



Latino Health Council

Thursday, June 25, 2015

Location: Wingra Clinic

Minutes: Anne Plesh

Present: Martha Saucedo (Access), Maria Huerta(ARCW), Greta Johnson (American Cancer Society), Owen KArcher and Donna Fox (Canopy Center), Adam Bush Em (CPP), Tehmina Islam (Madison Midwifery/Access Midwifery, LLC), Anne Plesh (Dean/St. Mary's), Denis Perkins (Epilepsy Foundation), Sara Camacho (GHC), Patricia Tellez-Giron, Robin Lankton and Emily Ramharter (Dept. of Family Medicine), Fernando Cano (Mendota), Leslie Ptak (OSHA), Shiva Bidar-Sielaff (UW Health), Yolanda Salazar (NESCO), Jeff Golden (Public Health), Mary Vasquez (Wingra), Rosario Angulo (Planned Parenthood), Jamie for Lucia Ledesma (Rape Crisis Center), Meghan Grow (Waisman Center), Judith Rasmussen (Wi Council of the Blind and Visually Impaired), Rosario Rhoden (Unity/UWWMF), Kenton Zink (ABC for Health), Kamela Johnson (LHC student intern), Diana Vazquez Parker (premed student - PALMA)

Minutes from last month not approved. Awaiting Patricia's review.

Announcements:

- UW Health at the American Center on far East Side opening in August, Open House on Sunday, August 2.
- 2015 AIDS ride will be 7/30 – 8/2. The AIDS ride is a 4 day, 300 mile ride to bring awareness to and fundraise for HIV and AIDS. This year team “Esperanza Latino” will be riding. Please consider supporting them financially and check out the event at the Wisconsin AIDS ride website. Click on “teams” to donate. Maria will also send event information via the list serve.
- Rape Crisis is hiring. Check their website for opportunities.
- Unido sis hosting a community family party with groups and workshops at Brittingham Park tomorrow, 6/26/2015. The event is open to families and will start at 530pm. All are welcome to support positive family relationships.
- The Latino Worker Project (by the Workers' Rights Center) will have a Latina worker session to hear about the lives of workers in Madison. It will be on 8/27 at Centro Hispano, with the intent to capture individuals' stories. Shiva will send info to list serve. If you know of any Latina workers, please contact Shiva.
- UW Health to donate an extra \$2,000 to LHC this year.

Committee Updates:

Thank you, Member ship Committee, for your hard work! Committee plans to clean-up membership list with their recent email. Working to increase the membership, and working on a few leads.

- Discussion about list serve challenges and possible solutions. If you cannot get the emails through the list serve, use the LHC website Members only portal – use password, lhc-member, for minutes and agendas
- Please continue to recruit for new members in your professional roles

Presentations:

Latino Community in Madison – Shiva, will send a PDF of the visual slide she created and presented. A general overview of groups specifically supporting and serving the Latino community follows:

Collaborative groups:

- La Sup – Latino Support Network – umbrella org - to bring together anyone doing work in the area of social services with the Latino community – meets third Wed of Month – 9am – 11am usually at the Catholic Multicultural Center (From there, other affinity groups like the LHC developed)
 - LHC – reports out at La Sup monthly
 - LUCHA – Latinos United for Change and Advancement – political Advocacy group (joined WI Network for Immigrant and refugee Rights/Voces de la Frontera)
 - Latino Children and Families Council – working on support for families, big event: Dia del Nino, also do ongoing radio program and “las platicas” – partner support/education
 - Latino education council –advocacy within the school district and engage parents and teach them about interacting with the school district
 - Lucas – focus on fundraising for scholarship programs for Latino students
 - Alianza Latina – LGBT Latino youth and parent education, meet at regularly at Outreach

Latino led organizations providing direct services:

- Centro Hispano – Seen as core org, or door of entry for folks
- Academia Latino – workforce development, job skills training, GED and high school
- UNIDOS – culturally competent domestic violence support and prevention
- Catholic Multicultural Center – historically the spiritual core of Latino community when not all churches offered service in Spanish
- Worker’s Right Center of Madison
- Latino Chamber of Commerce – for Latino small businesses and entrepreneurs
- Latino Professional Association – created about 2 years ago, networking group

Additionally:

- Latino media (La Movida, La Comunidad)
- Amigos in Azul (local law enforcement in Dane County who focus on working with Latino Community)
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New:

Latino Consortium meeting monthly to strategize, coordinate and plan – leaders of each of the collaboratives (Fernando, Shiva, Veronica, and Patricia are on the Consortium)

ABC for Health – Kenton Zink

ABC for Health is a small, non-profit public interest law firm dedicated to connecting people in WI with health care coverage. It started in 1994, and is in part funded by grants, and contacts with local service providers. Packet of information distributed.

Anyone in state can contact ABC for Health; the individual's circumstances determine the amount of help that can be provided.

They also do some issue advocacy, though it is not funded. "Birth Cost Recovery" is one example of an issue that seems to be disproportionately affecting latinos in our area. WI is one of only 7 states still doing this, and ABC is working to help.

ABC for Health maintains at least 2 Spanish speaking workers.

Also, ABC for Oral Health m in NW Wisconsin.

Next meeting - July 23, 2015 - Rape Crisis Center hosting at Wingra