

LHC Minutes August 26

Attendees: Juan Carlos, Judith Rassmussen, Brenda Gonzales, Chris Chapman, Faatima Khan, Fernando Cano, Julio Molina, Patricia Tellez-Giron, Shiva Bidar, Elizabeth Ringle, Evelyn Cruz, Kristi Jones, David Bartel, Joshy Castello, Rodrigo Valdivia, William Parks-Sutherland, Ana Karina, Anne Plesh, Daniela Martin, Christopher Mullen, Jacqueline Zuñiga, Jessie Shiveler, Kattia Jimenez, Nina Gregersonl Rosa Rhoden, Shelly Shaw, Noel Fernandez, Christian Pelayo.

Announcements:

- Christopher, BSP Free Clinic--hiring for an Assistant Clinic Manager, would like bilingual-info on BSP website. BSP is seeing some patients in clinic again. Slower pace. Doing some telehealth.
- Fernando—people should think about jobs with the State. Mendota Mental Health has positions available. Also Central Wisconsin Center.
- Anna Karina—planning some monthly webinars about cancer, geared toward Latinx individuals. Collaboration between multiple organizations.
- Patricia—please share efforts/initiatives aimed at Latinx community with LHC during planning phases for coordination purposes. Especially around COVID.
- Patricia—reach out if your org wants to present. Oct will be last formal mtg for LHC in 2020.
- Shiva is now a VP at UW Health—congratulations!

COVID project updates-Patricia

- Relief fund in steady state
- General education campaign-videos, presentations
- Youth campaign—PALMA
- Masks: If your org needs masks for Latinx, reach out to Patricia for masks. There is also a card with info about how to clean your mask and info about local resources
- Testing site geared toward Latinx: South Madison in Villager Mall—bilingual, bicultural staff; connections to community resources and services; at least open through end of September, hoping to keep it open longer or find alternate site; working on contact tracing, pop-up sites. Different places in town are using different versions of the COVID test—different swabs, etc. Share the flier widely.
- Latinx can access health services through financial assistance at all the health systems in town right now
- Fernando: mental health: continuing parts of emotional support project—senior work; they are realizing that parents dealing with school closures, etc will be needing more support; emotional support for parents will be provided by Case Managers/Social Workers; also, COVID-positive patients will be needing support—within 48/72 hrs they will get a call from a volunteer mental health provider to provide emotional support; may transition the volunteer mental health providers to an org with FEMA funding (Project Recovery); goal to keep things collaborative so people don't fall through the cracks

Agrace Presentation (Faatima Khan, Jessie Shiveler)

- Agrace has been in Madison since 1978. Serves 17 counties in WI. 50 bed unit in Fitchburg, and a closed memory care unit. 12 beds in Janesville. Most individuals served are in their homes. Partnerships with UW Health/UPH-Meriter.
- Hospice care: focused on life expectancy of 6 mos or less; comfort care; durable medical equipment can be supplied; education for family members about end-of-life changes and care; respite care if family caregiver needs a break
- Pallia Health (palliative care): seriously ill individuals seeking curative treatment; quality of life; Medicare covers services
- Age-at-Home: senior care service, non-medical, help with grocery shopping, transportation, etc. Agrace always looking for caregivers.
- Grief support (Jessie): offer grief support to people even if the person they know who died was not served by Agrace; Agrace works closely with schools to provide individual grief support and grief groups to kids; Grief Support Center is a separate location from inpatient unit, and helps people to make connections to others who are grieving and realize they're not alone; support groups for adults, kids, families; 1:1 grief support
- Thrift stores: Madison and Janesville, proceeds put back into Agrace's work
- Insurance coverage: no questions asked re documentation status for immigrants, Care for All program covers care for uninsured
- Interpreter services—contracted interpreters in person—also, video interpreters, phone interpreters
- Grief after other deaths is different than grief felt after COVID deaths