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# DIRECTORS' REPORT

## JUNE 2010

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

### PUBLIC POLICY CENTER REPORT

During the month of June, there has been a transition of directors in the Public Policy Center. Ms. Tina Staigers has been replaced by Mrs. Ursula Barrera-Richards, effective June 21st. Tina resigned to her position to pursue a potential employment opportunity with the Peace Corps. The majority of the month of June has been occupied in the transition of the directors with diminished legislative activity.

### Policy Research and Information

PPC Director Barrera-Richards is acclimating to the duties of the PPC position and learning how such duties fit within the statutory mandates of the Commission. She has begun orientation sessions on office policy/procedure and OLANet with Lair and Lilly.

#### Advise

Policy Briefs – PPC Director Barrera-Richards has begun a focused effort to highlight policy news relating to education; business/workforce development; culture/arts; and youth issues.



Accordingly, she has connected to trade news publications and signed up on several distribution lists to receive news.

9500 *Liberty* Viewing – Barrera-Richards has picked up where the outgoing PPC Director left off with the viewing planning. She has followed-up electronically with the legislative offices of both caucuses in the House & Senate. Phone calls will follow. 9500 *Liberty* details what happened in Prince William County, Virginia after it passed a law geared at apprehending undocumented immigrants for violations of federal civil immigration law and what led to the eventual rescission of it. The movie will serve as a resource for legislative staff with an interest in the economic effects of state and local enforcement of federal immigration law.

### Connect

Attended meeting with Executive Director Cavanaugh and the representatives of the Asian-American Advisory Council.

Began discussion with the Ohio Department of Veterans Affairs to connect Latino veterans to their services at the federal, state, and county level.

Attended briefing for *Ohio First* program organized by the Entrepreneurship and Small Business Division at the Ohio Department of Development.

### Build

Distinguished Hispanic Ohioan Awards – This year, the DHO will recognize Latino Ohioans' contributions to the country by awarding the first ever Latino Veterans Service Honor. We are creating a special nomination form to be sent to the community and veterans organizations.

## Increase Channels of Communication

No specific activity to report in this area due to orientation of new PPC Director

## Enhance Government Effectiveness

No specific activity to report in this area due to orientation of new PPC Director



## LATINO COMMUNITY NETWORK REPORT

Lilly Cavanaugh, Acting Director

### Strategic Initiatives

#### Ohio Emerging Diversity



#### Hispanic Impact Campaign

El Centro de Servicios Sociales, Lorain will be featured during July, 2010. The profile will be available at <http://ochla.ohio.gov>.

The new webpage has been created for the Ohio Hispanic Impact Campaign and the following items will be launched in the first week of July:

1. Featured profiles of Hispanic individuals and organizations who are impacting Ohio in a positive way (To be launched June 2010)
2. Demographic facts— a Comprehensive source for information on Latino demographics for Ohio and the national level (To be launched June 2010)
3. Ohio Latino Elected Officials— a list of Latino elected officials and the communities where they serve (To be launched June 2010)

The Latino Leaders Database— a long term project that seeks to include bios and information on Latinos who are interested in serving on boards and commissions will be launched August, 2010. We have started the process of designing the database and gathering information on possible candidates.



DISTINGUISHED  
HISPANIC  
OHIOAN AWARDS

#### Distinguished Hispanic Ohioan Awards—October 14, 2010

The nomination packets are prepared and will be presented for approval at the July board meeting. A special award presentation will be made for Military Service, to emphasize the importance of Hispanic Ohioans who are actively serving our country and to recognize the 11,000 Hispanic veterans in Ohio. Information on this special award will be presented to commissioners in the July meeting as well.

The proposed timeline for the nomination process is as follows:

July 16– August 31—Nominations accepted from community and board members

September 1– September 3rd—Nominations are organized and prepared for review

September 6– September 10—Review of nominations by commissioners and selection of finalists

September 14th—The board approves awardees of the 2010 DHO & Nuestra Familia Awards and the 2010 Military Service Award.



Fundraising packets have been sent to over 100 potential organizations and companies to request their participation and support for the gala. The website for the 2010 DHO is active and the marketing campaign for the event will begin after July 6th, once the nomination packages are accepted and approved by the Board.



## Project OPEN

No particular activities to report.

## Community Outreach (LCN)

All activities below have been conducted/attended by Director Cavanaugh in the area of Community Outreach:

### **Advise:**

No activity to report.

### **Connect:**

Ohio Hispanic Chambers of Commerce—Chair Rafi Rodriguez and Director Cavanaugh participated in conversations with Department of Development and organizers of the Diversity Latino Talent and Leadership Conference regarding the Entrepreneurship track of the conference. The conversations have provided the opportunity for OHCC Chair to meet with Iris Cooper, Executive Director of Small Business Development and other key individuals in the division who deal with Minority Business Enterprises.

### **Build:**

#### Wise Latina Conference, Northeast Ohio

OCHLA has provided a list of Latina elected officials to the organizers of the Wise Latina Conference and will continue to support as needed for the organization of this conference which will take place in August, 2010.

#### Ohio Leadership Summit, Columbus

The two day conference brought together leaders from across the state to talk about the development of Latinos as a community in Ohio, engagement in public life and office, and progress in education, faith and the arts. Director Cavanaugh presented a keynote for the panel on "The Transformation of Civic Engagement in Ohio: Unleashing the power of Latinos and New Americans".

#### LULAC State Convention, Cincinnati

Director Cavanaugh participated in the Convention and had the opportunity to interact with leaders from around the state to discuss policy and education issues.



## **ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT**

Lilly Cavanaugh, Executive Director -

### FY 2011 Budget

Budget forecast for FY2011 has been submitted to John Cunningham. A complete report on end of year closing and budget forecast for FY2011 has been submitted to the Board Chair and Finance Chair for review. The information will be shared subsequently with commissioners.

End of year closing for FY2010 has been successfully completed.

### Strategic Plan

The detailed work to take place regarding the strategic plan was postponed to July, 2010. Committee chairs will be meeting on July 7th to review the plan and begin work in specific action steps.

### Personnel Changes

Ursula Barrera-Richards started her position as our new Public Policy Director on June 21st. Orientation is moving according to schedule as Ursula quickly learns about the commission and her position. During June, the commission also accepted the resignation of two commissioners: Sonia Troche and Lupe Williams. We are very thankful to both commissioners for their work in our board and support of the Ohio Latino Affairs Commission.

### Others

Statements have been prepared in response to the IRLI Press Release on PRnewswire and the Quinnipiac Poll report of June 29th regarding the issue of immigration.

## **Meetings Attended**

- 03 June—Latino Migrant Coalition Meeting (Springfield)
- 04 June—Cristina Farr (Columbus)
- 14 June—April Raffay, Dept of Development (Columbus)
- 21 June—Dr. Lu, Governor's Asian & PA Advisory Board (Columbus)
- 22 June—Ohio Latino Action Circle (Columbus)
- 25 June—Esperanza Luncheon Awards Event (Cleveland)
- 26 June—LULAC state convention (Cincinnati)

Respectfully submitted.

