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# FEBRUARY & MARCH 2015

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

The highlight for these two months focused on the completion of the 2015 Latino Education Summit at the University of Akron. The summit brought together approximately 300 participants and there were 13 best practices presented through a series of workshops and conferences throughout the day. Additionally, we were able to present Dr. Luis Proenza with "La Cumbre" Award (The Summit Award) to recognize his work towards Education and the University of Akron. Additionally, this year's summit had a group of about 50 high school students who participated with a specially designed track for them. National keynote speaker Dr. Victor Saenz presented on access to higher education and the case for diversity and inclusion. As in years past, the summit was co-chaired by Senators Charleta Tavares and Peggy Lehner. Additionally, five state representatives from the region confirmed attendance to the event along with the Associate Superintendent for the Ohio Department of Education, Jennifer Felker.

In March, we worked to finalize preparations for the six Minority Health Month Workshops. This project required intense coordination as each event involved selecting and coordinating with a local partner, securing speakers for the different subjects to be covered, and coordinating the marketing of the events at the local level. Additionally, our team has been working in collaboration with Amanecer to host the Latina Women's Conference. This event will provide leadership development sessions in the morning, including Personal Image, Social Services Resources, How to turn a hobby into a business, Legal Resources, Work, Family Balance & Time Management, Health & Nutrition Balance, and Resources for Children with Disabilities. It is expected this women's conference will bring 200-250 women.

We continue to make progress with our Language Access Project. Natasha Curtis has started gathering data from different regions of the state regarding language access and interpreting



services in health care. A survey has been sent to contacts at different hospital systems, and to individuals who are the point of contact for Latinos seeking health care services. We will be able to provide a full report on this project before June, 2015.

On February 19th, Director Cavanaugh presented testimony (see attached) for the FY 16-17 Biennial Budget at the House of Representatives Finance Subcommittee on Primary and Secondary Education. We will be tracking the budget process and will keep you informed on the progress of our biennial budget as it is considered. Additionally, we continue work with the Bureau of Workers Compensation, the Ohio Secretary of State's Office and the Department of Administrative Services, Equal Opportunity Division (MBE and EDGE Programs) on specific outreach programs for the Latino community.

Director Cavanaugh attended the United States Hispanic Leadership Conference in Chicago and participated in the conversations for the Student Leadership Series. We hope to be able to work more closely with USHLI to bring and increased number of student leadership development and civic engagement opportunities to Ohio in 2015 and 2016.

Finally, we are delighted to welcome Andrea Magaña Lewis as our new Public Policy Officer, effective March 23rd, 2015.

### Meetings Attended by Executive Director

03 Feb– Natasha Curtis, Language Access Project  
 04 Feb– Melony Bryant, Bureau of Workers Compensation  
 05 Feb—Wright State University, Reception for Panama University Dignitaries  
 06 Feb—Marketplace Mandatory Meeting  
 06 Feb—Administrative Relief, City of Columbus Meeting  
 09 Feb—Neil Townsend, Legislative Services Commission (Biennial Budget)  
 10 Feb—Pastor Magno Mejia (Columbus)  
 11 Feb—Lorena Mora, Mujer Latina Today  
 11 Feb—NSHMBA Columbus Kick off Event  
 12-14 Feb—USHLI National Conference, Chicago  
 19 Feb—Jennifer, Thornton, Civil Rights Town Hall Planning Committee  
 19 Feb—Biennial Budget Testimony (House)  
 23 Feb—Genevieve Danes, Intern Volunteer Candidate  
 24 Feb—John Turner, University of Akron (Latino Education Summit)  
 25 Feb—Latino Health Collaborative (Drania attended on Lilly's behalf)  
 26 Feb—Boards & Commissions Monthly Meeting  
 03 Mar—Monique Moore, Ohio Secretary of State's Office  
 03 Mar—Latino Health Summit planning committee  
 04 Mar—Allen Proctor, Cincohoio  
 06 Mar—Latino Education Summit (Akron)  
 11 Mar—Dr. Anahi Ortiz, Franklin Coroner Director (Columbus)  
 12 Mar—Alexandra Frey, Premier Health (Middletown)  
 13 Mar—Pastor Max Rodas (Cleveland)  
 13 Mar—The Centers, Ingrid Angel (El Barrio) (Cleveland)  
 16 Mar—Matt McClellan, Clayton Henson, Secretary of State's Office  
 17 Mar—Allan Katchen, Capital University presentation  
 18 Mar—Jason Riveiro, Columbus Hispanic Chamber of Commerce  
 18 Mar—Greg Williams, Bobbi Bell, DAS, Jacqueline Weilliams DSA



20 Mar—Victor Leandry, Guiselle Mendoza, Josue Vicente  
 20 Mar- OLA Awards (Columbus)  
 24 Mar—Andrea Magana Lewis, new hire  
 25 Mar—Defense Logistics Women’s Day Event (Columbus)  
 26 Mar—Minority Health Month Kick off event  
 26 Mar—Board & Commissions Meeting  
 28 Mar—Latino Health Workshop (Dayton)

Other weekly regular meetings not included:

- Women’s Conference Planning Meeting
- Latino Health Summit
- Legislative Visit Day

## Public Policy Center (PPC) Report

Andrea M. Lewis, Public Policy Officer

Our Public Policy Officer, Andrea Lewis, began her first day of work on March 23rd. She is in the process of familiarizing herself with the new role, and has begun working on details for OCHLA’s Hispanic Legislative Visit Day on May 5th.

### • Advise

- Reached out to Rep. Cupp’s office to obtain witness testimony on HB 64.
- Spoke with Rep. Smith’s office regarding budget testimony rules.
- Tracked legislation and saved relevant news articles (HBs 2, 20, 27, 41, 48, 50, 64, 69, 74, 102, 109; SBs 13, 33, 73, 79, 87, 134)

### Legislative Visit Day

- Devised agenda for Legislative Visit Day on May 5th. Verified potential speakers, panelists, moderators and workshop topics.
- Reached out to Senators Manning and Tavares, and Representatives Perales and Ramos on the possibility of collaborating for Legislative Visit Day.
- Spoke with the Ohio Government Channel to secure a live stream for Legislative Visit Day
- Worked on creating a social media kit for Legislative Visit Day
- Reached out to Rep. McColley’s office on the possibility of collaborating for Legislative Visit Day. Scheduled a meeting with his office.
- Met with a Governmental Affairs professional to ask for assistance in hosting a LVD workshop on engaging legislators.

### • Build

- Attended meeting with area attorneys and a representative of U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services to receive a DACA/DAPA update.



## • Connect

- Created a Legislative Update template to keep Latino-serving organizations and constituents apprised of Statehouse happenings.
- Researched relevant news articles for Legislative Update that is sent to Latino-serving organizations and constituents.

## Meetings Attended:

26 March – Ohio Poverty Law Center Immigration Task Force Meeting  
 31 March— Emerald Hernandez, City of Columbus

## **Latino Community Network (LCN)**

Lair Marin-Marcum, Community Liaison

During February & March the LCN focused on participating in grassroots community meetings to maintain our communication and information with the different counties in Ohio. At these networking meetings, community leadership received updates on government resources and services, upcoming events, and they were also encouraged to use and increase participation on the Ohio Latino Network (OLANet) Directory.

Outreach efforts during these two months focused on the Latino Education Summit (hosted at the University of Akron), promoting the “Save the Date” for May 5th Hispanic Legislative Day and the Minority Health Workshop events in March & April.

## • Connect

- Administrative Relief Meeting with City of Columbus and other organizations for update information on DAPA and DACA.
- Assisted upon request the President of the Latino Medical Student Association for their 2015 Midwest Region Conference in Cleveland by connecting them with health leaders and organizations in that Region for promotional, sponsoring and speakers support.
- Assisted Joseph Brooks from the Ohio Department of Development Services in the Minority Procurement Coordinator Minority Business Development Division with outreach event for minority medical professionals. We sent out in their behalf an invitation for state contract opportunities for Physicians and Medical Professionals.
- Pastor Magno Mejia / Gloria Mejia & Silvia Hann—recommendations and suggestions to the new church for contacts, Food Pantry, etc.
- Attended the Springfield and Clark County Latino Coalition and the Dayton Latino Connection networking meetings to provide updates and information on the commission and relevant topics for the community.

## Connecting the Community: Information and Resources

The commission connects with the community to provide outreach, education and information mainly through social media outlets and e-campaigns. Community leaders and the public receive regular



OUTLET	DESCRIPTION	FEBRUARY	MARCH
Website Calendar	Community Events	120	
Facebook	Number of “Likes” to date	716	716
Facebook & Twitter	Postings of news, resources, events	188	225
Website (Job Opportunities Page) Facebook & Twitter	Job Openings Promoted	51	55

information about events, services, trainings, resources and other relevant information by using our Events Calendar and Social Media outlets.

## Constituent Services:

Our team respond on a regular basis to constituent inquiries seeking help to resolve problems, access government services, or obtain information on specific needs.

February and March constituent inquiries processed:	45
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## • Build

- Meeting with Maria Lucila Ortiz Smith (Emergent Markets Liaison) - MBE/ 1<sup>st</sup> Cofounder - Managing Partner & CEO at Tropical Global Group. She would like advise on who to contact for business workforce development projects she is working on.
- Alma Cruz / Radiotrankazos New Radio Station. Provided information on resources and learned about their programs to inform the community on Health, Legal Information & Immigration, Education, Faith and Culture & the Arts. Provided recommendations of Latino community leaders that could be on their programs, including a list of over 25 names of Latino Serving Organizations.

## Women’s Conference Princesas Guerreras (Princess Warriors) -

The community Liaison worked as part of the team to organize the Women’s Conference “Princess Warriors”, to be held on April 11, 2015 in Columbus. The LCN was tasked with securing some educational speakers for workshops and organizing the exhibitors. To date, over 30 exhibitors have committed to attend the event.

## 2015 Latino Health Summit

We have started planning contents and logistics for 2015 Latino Health Summit with Nationwide Children’s, logistics and contents. Below all highlights of projects and meetings for the LCN that also took place.



## Student Intern / Volunteers

During the month of February & March we've been started working with 3 new intern volunteers and acquired 1 new one for a total of 4 interns that will be working with all the staff. Two of these interns will be graduating in May. We've already started efforts to obtain 4 more in April and have 4 lined up for interview in April for students from Kenyon, Miami and OSU Universities.

## Meetings Attended:

- 06 February – Administrative Relief Meeting with City of Columbus and other organizations information on Executive Order, DAPA and DACA.
- 07 February – Meeting with Maria Lucila Ortiz Smith (Emergent Markets Liaison)
- 10 February – Pastor Magno Mejia / Gloria Mejia & Silvia Hann
- 11 February – Conference call with Mid-Ohio Food Bank
- 12 February – Conference Call with Joseph Brooks /Ohio Department of Development Services
- 13 February – Pastor Magno Gregorio Mejia, Gloria Mejia and Silvia Hahn
- 17 February – OCHLA Board Meeting & Retreat
- 18 February – Springfield and Clark County Latino Coalition meetings
- 19 February – Dayton Latino Connection Meeting
- 23 February – Intern/volunteer Interview with OSU student Genevieve Danes
- 02 March –Building Health Families Cleveland Event Planning Committee
- 03 March – Hispanic Legislative Visit Day Planning meeting
- 04 March – 2015 Latino Health Summit Steering Committee Conference Call
- 06 March – Latino Education Summit—Akron
- 10 March – City of Columbus Minority Health Advisory Committee
- 11 March – United Way - Champion of Children/ Dr. Noguera: Building Bridges
- 11 March – Meeting with Dr. Anahi Ortiz - New Franklin Coroner Director
- 11 March – Meeting w/Josh Inganzo, Field Director Boy Scouts of America (Simon Kenton Council)
- 12 March – Girl Scouts of Ohio Heartland—State of the Girl Breakfast
- 13 March – Call with Hispanic Chamber of Cincinnati President Alfonso Cornejo
- 13 March – Civil Right Commission Andrew Seifert Introduction and sharing of information
- 16 March – Building Health Families Cleveland Event Planning Committee
- 17 March – Meeting with ODJFS/ Pablo Nunez & Maria Goesser New Immigrant Ombudsman
- 18 March – Meeting with Hispanic Chamber of Columbus President Jason Ribeiro
- 18 March – 2015 Latino Health Summit Steering Committee Conference Call
- 18 March – Damas Latinas President Diana Pagan - Women's Conference "Princess Warriors" Info
- 20 March – Ohio Latino Awards Presentation
- 26 March – Meeting With US Consumer Product Safety Commission
- 27 March – Meeting with Molina Healthcare - Jose Cos
- 30 March – Legislative Visit Day & Ohio Hispanic Chambers Logistics Meeting for April 3

\*Attended regular weekly planning meetings for Women's Conference Princess Warriors



# Organizations Development Center (ODC) Report

Georgina Alvarez— ODC Officer

## Capacity Building

### Grant Announcements—E- Campaigns –

Regular e-campaign notifications are being sent to our stakeholders.

### Grants Management and Implementation—

Steady progress is being made for grants MHM 05-15 and MGS 03-15. The first grant focuses on Minority Health Month, while the second grant concentrates on language access and cultural competence. When appropriate, the plan is to conduct the educational/training portion of this grant parallel to the minority health month event as we will be targeting the same audience

The main activity for these two months has been the six workshops to be implemented in March and April. The responsibilities include building partnership with local host organizations, working with them to develop the list of speakers, securing the speakers, promoting the event through the local networks and making sure to handle all logistical matters regarding the events. Overall, we will be working with at least 7 Latino serving organizations who will act as our partners in

The first workshop of the series was successfully held in Dayton on March 28, 2015. Our local partner, the Hispanic Catholic Ministry did a great job working with us to not only deliver an excellent program, but also distributing valuable educational information prior to the event so the wider community would benefit. The Dayton workshop attracted 30 participants.

This project is presenting the opportunity for the commission to work with seven different Latino serving organizations who are our partners in six major cities across Ohio. We hope this program will help to strengthen local health education projects and increase understanding for the Hispanic community on how to best utilize health services, understand the use of language access and increase the use of health practices that will improve their overall health.

CITY	PARTNER
Columbus	Mount Carmel & Amanacer
Cincinnati	Su Casa
Cleveland	Nueva Luz Resource Center, Cleveland Clinic, Lutheran Hospitals
Toledo	Adelante Inc., United Way of Greater Toledo
Dayton	Hispanic Ministries
Lorain	El Centro De Servicios Sociales





**Meetings and Events Attended**

February 7 - Training for Amanecer's BOD  
February 10 - Meeting with Pastor Mejia, his wife Gloria, and Selbia.  
February 11 - Participated in the Teleconference from AmeriCorps Vista  
February 12 - Participated in the Conference Call with Amanecer - Marisol Fernandez  
February 16 & 17 - Participated in the OCHLA's Board Retreat  
February 19 - Participated in the Conference Call with Amanecer - Marisol Fernandez  
February 24 - Trip to Cincinnati to visit Su Casa to coordinate the April 17 MHM Workshop and participate in the Greater Cincinnati Latino Coalition Meeting

Respectfully submitted,

