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MAY & JUNE, 2014

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

The highlight during May and June centered around the Latino Health Conversations which took place across the state. The Latino Health Summits in 2012 & 2013 built the the foundation to strengthen health awareness initiatives statewide. *The 2014 Latino Regional Health Conversations* became a direct response to feedback received from participants to these Summits organized by the commission. In their responses, participants asked for "opportunities to bring the dialogue about health disparities and access to health care services to each region in order to focus on local needs, to increase the collaboration opportunities in their respective zones, and to build the agenda for future Latino Health Summits."

Through a grant from the Minority Health Commission, our agency conducted Regional Health Conversations in areas of the state with highest Latino demographics: Cincinnati, Cleveland, Lorain, Toledo, Youngstown, and in Mid-Ohio [Dayton and Columbus]. Although major cities were the focal points for our meetings, leaders from surrounding areas were also invited to participate in these local conversations. The preparation for the Latino regional meetings began in early January 2014; key leaders were identified along with critical Latino service providers and partners in the community in service delivery, education, outreach and advocacy to join the commission on this effort. Through a series of initial meetings or conference calls with a core group for each region, local leaders assisted in identifying possible partners and individuals who should be involved in the regional conversations that were to take place later on. The early local engagement with key leaders enabled us to share ownership for the planning of each regional conversation and to create the collaborative environment that will continue to strengthen with time as each group stays engaged in the process of improving the quality of life for Hispanic Ohioans in their respective areas.

The regional conversations involved close to 100 participants statewide and resulted in a solid agenda for the statewide 2014 Latino Health Summit; it also provided the setting to share best practices and innovative programming, increase dialogue about local issue areas and possible solutions, strengthen or establish local relationships between partners who are working to increase health service delivery and provide feedback on the implementation of the Affordable Care Act.

Although many of the issues described on the 2011 Health Report produced by the Minority Health Commission continue to impact Hispanic Ohioans, we have learned that their needs



for access to health care are becoming more complex. The necessity for increased cultural competence at service delivery points, better language access services, and the need to understand more how to navigate the healthcare system in the US are predominant themes through the regional conversations. Hispanic Ohioans are becoming more sophisticated consumers of health services, who value access to health services as a critical component of wellness and family life. They want to better understand their rights and obligations as consumers; and at the same time they want to know what should be expected of the health care system.

The implementation of the Affordable Care Act provides a perfect example of how availability of health care services requires structural changes to ensure proper health literacy and education for Latino consumers as well as proper cultural competence and multicultural skills for service providers at each level of the system. The interests of Latino consumers are shifting from the need to satisfy urgent care needs to preventive and long care health issues including dealing with the elderly, palliative care, juvenile diabetes, use and abuse of medications, obesity, the need for better education programs on nutrition and exercise. Hispanic Ohioans are interested in understanding health care access and advocacy which requires a heavy investment on education. It is important to remember that for many of them health services and preventive care was completely not existent in their home; therefore, our work to earn their trust and collaboration will take a longer period of time than with other traditional consumers. In fact, the shift of areas of interest among the population reveals a more established and stable community that is seeking to improve the quality of life and is less transient; it also points to a population that includes more traditional families (parents, children, grand-parents) than what we have experienced in the past.

The full report ([available online](#)) includes feedback by region in three main areas: (1) General Comments Regarding Healthcare and Access; (2) Feedback on the Affordable Care Act and (3) Feedback and Suggestions for the 2014 Latino Health Summit.

Meetings attended by the Executive Director in May and June

- May 01—Homeland Security Meeting
- May 02—Close the Gap Advisory Board Meeting
- May 02—Infant Mortality Task Force
- May 05—Women of Color Conference
- May 06—National Conference on Diversity
- May 08—Jessie Cannon, Infant Mortality Task Force
- May 12—Jeffrey Cohen, Service Learning Project, OSU
- May 12—Benito Lucio & Georgina Alvarez
- May 13—Morgan Williams (Intern Candidate)
- May 13—Ohio National Guard's Inaugural Diversity Outreach Advisory Council
- May 13—Regional Health Summit Meeting
- May 14—Civil Rights Town Hall Committee Meeting
- May 15—Lorena Mora, Mujer Latina Today
- May 19—Charles Hauser, Strategic Plan
- May 20—Greater Columbus , Infant Mortality Task Force
- May 21—Race to the Top Steering Committee Meeting
- May 28—Jacqueline Williams, Minority Business Assistance Centers Ohio
- May 29—Lorain Latino Health Conversation (Lorain)
- May 30—Charles Hauser, Strategic Plan
- June 02—Holocaust Memorial Inauguration
- June 04—2014 Annual Ohio Growth Summit
- June 09-30—No meetings or engagements out of office.



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:

Researched eligibility for professional licensure for DACA recipients living in Ohio

- Drafted LCR on professional licensure for DACA recipients living in Ohio
- Worked with state agency and community leaders - including immigration attorneys and immigration advocates, the Ohio Department of Education, the Ohio Board of Regents and the Ohio Board of Nursing - to understand legal and administrative context of professional licensure in Ohio
- Worked with OCHLA staff and commissioners, as well as legislative officers, to determine release strategy and schedule
- Arranged meetings with DACA recipients currently enrolled in nursing school
- Continued editing final report for presentation at July board meeting

Meetings attended regarding Latino Community Reports:

5/20/14 – Jessica Ramos, legal and practical considerations for licensure LCR

5/20/14 – Tanya Broder, National Immigration Law Center, political and practical considerations for licensure LCR

5/21/14 – Senator Kevin Bacon

6/2/14 – Fernanda Gonzales & Jessica Ramos, DACA and licensure

6/2/14 – Karen Scott, Licensure Supervisor at Ohio Board of Nursing

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.

Work completed advocating for OCHLA budget or other initiatives:

- Drafted, translated and edited media brief on the award of the Congressional Gold Medal to 65th Infantry Regiment. Covered award in policy brief.
- Monitored mid-biennium review appropriations legislation .

Meetings attended advocating for OCHLA budget or other initiatives:

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:

- Followed two bills on education through the House Education Committee
 - HB 454 clarifies that concealed weapon permit holders may bring guns in vehicles onto school grounds
 - HB 470 designates September as “School Bullying Prevention Month” to increase awareness
- Followed three bills in June:
 - HB 130 strengthens Ohio’s laws against human trafficking
 - Drafted legislative update regarding HB 130
 - SB 310 freezes Ohio’s green energy investment progress
 - HB 351 prohibits insurance providers from covering abortion

Meetings attended advocating for Constituent-Generated Initiatives:

5/28/14 – House Education Committee for House Bills 454 and 470

6/3/14 – House Insurance Committee

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:

- Assisted Ohio Board of Orthotics, Prosthetics and Pedorthics by providing them with legislator contact lists for 130th General Assembly
- Promoted Ohio Bureau of Worker’s Compensation programming and contacts within Ohio Latino business community
- Invited legislative liaisons from several state agencies to meet with OCHLA for partnership in improving outreach to Ohio Hispanics:
- Ohio Department of Job and Family Services
- Ohio Department of Health
- Ohio Civil Rights Commission
- Ohio Department of Public Safety
- Arranged and attending meetings with liaisons and agency personnel from the Ohio Department of Health and the Ohio Civil Rights Commission regarding closer partnership with OCHLA and Hispanic outreach initiatives
- Attended meeting of Attorney General DeWine’s Human Trafficking Commission
- Met with personnel from the U.S. Departments of Labor and Homeland Security
- Referred caller from U.S. Department of Education to Cleveland Latino leaders in community edu-



cation programming

Meetings attended furthering state agency engagement initiatives:

- 6/9/14 – Attorney General’s Human Trafficking Commission meeting
- 6/5/14 – Laura McNeer, U.S.C.I.S.
- 6/24/14 – Chip Allen, Melissa Bacon, and Jessica Crews from the Ohio Department of Health; Angela Dawson, Ohio Commission on Minority Health
- 6/27/14 – Carletta Murnane, U.S. Department of Labor
- 6/30/14 – Director Michael Payton, Ohio Civil Rights Commission

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.

Work completed advocating for Constituent-Generated Initiatives:

- Continued to support Springfield constituent’s efforts to find state support for two immigration-focused non-profit organizations in the Springfield area.
- Attended one meeting with constituent with the office of Senator Chris Widener and sought a second meeting for constituent with office of Senator Peggy Lehner
- Secured meeting for constituent with Senator Lehner in-district in July
- Continued to support Toledo nonprofit constituent in its effort to find state or private support for programming, primarily by arranging meetings.
- Attended meetings for that constituent with:
- Senator Edna Brown
- Staffer in the office of House Minority Whip Mike Ashford
- Staffer in the office of House Majority Floor Leader Barbara Sears
- Staffer in the office of Representative Teresa Fedor
- Spoke with Mary Clifton at the Ohio Department of Health on behalf of a Toledo constituent concerned with upgrades to state migrant agricultural worker housing standards.
- Studied ODH’s proposed rules regarding agricultural labor camp habitability standards. Drafted and distributed a summary report on this issue to the community, and lectured on the topic at a meeting of the Ohio Poverty Law Center
- Met with Latino community and business leaders from Canton on how OCHLA resources can help support their initiative – the Latino Business League
- Worked with constituents to begin initial planning of publicity event recognizing Borinqueneers locally on the award of the Congressional Gold Medal

Meetings attended advocating for constituent-generated initiatives in May & June:

- 5/2/14 – Canton Latino Business League, Inc.
- 5/9/14 – Mary Clifton, Ohio Department of Health
- 5/13/14 – Guiselle Mendoza of Adelante and office of House Majority Floor Leader Barbara Sears
- 5/13/14 – Guiselle Mendoza of Adelante and office of House Minority Whip Mike Ashford
- 5/13/14 – Guiselle Mendoza of Adelante and office of Representative Teresa Fedor
- 5/13/14 – Guiselle Mendoza of Adelante and Senator Edna Brown



5/29/14 – Dr. Carl Ruby and office of Senate President Pro Tempore Chris Widener
 6/26/14 – Ohio Poverty Law Center Immigrant Task Force meeting
 6/30/14 – Conference call on event recognizing the award of the Congressional Gold Medal to the 65th Infantry

Connect

Ohio Latino Education Summit

The Ohio Latino Education Summit is a major annual event which brings together educators, administrators, non-profit leaders, parents, students and policymakers to discuss prevailing issues regarding the education of Ohio’s Hispanic students. The conference features workshops where selected participants share “best practices” with each other and with attendees, as well as additional programming focused on educational issues for Ohio Latinos. The Summit brings community leaders and education professionals together to share ideas, resources and contacts as well, and is therefore an important event in advancing the Commission’s mandate to connect Ohio Latinos.

Work completed for the Ohio Latino Education Summit in May & June:

- Convened meeting of OCHLA Education Committee to begin planning 2015 Ohio Latino Education Summit to be held at the University of Akron.
- Went through initial planning stages with Committee members: set goals, selected a theme, planned the agenda and assigned roles to various entities in the partnership. Took notes and communicated with attendees. Planned specific next steps.
- Drafted initial language for the event website and forwarded partner logos to the University of Akron

Meetings attended for the Ohio Latino Education Summit in May & June:

6/10/14 - OCHLA Education Committee
 6/18/14 – Yolanda Zepeda, OSU Office of Diversity and Inclusion

Civil Rights Town Hall Meeting

OCHLA’s annual Civil Rights Town Hall Meeting brings community leaders and community members from myriad groups of new Americans and immigrant communities to discuss prevailing issues of civil rights and the means by which their communities might better protect them. The event advances OCHLA’s efforts to connect Ohio Latinos to each other and to other contacts, organizations, services, information and resources. The event also builds community capacity by educating participants on the extent of their civil rights and the extant threats to their enjoyment thereof.

Work completed for the Protecting Civil Rights Town Hall Meeting in May & June:

- Drafted public report on Civil Rights Town Hall Meeting and shared with Columbus Police in response to an inquiry
- Participated in post-event conference call and in brainstorming for ideas for next year’s event



Meetings attended for the Protecting Civil Rights Town Hall Meeting: None to report

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 May & June:

- Drafted, translated and distributed press release on the awarding of the Congressional Gold Medal to the Borinqueneers of the 65th Infantry Regiment, the only segregated Hispanic military unit in U.S. history.
- Conducted an interview with the Columbus Dispatch regarding the relative importance of immigration and education to Ohio's Latino voters.
- Created and delivered presentation on agricultural labor camp regulations to the Ohio Poverty Law Center's Immigrant Task Force meeting
- Drafted and translated two press releases which will distribute in July to Latino media outlets in both English and Spanish
 - DACA renewal
 - Changes to Ohio election laws
- Designed, translated and sent for printing "Save the Date" hot cards for upcoming events:
 - Election Day
 - Hispanic Legislative Day
- Issued two policy briefs to statewide networks. Each brief covers one or more salient topics and including links to OCHLA's event calendars, updates on tracked legislation and abstracted policy-relevant media articles with links.
 - 5/27/14 brief included an update on the award of the Congressional Gold Medal to the 65th Infantry Regiment
 - 6/30/14 brief included an update on the administrative review of Ohio's agricultural labor camp housing regulations
 - Compiled articles for a brief in the second week of June, and worked with PPC staffer to draft and edit an update regarding House Bill 130. Did not send brief. Included articles in 6/30 brief, and will use the update on HB 130 for July brief.
- Trained future PPC staffer in policy brief article compilation

Meetings attended for community outreach in May & June:

6/26/14 – Ohio Poverty Law Center Immigrant Task Force meeting

Constituent Services

Constituent inquiries handled in May & June:



- Provided a constituent with access to OCHLA's ESL catalogue
- Drafted and provided Civil Rights Town Hall meeting summary to Columbus Police
- Assisted a Cleveland nonprofit leader with obtaining forms for tax-exempt purchases
- Arranged and attended several different meetings for two constituents
- Provided constituent with latest Latino Community Report on language access in Ohio
- Provided constituent with referral to children's social and psychological services in the wake of the deportation of a parent
- Mailed a box full of palm cards, brochures, posters and flyers explaining various state government resources – in both English and Spanish – to Canton-area constituents hosting a community event

Meetings attended for professional and organizational administration in May & June:

- 5/13/14 – Interview with intern candidate Morgan Williams
- 5/22/14 – State of Ohio time mastery training
- 6/10/14 – OCHLA board meeting
- 6/25/14 – Interview with intern candidate Madeleine Weiner
- 6/28/14 – Interview with intern candidate Briana Black



Latino Community Network (LCN) Report

Lair Marin-Marcum, Community Liaison

The Month of May and June were almost fully engaged in planning, coordinating and holding the Regional Health Conversations as well as preparing all logistics for the Latino Health Summit. Below all highlights of meetings and projects

Advise

Canton Latino Business League

Meeting with Canton based Latino Business League. They presented us with the plan for their Latino Business League and gave an overview of the Latino community needs and interests in their area. We gave them support, ideas and contacts to help them build on their project and plans. Rafael Rodríguez, Wilter Pérez Barrera and Alfredo Carranza.

Connect

9th Annual Women of Color Conference

Executive Director Cavanaugh receiving 9th Annual Women of Color Conference Event
In addition, networking with other minority organizations and agencies was very productive.

Mount Carmel West Latino Health Collaborative Meeting - Ami Peacock

Attended meeting for first time with ED Cavanaugh to meet and obtain contact information of Columbus Main Latino Serving Health provider as well to promote the Regional Health Conversations and Latino Health Summit. The Mid-Ohio Regional Conversation was pinned down and logistics worked out to hold in Mount Carmel.

Meeting At Integrated Family Practice - Dr. Velasquez

Promoted the Regional Health Conversations and Latino Health Summit. Many Doctors and health providers attended to support Dr. Velasquez on his Columbus Health Fair on July 26th. Assisted to connect many other State of Ohio health leaders with organizations to increase the number of participants.

Vocational Rehabilitation Program— Ohio Rehabilitation Services Commission

Translating and updating in Spanish their Vocational Rehabilitation Program Overview Fact Sheet - Accomplished and finished in 2 days. Requested by Elizabeth Sammons.

Build

The Role of Culture in Treatment of Latinos with Substance Use Disorders Webinar



To help with the workshops preparation of the Latino Health Summit Sessions, the Community Liaison participated in this webinar to learn about culturally relevant/competent treatment approaches and clinical settings critical to successful recovery outcomes for Latinos. And learned how isolation from culture, homeland and extended family and social networks increases likelihood of substance use and depression.

Present High School scholarship for Southwester School City Board Education Scholarship Foundation at Westland High School

The Southwestern School Board of Education's Scholarship Foundation in Central Ohio asked the Community Liaison to present the awards to the 32 High School seniors College scholarships for all students with emphasis on the Minority students that we have advocated to increase and promote.

Translation of MBE booklet for Ohio Development Services Agency – Minority Business Development Division

The translation was of two different flyers into Spanish. It was proof read and finished by May 6th.

- 1) Minority Business Bonding Program
- 2) Minority Business Assistance Centers

Meeting SBDC Latino / OCHLA

To reestablish connections with OCHLA's resources and support on their new hiring positions. Continue partnership to promote their workforce and development trainings & Programming with new officer Manager Thalia Amador.

Canal Hispano de Columbus Internet TV

Held Conference Call with Canal Hispano de Columbus to set up Interviews of OCHLA Staff for the new Latino Internet TV in Columbus. Their Goal is to start connecting the Latino/Hispanic Community with Latino Serving Organization in order to better serve their audience in Ohio

Ongoing Projects

2014 Latino Health Summit

- Confirmed that the Venue for the 2014 Latino Health Summit will take place in Mount Carmel West Medical Building and Nursing School in Columbus.
- Conference calls with Mount Carmel & Onsite visits took place weekly.
- Calls, correspondence and meetings with Molina Health, Lulac, AARP, and Closing the Health Gap to finalize possibility of partner for the Summit.
- Weekly Steering Committee Calls took place for Logistics and planning
- Debriefing calls with Executive Director and Commissioner Robinson took place

Latino Regional Health Conversations

All meetings were completed by June 30th. This Grant took up a substantial amount of work during the months of May and June in obtaining substantial coordination in each region communication with over 100 Latino Health Leaders and with almost 40 different Latino serving organization that included,



agencies and non-profits and state departments. The Community Liaison has implemented the Grant MH14-01 which funds six Regional Health Conversations Meetings that will set the stage to frame the 2014 Latino Health Summit's workshop session, program, exhibitors and content. The Community Liaison successfully connected with community leaders in each region, identifying the frontrunners and principal core groups that lead each meeting and host each region's conversations before the deadline of June 30th. Each meeting generated very detailed and productive information that will be documented as part of the grant and will be used for planning this year's 2014 health summit. The Regional Health

Conversations meetings took place on the following dates and locations:

1. May 13th for Mid-Ohio (Dayton & Columbus) at the Mount Carmel West Health Resource Center
2. May 29th in Lorain at El Centro's facilities, which included the participation of key local Hispanic leaders as well as the participation of Representatives Matt Lundy and Dan Ramos. Vice Chair Mary was fundamental in the preparation and execution of this regional health conversation.
3. June 20th Cincinnati's Closing the Health Gap Center
4. June 26th in Cleveland's Metro Health Hospital with the wonderful coordination of Nurse Eduardo Munoz & Dr. Maria Pujana, where we had the participation of seven Latino doctors.
5. June 23rd Youngstown at Organizacion Civica y Cultural Hispana Americana, Inc. (OCCHA)
6. June 30th in Toledo at the Adelante's Main Conference room.

2014 Distinguished Hispanic Ohioans Awards Gala

- Partnership with LEON has been confirmed, MOU is pending and first strategic & Logistic meeting with took place successfully with a list of items to be accomplished by mid August
- The event is set for Friday, October 17th and the venue will be the Downtown Columbus Hilton and onsite meeting with Events Director took place with OCHLA & LEON present for coordination.
- The nomination packages have been created and will be handed out at June 10th Board Meeting and will also be sent electronically to Commissioners in August as a Reminder.
- DHO Procedure Policy has also been finalized and will be voted as well on August 26th Board Meeting .

OLANET Directory

Intern/Volunteers have substantially helped to transcribe all the OLANet Organizations and in August we will also be finished with the Excel Database and begin updating this list and preparing to work with Commissioner Robinson for a better interactive Mapping and access to directory through our website.

Connecting the Community: Information and Resources

OCHLA Website Events Calendar

Continuous daily postings of all events in the community throughout all of Ohio. More postings of events with coordination in Facebook have been accomplished.



Connecting through electronic media: Website, Social Media

We continue to increase the outreach and informing the communities about events, services, trainings, resources and other relevant information by using our Events Calendar and Social Media outlets. We are working as well successfully with Hootsuite to post weekly events to increase promotion techniques.

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

We continue to increase 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 May: 50 job Postings
- ⇒ Month of June: 26 job Postings

Constituent Services

Received and resolved:

- ⇒ Month of May: 25
- ⇒ Month of June: 17

Student Intern / Volunteers

In May and June we worked with 6 interns. Some of the volunteers were hired as short term contractors to work on Health, Public Policy and Organizational Development projects. A strong recruitment campaign will be implemented at end of August and in September.

MAY Meetings Attended

- 2 May – Rafael Rodríguez, Wilter Pérez Barrera and Alfredo Carranza - Meeting with Canton based Latino Business League.
- 5 May – 9th Annual Women of Color Conference Event
- 6 May – New Cell Phone Carrier Meeting - Mtg cancelled after start time/ DAS forgot to e-mail me.
- 7 May – Role of culture in treatment of Latinos with substance use disorders Webinar
- 4 May – Fredrick Aldama – OSU Diversity & Inclusion Laser Program
- 8 May – Meeting with graduated intern volunteer Everest Cruz for possible Contractor or Regional Health Conversations Grant and Latino Health Summit.
- 10 May – Meeting At Integrated Family Practice - Dr. Velasquez - Columbus Health Fair on July 26th
- 13 May – Interview with Possible Intern Volunteer Morgan Williams/Georgetown University
- 13May – Regional Health Conversation Mid-Ohio at Mount Carmel West
- 14 May – Meeting SBDC Latino / OCHLA—Thalia Amador / Ariana Ulloa-Olavarrieta
- 14 May – Conference Call with Commissioner Santiago for Regional Health Conversation in Lorain to prepare List of Participants & OCHLA Agenda with Logistics at El Centro
- 19 May – Call with Canal Hispano de Columbus—Augusto Sanz & Alberto DeNegri



- 19 May – Conference Call with Kevonne Small, Attorney U.S. Department of Justice / Civil Rights Division / Federal Coordination and Compliance Section for Information Language access in Ohio state courts
- 20 May – Cleveland Hispanic Health Committee - MAY DUGAN Center
- 20 May – Meeting w/ Jasmine Santana and Yolanda Hamilton for Planning for Cleveland regional Latino Health Conversations in MetroHealth
- 20 May – Meeting w/ Lucy —May Dugan Center—Bilingual Resources and Health Manager for tour
- 20 May – Cleveland Clinic Conference—Dr. Helena Rion on Cultural Competences for Latino and Minority Patient Conference
- 21 May – Meeting at El Centro in Lorain with Executive Director Victor Leandry with Staff for Planning & Logistics Regional Health Conversation in Lorain
- 21 May - Debriefing Meeting with Vice Chair Santiago
- 22 May – Mount Carmel / Kelli Scott - Latino Health Summit
- 22 May – Conference Call—Latino Health Directory—Ami Peacock
- 27May – Conferenced Call with Commissioner Robinson Debriefing Health Committee & Board Meeting Preparation—All Heal Venues & Items
- 28 May – Regional Health Conversation Lorain at El Centro—Health Resources

JUNE Meetings Attended

- June 9 – OCHLA / Mt. Carmel - Kelli Scott 2014 Latino Health Summit - Touching base
- June 10 – OCHLA Board Meeting & Committee Meetings
- June 10 – Molina Health / OCHLA—Jose Cos Latino Health Summit Partnership discussion
- June 16 – Regional Health Conversation Younstown at OCCHA—Susan Nieves
- June 17 – Call Elizabeth Simmons - Updating in Spanish Their Vocational Rehabilitation Program Overview Fact Sheet - Accomplished and finished in 2 days
- June 17 – Festival Latino 2014 Steering Committee Meeting
- June 18– Weekly Call OCHLA/Mt. Carmel - Kelli Scott 2014 Latino Health Summit - Logistics
- June 19– Conference Call Latino Health Summit—Commissioner Robinson / P & G- Oral Health
- June 19 – LEON/OCHLA DHO 2014 Partnership Logistics & Brainstorming
- June 20 – Meeting with LULAC Ohio—Latino Health Summit Partnership June 20— Regional Health Conversation Cincinnati at Closing the Health Gap—Renee Harris
- June 25 – Onsite Meeting at Mt. Carmel - Kelli Scott for 2014 Latino Health Summit - Logistics
- June 26— Regional Health Conversation Toledo at Adelante —Gisselle Mendoza Coordinating
- June 30— Regional Health Conversation Cleveland at MetroHealth



Organizations Development Center (ODC) Report

Georgina Alvarez— ODC Officer

Capacity Building

Grant Announcements—E- Campaigns

The third Grant Announcement was sent out the first week of May. The theme for this e-campaign focused on *SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY AS A SOCIAL INVESTMENT* to introduce the concept used by companies with social and environmental consciousness who are willing to contribute and have the vision for a sustainable future.

By starting the conversation on this concept, we hope to broaden the opportunities for Hispanic serving organizations to approach potential donors using timely concepts that base their principles on shared responsibility and accountability. "Social Responsibility is the ongoing commitment of the companies/organizations to increase their competitiveness while they contribute actively to the sustainable development of society through concrete and measurable actions to solve the priority problems of their region, State or country".

The month of June's e-campaign included a listing of Regional Grants available which will make searching for opportunities easier and more targeted for Latino organizations. We will continue to build the resources and information available on grant opportunities and will direct those to specific organizations as much as possible, along with our support to apply for any of these possible funding sources.

Ohio Minority Health Commission—2015 Minority Health Month Grants

In response to a request from the Minority Health Commission, the ODC launched a campaign in June to encourage organizations to bid for the Ohio Minority Health Commission "Minority Health Month Grants. ODC Officer participated in a training session offered to motivate more organizations to participate. Some of the feedback from Latino organizations is lack of resources to comply with the large amount of paperwork required for these grants. The amount of money for each grant is \$2,500. The deadline is July 29, 2014.

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.

After each visit, action steps are defined and a follow up plan is conceived to ensure concrete results. Following is a brief summary of our ongoing projects:

Business Latino League Inc. Project - Canton

On May 2 we received in OCHLA's office the visit of Alfredo Carranza, Wilter Perez and Rafi Rodriguez as follow up to our visit to them in Canton, and to introduce Wilter Perez, the new Executive Director for the League, who presented to OCHLA their action plan. After their visit, ODC officer has



provided guidance, followed up communications via emails, telephone conversations and meetings to support them in the implementation of their action plan .

On June 12th, Alfredo Carranza, CEO, and Wilter Perez, Executive Director met with ODC officer and Benito Lucio to review their planned activities. A report of the meeting was submitted to them for their approval to follow up with a suggested calendar for proposed activities. Among the areas of concentration proposed and discussed are:

1. Organizational development
2. Workshops and seminars to create an image and trust with the community
3. Contacts in the region to improve their knowhow on what is happening around them.

A written answer was not received yet to the proposed plan; however via telephone conversation Mr. Perez expressed that they will place on hold any major activities and concentrate on funding for the immediate future. The ODC officer will remain in contact and available to support them with technical resources or further guidance.

Adelante (Toledo)

Following initial conversations with Guisselle Mendoza, Executive Director, Benito Lucio ODC officer Alvarez, we met in Toledo on June 4th, to conduct a needs assessment. A report with an action plan was agreed upon by the group, submitted to and approved by Guisselle Mendoza. According to the action plan, there will be subsequent meetings on June 26th and July 8th to monitor progress made and continue to support their efforts.

The areas that we are working with this organization are:

- Work a new strategy for the organization. This process includes a SWOT analyzes, a RACI meeting, and an strategic session
- Create a one stop office for the Latino community in their facility
- Create a database of successful activities for their 20th anniversary celebration in 2015, that can also be used for grant writing.

OCCHA - Youngstown -

As a follow up to our initial meeting, ODC officer Alvarez met with Executive Director Susan Nieves to measure progress on the plan outlined in the previous visit. Unfortunately, Susan is departing from OCCHA early this summer to return to Cleveland. As such, we will need to place our action plan on hold and wait for new leadership to be appointed in the organization.

Hispanic Chambers of Commerce

On May 26, I visited Dayton and met with Claudia Cortez, Executive Director to Dayton’s Hispanic Chamber of Commerce to learn more about the organization. The topic of a potential statewide meeting with all the Hispanic Chambers was brought up. There is a felt need to convene representatives from the Chambers to share best practices and innovative programming, and to convey the possibility of joining OCHLA as partners for the 2014 Latino Legislative Day in December.

The proposal was discussed at the Workforce and Economic Committee prior to our Board of Directors on June 10th. The meeting was approved as a “Get Together” among the Chambers, so we can start creating trust. The follow up will be to motivate them to assist the Business Summit- Dayton, in November, and to the Legislative Day on December 3th.



Meetings Attended

May 2 – Alfredo Carranza, Wilter Perez and Rafael Rodriguez - Latino Business Latino League

May 5 – Luncheon – Women of Color

May 13 – Regional Latino Health Conversations in Columbus at Mount Carmel

May 14 – Benito Lucio – Developed working plan for his internship

May 26 – John Heymann, Chairman of Social Venture Network – www.svn.org

May 26 – Claudia Cortez - Dayton Hispanic Chamber of Commerce

May 27 – Mrs. Jo Ann Youngs, Mr. Jose Feliciano, Commissioner Emanuel Torres -COWIC

May 27 – Guadalupe Velazquez – City of Columbus

May 29 - Regional Latino Health Conversations in Lorain at El Centro

June 4 – Visit Adelante Toledo, Inc., to work one on one advice to go to the next level

June 6 – Capacity Building Training from the Ohio Minority Health Commission

June 10 – Workforce and Economic Development Committee and BOD Meeting

June 12 – Meeting in Mansfield with Alfredo Carranza and Wilter Perez, Latino Business League

June 16 – Regional Health Meeting in Youngstown and follow up with OCCHA (Susan Nieves)

June 19 – Meeting with Bryan Conrad, Governor’s Office of Faith-Based and Community Initiatives

June 20 – Regional Health Meeting in Cincinnati, and followed by a “Latinas en Ohio” meeting with 30 women at East Elementary School with the Dominican of Peace nuns and the City of Columbus.

June 26 – Regional Health Meeting in Toledo, and follow up with Adelante (Guisselle Mendoza)

Respectfully submitted,

