

Latino Health Council

Meeting Minutes

May 23, 2019

Location: Wingra Access

Attendees: Fernando Cano, Hannah Flanagan, Evie Storto, Patricia Tellez-Giron, Yolanda Salazar, Judith Rasmussen, Shiva Bidar-Sielaff, Maggie Gritt–Aids resource center, Maria Danielle Martin, Rodrigo Valdivia, Rosario Rhoden., Anne-Louise Plesh SSM health, Diane Feest Care Net, Arely Tinoco Spanish interpreter GHC?, Leslie Ptak, Andrea Nino, Glenda Escalera NESCO, Rosario Angulo, Jill Jacklitz- center for patient partnership, Kari Sievert, Jonathan UNIDOS,

*Request to have LHC members provide their contact information to put on the website, strictly for other members & only accessible via the website to other LHC members. The purpose is to make sure that we can contact each other if there is an exciting opportunity we want to share with another member and/or to provide information such as a change in meeting venue.

Announcements

- New Interpreter supervisor position at SSM
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- 23rd anniversary dinner at UNIDOS July 26th, 2019
- CCMAS May 28th group & June 4 group from 5-7pm at Centro Hispano
- UW Health HIV clinic and Equity and Inclusion office will be at Fruit Fest Located at Prism (formerly Plan B) Sat June 1st

Agenda

- Update- List-serve transition- it has been working for everyone who has tried. The contact information sheet going around will be used for:
 - For new list serve
 - Will put it in password protected side of website
- When getting emails from LHC- make sure that you see that they are coming from GOOGLE address- because the list-serve is changing from Yahoo to Google. If you are only seeing them from Yahoo still, you are not on the google list-serve. Let Fernando Cano know if you are not getting them from google address and get added to that list-serve
- New Website should be up and running in the next 2 months
- Logo's of LHC sponsors will be put on the "support us" page of the website
- Launching website at the July Meeting (hopefully at the June meeting)

June Meeting is not going to be on the 4th Thursday, it will be on June 20th.

Sponsors: It is that time of year that we will be sending emails to our sponsors. Leslie and Ann (Finance Committee) will be writing them up, getting approval from Patricia & Shiva, and sending them on. If you are with one of the sponsoring agencies (SSM, Edgewood, GHC, Unity Point Health Meriter, MG&E, Agrace) remind your organization to look at the email and talk with them about all of the good things that LHC is doing and encourage them to give.

Mental Health Community Conference: 14th anniversary of the Conference. It was a very inspiring & powerful conference. Lots of needs addressed and resources provided. There continues to be an opportunity for parents to bring their children and be reassured that their children are well taken care of and busy, while parents are attending their sessions. Out of 120 people registered, 90 people attended.

LHC Annual Health Fair Oct 19th: planning is happening. Friday Oct 18th we will be setting up, please volunteer for set-up or take down. Consider doing a raffle for free massage from Massage Therapist volunteers. Judith R. offered to provide neck massages for free- she is a licensed massage therapist. Please let Patricia know if you have any connections to other massage therapists who might be willing to volunteer their time for the event. There will be tables set up for each sponsor, and other organizations may be invited to have informational tables as well.

Mentoring Pipeline Update:

MOLA is an Organization out of Chicago, and they approached Patricia and others to discuss opening a chapter of MOLA here in Madison. For more information on MOLA you can go to <http://www.chicagomola.com/>
Started a group for International Medical Graduates: Currently there are 8 physicians taking part in this group.

Fernando spoke about an RN from Columbia who is present here in Madison who is able to take classes and participate in educational opportunities to prepare her for when she is able to practice here in the US. Are there are any organizations that would be able to sponsor her educational endeavors or assist her in getting established as an RN in the US.

Kids Forward Presentation:

Tamarine Cornelius- expanding Drivers license to undocumented folks. In order to promote health among our undocumented population, it is imperative that they have a driver's license. People who don't have a license are afraid of the consequences that they may incur (deportation) if they are caught driving. This fear prohibits people from driving to work/to the doctor/to school etc.... There are benefits beyond just for the family. It can positively impact the workforce by bringing more able bodied individuals into the workforce total estimated workers that would be newly eligible for drivers license is 22,000. With a drivers license you can get insurance= reduction in claims, reduce uninsured drivers, reduce premiums etc...

Question: Has there been any push to have employers to advocate for their employees to get driving privileges? Answer: There has been some contact with Dairy Farmers from rural/conservative areas to be advocates.

Coalition led by Voces de la Frontera
Kids Forward Contributions
Support by public officials
May 1 Day without Latinx & Immigrants
Other drivers license issues

Kids forward makes this a priority because transportation impacts the entire family's health and well being. T

William Parke-Sutherland

Overview of Kids Forward- 1881. Mission Inspire action and promote access to opportunity for every kid every family and every community in Wi. We envision a Wisconsin where every child thrives

Vision: Advocating for effective long lasting solutions that break down barriers to success for children and families
Research and a community informed approach works to help every kids family and community

Race to Equity Project: Mission build a fairer, more just and thriving community by narrowing the gaps in the opportunities and outcomes between families of color and the larger community

Purpose: Use data and analysis as tools to inform guide and inspire actions that narrow racial and ethnic disparities

Wisconsin Budget Project: Independent non-partisan nonprofits in 32 states engaged in similar work across the country

Wisconsin Health Matters Members:

Loose coalition of health care advocates focused on public policy. Disability rights, aging advocacy, women's health advocates, health care access advocates, provider groups

Wisconsin Health Matters Focus includes:

- Medicaid Expansion-
- Healthy Women Healthy Babies- Positive Budget Initiatives

- Protecting Affordable Care Act and Medicaid
- Other state and federal issues impacting access to insurance and health care
 - Waivers, dental therapy** individuals with less education than a dentist/lower cost for services- can provide limited but significant dental procedure such as fillings, birth-cost delivery

BetterBadgerCare.org

Expanding Medicaid will help us ensure that more people have insurance coverage. For the first time in a decade the number of uninsured individuals is increasing. 309,000 adults and 50,000 kids in WI do not have insurance. If parents have insurance it is more likely that their children will have insurance.

Primary Access for Kids Program: Collaborative of health care providers in Dane Co. Every school is paired with a clinic and the kids who are uninsured can get free primary care/and a specific formulary of medications. This serves children up to 18 yrs old.

Insurance rates for Wisconsinites of Color are much lower than Whites. As of 2017 15.8% Latinx people were uninsured compared to 4.2% Whites. 17.3% of Native American people are uninsured- not including those who receive Indian Health Services. Latinx people are still the greatest population of uninsured Wisconsinites.