

Latino Health Council

July 27, 2023

Meditation and Introduction Exercise 9:30-9:55

Minutes Approved (Judith motioned and Sheila 2nd)

Announcements

Catalina: GHC certified medical interpreter -full time position available

Sheila: Connection w/ student group for volunteers for specialty care free clinic was valuable but need more Spanish speaking interpreters - call the clinic manager, Tricia Levenhagen, at 608-827-2308

-Specialty Care Free Clinic is Delta Beer Lab's non-profit of the month.

Tyson: Journey/Clinica Latina hiring a manager - full time position; 2 open for mental health therapist positions; bilingual peer support specialist 50% time

<https://jobs.localjobnetwork.com/j/68953450?pc=4A00273C79>

<https://jobs.localjobnetwork.com/j/69077604?pc=5A84579C10>

<https://jobs.localjobnetwork.com/j/69075196?pc=438B285188>

Fernando: RISE hiring Bilingual family support specialist <https://risewisconsin.org/job/bilingual-spanish-family-support-specialist/>

Health Fair: Participants (adults only) can be screened for blood pressure, glucose, cholesterol, meet with a dietician, and receive an HIV test (in a private room). Results will be discussed and a social worker will be available for planning next steps. Light Breakfast and lunch for participants. Bags will be given to participants w/ new logo. Collecting goodies for bags at Wingra Clinic for Health Fair by August 25.

Main request - sign up to volunteer on Friday and Saturday:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c084fa8ad22a5fec16-lhchealth#/>

Historically LCH members help set up on Friday (10 individuals required). Saturday afternoon volunteers would also be very helpful. Volunteers get a free t-shirt. Student volunteers can walk people through the event. Also there will be a corner to drop off kids for activities with supervision while adults attend the fair. Extra bilingual speakers are always helpful at the event.

Food will be available for volunteers and screeners as well but looking for financial support/sponsors.

Topic for this year is the elderly. Educational information and resources for the elderly are welcome at the vendor tables. Memory/Alzheimer's information for families caring for an elderly person will be available at the tables as well.

Sheila offered more providers for the Fair. Diabetic educator and/or PT

Anne offered medical interpreters. 5 already scheduled by Shiva.

Getting the word out about the Health Fair - recruitment started at the Dane County Fair. Looking to sign up 80-90 people in total, with space for walk-ins too. Starting in August, students will place flyers in Latino owned businesses. In addition to advertising through other organizations.

LHC is also looking for a professional tent to be donated that can be used for future events.

Covid – waiting to hear more information for the fall but expecting an annual vaccine. Lapse of other vaccinations during the pandemic is also an issue so more outreach/education will be happening.

Consulting seminar – received a grant for conducting 3 seminars on how to work w/ Latinx community across the state. 1.5 hour presentation on the intersection of immigration and health, health disparities, and resources. 1st seminar was on July 17. Next two are October 9th, 4-6pm & October 16, 3-5pm:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScGkJyciz24MVEwnemXleUcYfOqQWJVikwSfxW3eD-jdiGAQ/viewform>

Mentoring – Dr. Tellez will be recruiting for UW's residency program in September at national conferences.

Health Equity Reports - completed by UW Health and Specialty Care Free Clinic. Fernando reminds us to be mindful that Dane county is representative of the rest of the country (cultural humility under different state political environments)

UW-Health Report: <https://bynder.uwhealth.org/m/1a840cd20bf25284/original/UW-Health-Impact-Diversity-Equity-and-Inclusion.pdf>

Sponsorship – New 2-year contribution coming from UW Health. Official announcement and amount to follow. Will include working with LGBTQ+ community.

Presentation - Project on Air Quality Monitoring

Jessica Price - Sustainability and Resiliency Manager, City of Madison/Mayor's office

Currently the city uses two expensive regulatory sensors that are operated by DNR to comply with federal Clean Air Act.

Madison experiences relatively high levels of particulate matter (PM) and air pollution (federal levels of safety will be getting lowered soon). PM are tiny pieces of dust/dirt that we can breathe in. Bad for lung/heart health. Vehicles are generally the biggest cause of PM in Madison. Recently, other events (non-local) have had an impact.

Short term health effects – coughing, eye/nose irritation, shortness of breath

Long term health effects– aggravates asthma and can lead to heart disease.

BIPOC communities typically exposed the most.

Additional air monitoring will tell us how air quality varies across neighborhood, allowing us to strategize how best to protect our communities. There's currently not enough data/information on disparities and impact across neighborhoods.

This project is funded by US EPA and will create a city-wide network of solar powered air monitoring sensors that will be placed on existing utility poles.

Enough funding 70 sensors. 2 will be placed next to the existing regulatory monitors for comparison/data quality. The rest will make up the network, which originally mirrored census track.

Challenge of where to place sensors will be addressed first. Plan for community engagement includes:

- 1) 3-5 Open house events (introduction to the project and raising awareness on the impact of air quality on health).
- 2) Community members will be invited to the installation of 3-5 sensors.
- 3) 3-5 open house events to share data/findings.

The collection and sharing of data will happen over a cellular network and be publicly available via an online map.

Project Partners include LHC, Foundation for Black Women's Wellness, the Hmong Institute, UW-Madison, Public Health Madison and Dane County, and the City of Madison

Open to advice, concerns, and questions. jprice2@cityofmadison.com

-Option to place sensors on city borders to get some data on surrounding cities.

Adjourned at 11:03.