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

Our team is preparing for the featured events of the first quarter in 2018, including the World Café in March (precursor to the Latino Education Summit) and the Latino Legislative Visit Day in April. Community Liaison Lair Marin and Director Cavanaugh are working with leaders to bring together the first Canton/Akron Latino Networking Group which we hope will meet towards the end of the first quarter.

We are delighted to welcome back Caroline Filbrun to our team. She will be conducting her practicum experience at the commission as part of the requirements leading to a degree from the College of Social Work at OSU. Caroline will be working with PPC Officer Andrea Lewis on different projects related to the Public Policy Center.

Director Cavanaugh and PPC Officer Andrea Lewis participated in the first Human Trafficking Taskforce meeting of the year and received a briefing by AG DeWine on the work of the Taskforce and the [Human Trafficking 2017 Annual Report](#). The Commission played a key role in the [9th Human Trafficking Awareness Day](#), hosted at the Statehouse on January 11th by helping organize the Labor Trafficking Panel which included representatives from ABLE and special agents from the FBI.

Meetings Attended

Jan 04-Jan 19—Out of office (Vacation)
Jan 22— Latino World Café planning mtg., OSU
Jan 23— State Representative Stephanie Howse, Meet and Greet
Jan 29— Human Trafficking Commission meeting
Jan 30— Matt MacLaren, Ohio Department of Tourism



Public Policy Center (PPC) Report

Andrea Lewis, Public Policy Officer

Summary of Successes

Pipeline to Trades— Met with Trade Unions to discuss the pilot project and updated the budget.

Latino Community Report—Initiated research on the next LCR.

ODMHAS White Paper - Met with ODMHAS to develop outline for joint white paper

Latino Education Summit, World Cafe—Met with OSU and ODHE to finalize logistics and questions for World Café.

ODE Fairness and Sensitivity Data Review - Recruited 3 potential members for committee.

Trauma Informed Care Conference - Worked to secure panelists for conference. Worked with Latino social service agency to submit proposal for conference.

SB 115 Amendments - Reviewed sub bill and met with Columbus Chamber to discuss strategy for requesting further amendments to the bill.

Status Report on Major Projects

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Strategic Reference	Priority	Accomplishments	Next Steps	Status
2.2/1.1/2.5	Pipelines to Trades	Met with trade unions to discuss pilot project. Updated budget	Confirm partnership with Whitehall and meet with Comm. Boyce	
2.5 / 4.3	Latino Community Report	Finished report and mailed out to legislators and other interested parties		✓
4.3	ODMHAS—White Paper	Met with ODMHAS to develop outline for joint white paper	Research and writing of White Paper	
2.5/3.2	Ohio Latino Education Summit	Met to finalize logistics of OLES World Café on March 9. Worked with team to develop questions for world café and format	Host final meeting before World Café to tie up loose ends	
4.2	Trauma Informed Care Conference	Worked on securing panelists for conference. Worked with Latino agency to submit proposal for conference.		✓
4.2	Legislation	SB 115 Amendments - Reviewed sub bill and met with Columbus Chamber to discuss strategy for requesting further amendments to the bill.	Continue to organize participants and logistics for the event	✓
2.4/3. 2/4.3	Public Engagement	Sent article on LCR Education to Latino media outlets. It has been published in two periodicals.		✓



Meetings Attended:

02 Jan—Edward Recker
03 Jan—Trauma Informed Care
05 Jan—Ohi Carpenters joint Apprenticeship and Training Program
08 Jan—NAAC Executive Committee Meeting
10 Jan—NAAC Meeting
11 Jan—Human Trafficking Conference
16 Jan—Bhuwan Pyakurel
17 Jan—Surendra Adhikari, ODMHAS
18 Jan—Sudarshan Pyakurel
18 Jan—Senator Sherrod Brown's Office
19 Jan—Rachel Weaver, OSU
22 Jan—Yolanda Zepeda and Jessica Mercerhill, OSU, ODE
23 Jan—Representative S. House
25 Jan—Sheet Metal Workers Union
25 Jan—Columbus Hispanic Chamber of Commerce
25 Jan—Nicole Freyre
26 Jan—American Pro Roofers
26 Jan—Carlotta Penn
29 Jan—Human Trafficking commission
30 Jan—Alicia Pagan, Dayton Public Schools

Latino Community Network (LCN) Report

Lair Marin-Marcum, Community Liaison

Summary of Successes:

Latino Collaboratives: Planning is underway for first quarterly Cincinnati and Toledo Collaborative meetings.

Puerto Rico Relief: LCN Marin-Marcum fulfilled a request by Senator Sherrod Brown's office seeking a report on the status of FEMA services accessed by Puerto Rican families relocated to Ohio and their status. Constituent cases have increased in January to 30 as compared to 20 cases for January 2017; obviously the marked increase is due to inquiries regarding Puerto Rican relief.

Resource Directories: Continue updating OCHLA's directories.

Job Opportunities Page Postings Increase: The Job Opportunities Postings has significantly increased and we are up to 100 postings in the month of January—doubling the number of postings from January 2017.

Social Media Visibility: The December Ohio Latino Affairs Facebook likes are up to 1,672. The website views, visits and users have grow by 30% from last year. Postings have to increase by approx. 70% in January under the leadership of AmeriVista Jesse Dotson.

Interns Secured: Caroline Filbrun will be conducting her practicum at the Public Policy Center, assisting PPC Lewis with special projects. We also welcome Nicolette Leon as our intern; she will be updating our directories and supporting the team in various projects.



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3.1	Regional grassroots engagement	LLC Toledo: Notes of Dec mtg. finalized, follow up call and Master Lists done, as well as Taskforce groups assigned.	Pending; commissioner Guzman to make contact with his leads. Send out notes and March mtg. preparation.	
3.1	Regional grassroots engagement	LLC Cincinnati: Dec. 7 notes sent out. Calendar meetings invites and notices sent out. Draft agenda pre made with 3 short presentations.	Review of Draft Agenda and follow up call with for plan for March Meeting.	
3.1	Regional grassroots engagement- Canton/Akron	Initiated contacts. In process of organizing site visits and meetings	Finalize appointments	
2.3	Distinguished Hispanic Ohioan Awards	Pre calls for finalizing numbers and expenses almost done.	One from OSU and final report	
3.1	Increasing Diversity and Inclusion: Interns Management	Date and Recruitment was finalized in January. We recruited 1 OSU Student Nicollete Leon.		✓
2.4	Health Equity	Budget finalized. Final Latino Health Summit Summary Reporting Pending.	Finalizing Summary report	
2.3	Community Resources & Outreach	OCHLA Resources Lists Updating started on OLANET, CLOI & Central Ohio Directory.	Update of ESOL, Latino Media, Churches, Translators/ Interpreters & Attorneys	
2.3	Special Report	Prepared report for Senator Sherrod Brown's Office in regards to Puerto Rican relief efforts		✓



Summary Connecting the Community: Information and Resources

OUTLET	DESCRIPTION	DECEMBER	JANUARY
Facebook	Number of “Likes” to date	1,636	1,672
Facebook & Twitter	Postings of news, resources, events	680	1,040
Job Opportunities Website Page	Job Openings Posted	80	100
Total OCHLA Website Visits on January:		5,379	
– Home Page views:		1,700	
– Job Opportunities Views:		782	
– Website Users:		598	
January Constituent inquiries:		30	

Meetings Attended:

- 2 January – Laura Moese - LULAC WOMEN Conference 2019 - 1st steps Strategy
- 2 January – LLC Toledo Follow up call—Taskforce 3 categories and selecting individuals
- 3 January – Meeting with Laura Adcock-Elder - Ohio Emergency Management Agency / Community Outreach & Resources and sharing of Puerto Rican Evacuees in Ohio Resources .
- 3 January – Monica Cerezuelo / Womens Fund - The Statehouse Day - Assistance with panelists and speakers in Latino Community
- 8 January – HCC Andrew Martinez—Board Secretary / Community Outreach Assistance - Request
- 9 January – MACC Conference Planning Committee Meeting
- 9 January – Nadya de Jesus / Walk in Constituent Assistance with Resources & Outreach
- 12 January – Nicolette Leon OSU Intern/Volunteer Candidate - Staff Interview
- 16 January – MACC / OCHLA Debrief
- 18 January – Conference Call with Sen. Brown's Office on - PR/FEMA Housing
- 19 January – CHASE / OCHLA - Community Outreach for job opportunities
- 22 January – OCHLA Presentation at OSU
- 24 January – Angela Johnson Visitation & Mass
- 30 January – 2018 RED CROSS Latino Blood Drives Advisory Committee - Conference Call
- 31 January – Franklin County Sheriff's Office - Community Police Relations Committee meeting

Organizations Development Center (ODC) Report

Lilly Cavanaugh, Executive Director
 Megan Honaker, AmeriCorps Vista. Capacity Building Specialist

Summary of Successes:

Grant Research— Submitted a grant application for \$5000 from The Raymond John Wean Foundation in the Mahoning/ Trumbull area. The grant, if received, would be used for the Hispanic Legislative Visit Day. A new grant newsletter also was emailed to the subscriber list . The campaign received the most views and clicks for any previous e-newsletter since the launching of this grant service to the community.



Legislative Visit Day— Submitted the grant as described above and will continue to look for funding streams. Also helped Public Policy Officer email and send letters to hopefully secure partnerships.

CLOI Update — Updating the CLOI directory to help the Community Liaison. This involves researching each state agency to see if any departments, contacts, or information has changed and then inputting the new information into the directory. While updating the CLOI, the ODC Coordinator is also creating a new directory that lists all the state agencies and their grant opportunities so they are all in one place for the public to see.

Hispanic Chambers of Commerce— Determining new meeting dates for 2018 and prioritizing goals for each quarterly meeting.

Supporting Latino grassroots organizations—Continued to build rapport and support/assist La Conexion (Bowling Green), Sofia Quintero Arts and Cultural Center (Toledo), Latino Health Initiative, Lydia Alejandro (Fremont) with specific grant needs and projects in an effort to increase these organizations’ capacity building goals.

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4.2	Hispanic Legislative Visit Day	Submitted a grant for funding.	Research more grants or secure partnerships.	
2.2	Pipeline to Trades	Identified some possible grants for the pipeline.	Apply to grants.	
1.1	Directories	Began updating CLOI and created new directory for state agency grants.	Finish updating CLOI and finish new directory	
3.1	Support non-profits/ Hispanic serving organizations and build leadership/engagement	Discussed grant topics with Beatriz Maya. Identified possible grants for SQACC. Set up weekly phone call with Lydia Alejandro to help plan health summit.	Apply for grants for their organizations.	

Meetings Attended (Megan Honaker)

- January 10 - NACC Meeting
- January 11 - Human Trafficking Awareness Day—conference in Statehouse
- January 22 - Latino Education World Café planning session
- January 24 - Panel presentation at Heidelberg University

Respectfully submitted,

