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

July presented our office with a lot of activity as we prepared to host the 2014 Latino Health Summit, in partnership with Mount Carmel, LULAC, Molina Healthcare, the Ohio Commission on Minority Health, the Center for Closing the Health Gap and the City of Columbus. This year's summit will focus on "Building and Preserving Our Health" and will present a dynamic program with keynotes and conferences during the morning and six workshops in the afternoon.

The summit's agenda includes themes selected with feedback from the community through the Latino Regional Conversations (see May & June Report). The outstanding line up of speakers includes, physicians, PhD's, researchers, and high ranking executives from Mount Carmel, UHCAN, Ohio. Toinette Parrilla, Cleveland Health Director and first Latina to occupy such role in the city of Cleveland, will speak about Social and Racial Health Disparities and Dr. Victor Cueto, MD, from the University of Miami Miller School of Medicine, will address the topic of Cultural Competence for Latino and Minority Patient Populations.

The second topic of interest we are monitoring closely is the crisis at the border for unaccompanied minors. Public Policy Officer Stevens will make a presentation on the situation at the August Board Meeting. We are in regular communications with the Human Trafficking Taskforce and the Governor's office on the situation.

The following is a summary of the information shared with commissioners and the public on our Policy Brief on 8/7/14: "The humanitarian crisis involving the unprecedented numbers of unaccompanied minors detained at the border has implications for Ohio, and it's not yet clear how the State will respond. Competing perceptions of the reasons for children arriving in these numbers, and how best the United States can handle the crisis, have left uncertainty across the state and country.

Since October, United States Customs and Border Patrol (CBP) has apprehended more than 57,000 unaccompanied minors at the southern border. The majority of these children come from Central America – particularly Guatemala, Honduras and El Salvador. Congressional democrats and the administration have tied the tide of child migrants primarily on rising violence and endemic poverty in those countries. Conditions certainly are not ideal in Honduras, Guatemala and El Salvador. All three are among the ten countries with the highest



rates of violent crime in the world, and Honduras in fact has the highest murder rate in the world. Economic opportunity is scarce as well - El Salvador leads the three countries in GDP per capita at just \$7,600.

ORR has begun reaching out to municipalities and political subdivisions soliciting proposals for agreements with the federal government to house these kids at government-owned facilities. Many Ohio municipalities – as well as several private entities - have indicated their willingness to help. Cincinnati and Springfield have done so, and Columbus forwarded the request to Franklin County. Most visibly, Dayton mayor Nan Whaley is working with the federal government to house some of these children in Dayton. Congressman Michael Turner, who represents Dayton and is a former mayor, signed a letter to the President alongside several local politicians indicating that Dayton didn't have the resources the bear this burden and that the people in Dayton opposed hosting these children. He also issued a release saying that Mayor Whaley lacked both the resources and the authority to enter into this agreement.

On 8/5/14, [Representative John Adams](#) – Assistant Majority Whip in the Ohio House of Representatives – introduced [House Bill 605](#), which would bar Ohio's municipalities and political subdivisions from working with the federal government to house and care for these children. Those municipalities who do so, under his bill, would be stripped of state funding.

Meetings attended by the Executive Director July

07 July—Close the Gap Advisory Board
Jul 21-25—On Vacation



Public Policy Center (PPC) Report

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

Advise

LCR – Latino Community Reports

Latino Community Reports (LCR's) help fulfill OCHLA's mandate to advise by informing members of the General Assembly and other state agencies on challenges and opportunities facing Ohio Hispanics.

Work completed on Latino Community Reports in July:

- Worked with community leader to investigate and document licensing requirements and protocols at more than 30 state agencies
- Edited LCR on professional licensure for DACA recipients living in Ohio. Prepared for presentation to the board at August meeting and for distribution upon return of legislators.

Meetings attended regarding Latino Community Reports in July: None to report

General Assembly Engagement

The Public Policy Center advocates directly to members of the General Assembly regarding specific legislative proposals only during the budget cycle or in special circumstances, and always with the sanction of the Board of Commissioners. Direct engagement and advocacy is a potent tool for the PPC to use in furtherance of the execution of its mandate to advise.

- Designed workshop on health policy for August's Latino Health Summit. Invited several legislators with health policy backgrounds for participation, including:
 - * Senator Peggy Lehner
 - * Senator Shannon Jones
 - * Senator Gayle Manning
 - * Senate Assistant Minority Leader Charleta B. Tavares
 - * Representative Anne Gonzales
 - * Representative Heather Bishoff

Meetings attended advocating for OCHLA initiatives in May & June: None to report

Maintaining Relationships with Legislators

Continuous legislator engagement, even in the absence of a new research piece or other specific agenda items, is a critical strategic component to ensuring OCHLA's long-term success in its public policy work, and therefore its mandate to advise.

Work completed for maintaining key relationships with legislators:

- Forwarded Spanish-language constituent brochure from the office of Senator Nina Turner to Latino organizations in Cleveland



- Followed one new bill in July:
 - * HB 597 would repeal the federal Common Core curriculum and examination protocols

Agency Engagement

The Public Policy Center is responsible in large part for implementing OCHLA’s “interagency council”, a former statutory designation for the Commission’s mandate to work with state institutions and agencies to improve outreach and service delivery to Ohio Hispanics. Along with the Community Liaison, the Public Policy Center works to publicize key agency services, maintain a Catalogue of Latino Outreach Initiatives, recommend and assist in the translation of key agency documents, and more.

Work completed in state agency engagement initiatives:

- Attended boards and commissions meeting on behalf of Executive Director . Main topic of interest at this meeting focused on minority set-asides and other purchasing directives.
- Attempted (and was unable to secure) meetings with liaisons from:
 - Ohio Department of Job and Family Services
 - Ohio Department of Public Safety
- Worked with Executive Director to target three new agencies for August meetings

Meetings attended furthering state agency engagement initiatives: None

Supporting Civic Engagement: Constituent-Generated Initiatives

Working to achieve the proposed administrative and legislative priorities of constituents is an effective method of advising state government. This method also empowers community leaders by training them and building their capacity to engage the political process directly and assert their community’s interests independently.

- Continued to support Springfield constituent’s efforts to find state support for two immigration-focused non-profit organizations in the Springfield area.
- Arranged and communicated on meeting between constituent and Senator Peggy Lechner in-district
- Worked with Governor’s office to secure proclamation of recognition for Farm Worker Appreciation Day in August
- Drafted and submitted public comments on behalf of commissioners regarding the proposed update to agricultural labor camp housing regulations, particularly advocating for a requirement that running water be extended to each dwelling.

Meetings attended advocating for constituent-generated initiatives in July:

7/16/14 – Conference call with leaders all over Ohio regarding municipal-level immigration reform



Connect

Ohio Latino Education Summit

Work completed for the Ohio Latino Education Summit in July:

- Worked with host at University of Akron to provide feedback on event website look, content and operation.
- Provided pictures from prior Education Summits for use on the event site.

Build

Community Outreach

Community outreach is an integral component of Public Policy Center's strategic plan to educate and Ohio's Latino community on the salient policy issues in Columbus and Washington, and to build their capacity for civic engagement and political empowerment. Only through the provision of resources for education and empowerment can the Commission build these capacities as mandated.

Work completed for community outreach in July:

- Organized conference call for planning an event honoring Ohio's Borinqueneers in Lorain
- Compiled media articles every week in July, and compiled for publication on OCHLA website and through policy brief. Brief sent in early August.
- Drafted updates – for distribution in August - on:
 - Unaccompanied minors at the border and implications for Ohio
 - Agricultural labor camp housing rule review
- Trained new PPC staffer in policy brief article compilation

Meetings attended for community outreach in May & June:

7/18/14 – Yolanda Zepeda Regarding the Bridge Builder's Forum

Constituent Services

Constituent inquiries handled in July:

- Provided a constituent with access to OCHLA's ESL catalogue
- Worked with constituent to verify timing of receipt of OCHLA grant
- Referred constituent to Toledo leaders organizing efforts to host unaccompanied minors from the border
- Helped Puerto Rican obtain a new birth certificate and ID card
- Provided constituent with Latino Community Report on Hispanic voting trends
- Referred constituent to OCHLA's list of attorneys for services in renewing his DACA application



Latino Community Network (LCN) Report

Lair Marin-Marcum, Community Liaison

The Month of July was consumed finalizing and preparing all logistics for the Latino Health Summit.

Advise

Our Lady of the Lake University Master Program

Sara Baird, student worker from Our Lady of the Lake University requested assistance for her Master's Degree on Hispanic Population thesis. Advised on areas and organizations that she should focus on and reach out to.

Connect

Catholic Social Services

Meeting with Steve Hills, Board Member and OSU professor of Catholic Social Services on behalf of Rachel Lustig. They are requesting help with partnering Latino Agencies for their growing Guadalupe Centro in West Columbus. Was able to give him over 10 contacts and agencies locally and connect him with three Latino health leaders that could also support him and their mission. Also offered to promote their new programs and services through our website and social media.

Mount Carmel West Latino Health Collaborative Meeting - Ami Peacock

Attended meeting to thank for the support during the Regional Health Conversations and to promote Latino Health Summit.

ONGOING PROJECTS

2014 Latino Health Summit

- 2014 Latino Health Summit will take place in Mount Carmel West Medical Building and Nursing School in Columbus.
- Conference calls with Mount Carmel & On-site visits took place weekly.
- Calls, correspondence and meetings with Speakers and Panelist
- Weekly Steering Committee Calls took place for Logistics and planning
- Debriefing calls with Executive Director and Commissioner Robinson.
- Creating of Master Data base of participants
- Managed Registration On Eventbrite
- Coordination of all intern/Volunteers
- Finalizing of Vendors
- Finalizing all exhibitors logistics



Latino Regional Health Conversations

Grant reporting preparation of all evaluations and data in coordination with Interns volunteers, Executive Director and Organizations Development Officer Alvarez. The final Report was submitted in July.

2014 Distinguished Hispanic Ohioans Awards Gala

- The Date is Friday, October 17th at the Downtown Columbus Hilton. Meeting with Events Director took place with OCHLA & LEON for starting up of Contract.
- MOU is pending and Strategic & Logistic meetings are taking place successfully with a list of items to be accomplished by mid August.
- The nomination packages have been distributed and reminder will be sent to Commissioners.
- DHO Procedure Policy has also been updated and will be presented at the August 26th Board Meeting .

Connecting the Community: Information and Resources

Job Opportunities section on OCHLA’s home page Promoting through electronic media: Website, Social Media

We continue to successfully increase our community outreach and connections with private sector, non-profits, hiring agencies and state agencies to post and promote minority and bilingual job opportunities. Summer postings are always fewer due to increase in students work availability and less jobs in the market. We expect a slight increase in July and even more in August .

⇒ Month of July: 37 Job Postings

Constituent Services

⇒ Received and resolved in the month of July: 20

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Student Intern / Volunteers

In July we were able to support 5 summer interns. The volunteers worked on special projects such as the Minority Health grants, Publicly Policy Special projects and with the Organizational Development Center tasks. A strong recruiting at the end of August and in September will commence of College graduates, Seniors & Juniors for support on projects.

JULY Meetings Attended

- 1 July – Interview with Sara Baird Possible intern/Volunteer Candidate
- 1 July – Worker Student from Our Lady of the Lake University: / For her Master's Degree on Hispanic Population thesis.
- 2 July – Conference Call with Dr. Glenn Martinez for Language session in Latino Health Summit
- 8 July – Office of Minority Health Advisory Committee Meeting
- 8 July – Intern Volunteer Interview Eisman Morales—Accepted
- 8 July – Team Meeting 2014 Latino Health Summit - Sessions



- 9 July - Meeting with Steve Hills | Catholic Social Services—Requesting help with partnering Latino Agencies
- 10 July - 2014 Latino Health Summit Steering Committee weekly Call
- 11 July - Weekly Call with Kelli / Mount Carmel - Latino Health Summit Planning
- 11 July - 2014 DHO Meeting with Hilton Conference Director - Closing Contract with LEON
- 11 July - 2014 DHO LEON / OCHLA Budgeting, Logistics & Strategy Planning
- 16 July - Ohio Hispanic Coalition CARLAH Meeting—Community Latino Health Providers
- 17 July - 2014 Latino Health Summit Steering Committee weekly Call
- 23 July - Mount Carmel's Hispanic/Latino Health Collaborative meeting
- 24 July - 2014 Latino Health Summit Steering Committee weekly Call
- 28 July - Weekly Call with Kelli / Mount Carmel - Latino Health Summit Planning Updates
- 29 July - Kelli / Mount Carmel - Latino Health Summit Press Release
- 30 July - Dr. Kamboj / Diabetes & Obesity - Latino Health Summit Session



Organizations Development Center (ODC) Report

Georgina Alvarez— ODC Officer

Capacity Building

Grant Announcements—E- Campaigns

Ohio Minority Health Commission—2015 Minority Health Month Grants

In an effort to provide easy to access and usable information on grant writing, this month's e-campaign included a list of Tips for Grant Writing. We continue to encourage organizations to pursue grant opportunities and are available to work with them in the formulation of grant proposals and data gathering.

On June 16th the Ohio Minority Health Commission opened up their "Minority Health Month Grant", with a deadline on July 29, 2014. The Commission reached out to the ODC to request our support in promoting the grant opportunities among Hispanic organizations. As a result of our promotional campaign and one to one contact, we have received verbal commitment from three organizations who will be submitting a grant application. OCHLA also submitted a grant request for the 2015 Minority Health Month for a series of three workshops on health education and outreach entitled: "EMPOWER YOURSELF, IMPROVE YOUR HEALTH." Our plan will be to host these workshops focusing on three major regions (cities of Columbus, Cincinnati and Cleveland) and expecting to attract participants from surrounding cities and towns to these three focal locations.

Building rapport with Hispanic grassroots and serving organizations

Following our mandate to build the capacity of Hispanic serving organizations, the ODC officer participated in meetings with leaders and grassroots organizations to learn about their needs and find out how the ODC Center can be of assistance in building their capacity, leadership and access to grant opportunities.

Adelante in Toledo

We continue our work with Guisselle Mendoza and facilitated three visits in Columbus so she could see in action how a One Stop Office works. We visited the offices of COWIC's main office, Jewish Family Services, and the COWIC's West office. As a follow up for this project she will meet with government officials to inquire further about the One Stop Offices and programming at Adelante.

Columbus Casa Club

Met with Angelica Nava, founder and chairman of this new 501 (c) (3) organization created to serve the large and growing elderly Latino population, which will engage numerous activities and programs as occupational classes, educational activities aimed at wellness, life skills, social and cultural enrichment, as trips and community events. They are looking for funding, volunteers and coaches to help them develop their project.

Latino Health Summit

Supported LCN Lair Marin in the organization and preparation for the Latino Health Summit. Pro-



moted the event among Latino Organizations networks.

Meetings Attended

July 8 – Guisselle Mendoza from ADELANTE, Toledo, came to Columbus to visit COWIC and The Jewish Family Services to analyze the possibilities of creating a One Stop Office in Adelante.

July 31 – Meeting with Angelica Nava, Chairman of Columbus Casa Club

