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

We are pleased to report a successful participation on the national Ve-Y-Vota NALEO Election Day Hotline. Our team responded to approximately 300 phone calls in the two days, and our office was one of two centers in Ohio.

Through our Organizations Development Center, we have been busy exploring funding opportunities through the Finance Fund Organization, and assisting the Latino Connection Leadership in the formulation of an RFP to support improvements on case management and communications in the delivery of behavioral health services. We understand that our community faces cultural and linguistic challenges when attempting to access behavioral health care and this project would aim to improve conditions. To this end, we have been cooperating with Jamoya Cox at Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services (ODMHAS) to prepare a proposal for a pilot project.

Additionally, Director Cavanaugh will be working with DACC, [the diversity advisory council for ODMHAS,] on the organization of the Learning Community Series, to take place in 2017. These webinars will provide behavioral health experts with valuable information to improve the quality of their services and emphasize cultural competence and linguistic sensitivities required to assist patients in behavioral health settings. Finally, we are working with ODMHAS and the National Latino and Hispanic ATTC (Addiction & Technology Transfer Center Network) to organize two roundtables with Hispanic behavioral health experts to secure information on the Latino community's needs. The information gathered will serve as a catalyst for a future strategic planning to form a 3-5 year plan.



On the workforce and economic development front, we have finalized the draft strategic plan for 2017-2020 and will submit the document for feedback at the December board meeting. We also had the opportunity to meet with Terry Bolden, Administrator from the Office of Outreach in the Division of Opportunity, Diversity and Inclusion, Ohio Department of Transportation to learn about their work to increase the number of Latino businesses qualified to compete for ODOT contracts. Mr. Bolden is actively working with the Ohio Hispanic Chambers of Commerce to increase access to communications about opportunities and work on building capacity to make Latino businesses more competitive in this sector. We are also pleased to report that the Columbus Hispanic Chamber Strategic Plan is well underway; Director Cavanaugh and PPC Officer Lewis met with Claudia de Leon and Roland Medrano to discuss the plan and offer our support as the plan's implementation begins.

In the area of education, our 2017 Latino Education Committee is well established and has sent out the first "Save the Date." The team has also defined the theme and outlined the main topics for the summit. The call for proposals will be sent out in early December and the webpage is expected to be ready in the next few days.

Finally, Director Cavanaugh and PPC Officer Lewis had the opportunity to meet with Valentina Seely, new DHS -Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) Community Relations Officer responsible for the Community Relations and Engagement program in Michigan and Ohio. Ms. Seely occupies a newly created position that seeks to improve communications between the federal government and local organizations and leaders. We will be introducing Ms. Seely to Ohio Hispanic networks and will help facilitate information and communications from the federal government when changes in the new federal administration are implemented in early 2017 as a result of the national elections.

Meetings Attended

Nov 01—Charles Houser, Latino Pods
Nov 02—Anna Raygoza, NALEO,
Nov 02—NALEO, Voter Registration Training Webinar
Nov 07—Latino Vote Hotline
Nov 08—Latino Vote Hotline
Nov 09—Latino Connection Leadership Meeting
Nov 09—Valerie Heiby, Finance Fund Organization
Nov 10—Jamoya Cox, DACC Advisory Board, Learning Community
Nov 10—Valentina Seeley, DHS, ICE (Findlay)
Nov 15—State of Ohio Weather Notification Mandatory Training
Nov 16—Ronnie Marquez-Posey, ODJFS
Nov 17—Terry Bolden, Ohio Dept. of Transportation
Nov 18—Barbara Brown, ZeusJones, Women Empowerment
Nov 18—Tony Ortiz & Education Committee Conference Call
21 Nov—Roland Medrano, Claudia de Leon, Hispanic Chamber of Commerce
21 Nov—Dr. David Velasquez, Diabetes Potential Project
22 Nov—Yolanda Zepeda, OSU
28 Nov—Nick Castro UC & Adrian Calderon, USHLI. Student Leadership Series
29 Nov—Jamoya Cox, Behavioral Health Roundtable 2017
29 Nov—Mischa Hitchcock, Attorney General, VOCA Grant
29 Nov—Sonia Reyes-Snyder, Iowa Office of Latino Affairs
30 Nov—Jamoya Cox, DACC Learning Communities



Public Policy Center (PPC) Report

Andrea Lewis, Public Policy Officer

2016 Latino Vote Campaign

The 2016 Latino Vote Campaign came to an end this month, with a final emphasis on assisting voters on Election Day. OCHLA, in partnership with the National Association of Elected Officials (NALEO), was proud to host a National Voter Hotline for Spanish-speakers out of our office this month. With the help of a few committed volunteers, our staff members fielded hundreds of calls from voters from across the nation on the Monday and Tuesday of Election Week. While most calls featured voters inquiring about where to vote and checking voter registration status, there were also a number of individuals who called in to report problems they experienced on Election Day.



Senate Bill 280

Senate Bill 280, which would formally recognize Cesar Chavez Day in Ohio each year, received its first sponsor hearing during the month of November. Senator Tavares provided testimony on the legislation, and urged the Senate Government Oversight and Reform Committee for favorable passage of the bill. I have drafted and sent a letter to Senator Coley on behalf of Chair Ortiz asking for another hearing so proponents have the opportunity to express their support for the bill.

Latino Education Summit

Initial planning has already begun for the Ohio Latino Education Summit. This month, our committee was able to finalize a theme and topics for the workshops. We have also discussed potential keynote speakers, an initial budget, and getting the Registration and RFP page up and running. I have created a document that provides language for the registration page and RFP page. Next month we hope to have the webpage up and running so that we may send out the Request for Proposals.

Public Policy and Constituent Matters

- Requested meetings with Reps. Ramos and Perales on behalf of constituent.
- Drafted letter on behalf of the Ohio Hispanic Chambers of Commerce to Senate Transportation Committee regarding their stance on SB 249. The Chambers had scheduled a meeting with the Chair of the Committee in November, but the meeting was canceled.
- Worked on compiling a PowerPoint presentation on behalf of the Ohio Latino Connection for the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services
- Provided information for attorneys interested in bills in Ohio's legislature that may impact the immigrant community.



- Participated as a reviewer in the Ohio Department of Education's Fairness and Sensitivity Data Review Committee
- Participated in the Attorney Generals' Regional Community Leadership Engagements Meeting

Meetings Attended

Nov 01—Attorney General Regional Community Leadership Meeting
Nov 02- Anna Raygoza, NALEO
Nov 02—Election Fundamentals and Operations Training
Nov 03- Fairness and Sensitivity Data Review Committee
Nov 04- Fairness and Sensitivity Data Review Committee
Nov 07—NALEO Voter Hotline
Nov 08—NALEO Voter Hotline
Nov 09—Latino Connection Meeting
Nov 10—Valentina Seely, Immigration and Customs Enforcement
Nov 14- Human Trafficking Commission Meeting
Nov 15—Latino Lunch and Learn, Libre Institute
Nov 16—Senate Government Oversight and Reform Committee
Nov 17- Terry Bolden, ODOT
Nov 18- ABLE Conference Call
Nov 18—Latino Education Summit Committee Meeting
Nov 21—Hispanic Chamber of Columbus
Nov 22- BMV Meeting with DPS, ABLE, Legal Aid
Nov 28- USHLI Conference Call
Nov 29—Big Brothers Big Sisters Annual Luncheon and Program
Nov 29- House Government Accountability and Oversight Committee
Nov 30—Ohio Standards Coalition

Latino Community Network (LCN) Report

Lair Marin-Marcum, Community Liaison

The LCN experienced heavier call traffic and emails from constituents including inquiries regarding job posting and opportunities. Planning is underway for the next "Cincinnati Latino Leaders Collaborative" meeting. Efforts have also began to select a location for the 2017 DHO and Latino Health Summit. In addition, we have increased the number of event & resources postings on the website and social media as well as updating all resources lists and directories.

The highlights of projects and meetings for the LCN that also took place during the month November 2016 are as follows:

- **Connect**
 - Meeting with Jane Keller / Cincinnati Youth Collaborative - Reaching out to the Community across the State for mentoring opportunities in the Latino community



- **Build**
 - Assisted with the Finance Fund & G2G "Healthy Food for Ohio" connection.
 - Patricia Weekley- ABL Community Outreach & Student Success Coordinator - Advice & assistance with recommendations for their new pilot classes in Canal Winchester at the Gender Road Christian Church for Latino community.
 - Meeting with Henry Guzman and the Red Cross Staff for 2017 Latino Blood Project Drive Test trial event.

Connecting the Community: Information and Resources

OUTLET	DESCRIPTION	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER
Facebook	Number of "Likes" to date	1,308	1,330
Facebook & Twitter	Postings of news, resources, events	800	755
Website (Job Opportunities Page) Facebook & Twitter	Job Openings Promoted	53	82

November Constituent inquiries processed:	35
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Intern / Volunteers

In the month of November we have 2 interns with very limited hours due to work space. We will not start recruiting volunteers until end of December or beginning of January . We are confirmed to have one intern/volunteer for the 2017 summer.

Meetings Attended

- 7 November – OCHLA/ NALEO Voting Hotline
- 8 November – OCHLA/ NALEO Voting Hotline
- 9 November – Finance Fund / G2G "Ohio Health Program" - "Healthy Food for Ohio" meeting
- 14 November – Cincinnati Latino Leaders Collaborative next Mtg Strategy & Logistics
- 15 November – Meeting with Jane Keller - Cincinnati Youth Collaborative Mentoring
- 15 November – State of Ohio Public Safety Emergency Weather Notification Training
- 16 November – Patricia Weekley- ABL Community Outreach & Student Success Coordinator
- 21 November – Meeting with Henry Guzman and Red Cross—Latino Blood Drive
- 21 November – Meeting with OCHLA staff and Dr. David Velasquez
- 22 November – Call with OSU—Yolanda Zepeda—DHO 2017 venue location
- 22 November – Greater Cincinnati Latino Coalition Meeting
- 29 November – Big Brothers Big Sisters of Central Ohio Annual Meeting



Organizations Development Center (ODC) Report

Georgina Alvarez, ODC Officer

CAPACITY BUILDING

The Workforce and Economic Strategic Plan draft was finalized this month for presentation to the board meeting. Also, all reporting and documentation was completed for 2016 grants; we are now waiting for final review by the grantors and payments.

Grant Announcements

- The searchable database with funding opportunities/ grants/ volunteer opportunities will be completed by December

- ODC 's website updates are well underway and will be finalized in December.

Community Engagement

- Organized and met with the Latino Connection Leaders to work on RFP regarding Behavioral Healthcare
- The community engagement focused on the Voter Registration Efforts.

Meetings and Events Attended

Nov 7—Latino Vote Hotline

Nov 8—Latino Vote Hotline

Nov 9—Healthy Food Ohio, Valerie Heiby

Nov 21—Dr. David Velasquez, Diabetes Outreach (potential project)

Respectfully submitted,

