lilly Vasquez  
5 January – Conference Call Ohio Language Access in Healthcare Conference Steering Committee  
7 January – Conference Call with Centro Guadalupe / Ramona Reyes— Legal Services and Programs  
14 January – Meeting with Ohio BWC on outreach to Latino community for OSHA10 Classes.  
18 January – Call with Comm. Molina on Regional Hispanic-Latino 'Pods or Collaboratives Project.  
27 January – Mount Carmel West Community Latino/Hispanic Collaborative Meeting  
29 January – Meeting with Action for Children Program Managers / OCHLA Staff

## **Organizations Development Center (ODC) Report**

Georgina Alvarez— ODC Officer

### E- Campaigns

- The ENLACES Spanish tools and resources was distributed among our List Serve recipients.

### Hispanic Chambers of Commerce Quarterly Meeting

Work is underway to plan the quarterly meeting, schedule speakers and coordinate logistics for the February scheduled meeting. The Chambers will continue to work on their 2016 legislative priorities and action plan.

### Latino Connection Group

We are coordinating the agenda for February's meeting and will continue to work to finalize the process for the Vista Volunteers Program that we are attempting to secure for 2016. Additionally, we will be working on seeking grant and other funding opportunities for the Latino Connection Group in 2016.

### Agenda Latina and Strategic Action Plan

We are in the process of reviewing and including feedback from Agenda Latina on the 2016 Strategic Action Plan for the Organizations Development Center. We are also connecting with organizations that have been coached in 2015 to assess their needs in the new year.

Respectfully submitted,

