



Latino Health Council

Community Health Center
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February 27, 2019 | 9:30-11:30 AM

Members present:

Patricia Tellez-Giron (co-chair), Shiva Bidar-Sielaff (co-chair), Martha Saucedo, Maggie Elena Espana-Regan, Cecilia Goldschmidt, Mary Elizabeth Bathum, Deana Sell, Arely Tinoco, Hannah Flannagan, Evie Storto, Fernando Cano, Andrea Nino, Leslie Ptak, Rosario Angulo, Nina Gregeron, Meghan Skrprnski, Natalia Hildner, Ann-Louise Plesh, Rosario Rhoden, Lnsey Clark, William Parke-Sutherland, Chris Chapman, Kristi Jones, Angela Olvera, Jorgo Lika, Kari Sievert, Erin Bailey, Allison Rodriguez, Maria Mora Pinzon, Maggie Gritt

Meeting called to order at 9:30 am by co-chair Patricia Tellez-Giron.

Introductions:

Patricia requested that people introduce themselves and say one thing they like about winter.

Approval of Minutes:

Fernando moved to approve the January 2019 minutes. Kristi second it. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Announcements:

- Patricia reminded everyone to please find a substitute if you are unable to take minutes during the month for which you agreed. Also, if hosting the meeting please contact Patricia at least 2 weeks in advance with logistics.
- Call for SHOW community advisory board members for Dane County PH. Hoping to get an oversample of historically under-represented groups. Dane and Milwaukee county have three spots for each demographic.
- There is still funding available from the breast feeding and lactation support from Madison/Dane County Public Health. Funding has gone to support community-based organizations for lactation coaches, mobile breast feeding/pumping stations and other efforts. Patricia suggested that LHC could ask for some funding to promote breast feeding in the Latinx community, through radio advertisement campaign.
- ABC for Health is hosting their annual HealthWatch Wisconsin conference March 5-6. There will be one section focused on immigrant health issues.
- Kristi announced that an American family (that does not speak Spanish) sponsored an immigrant family, but they have offered no support or community connection. The issue was raised because recent immigrants have an increased risk in being targets for human trafficking.
- Chris Chapman announced that the UW Health HIV Clinic has a full time PrEP Navigator on staff. She can help people access PrEP (**Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis**) and

nPEP(**Post**-Exposure Prophylaxis) for HIV prevention regardless of insurance or immigration status and regardless of where they get their care. The is also mobile and can meet people in the community to assist them

- The Safe Healthy Strong 2019 Conference is in Milwaukee March 19-21. The president of Planned Parenthood will be addressing the conference. Call for more people from Dane County to attend.
- Fernando announced that Mendota Mental Health has multiple job openings. Contact Fernando if you'd like more information.
- Fernando also announced that he is now on the board of the Rape Crisis Center
- Patricia announced that three of the four students she's mentoring were accepted to med school. Also there will be additional mentoring support for students who are pursuing medical degrees. They are forming a Latinx Faculty Mentoring Group. Patricia also announced that some of the members received a fellowship to be formally trained on mentoring minority students. After completion they will receive certification, which may help to create more opportunities for students.
- Patricia also announced that she was helping to financially support students to attend the Latino Med Students Association conference this year.
- Patricia mentioned that there are educated immigrants in the Latino community whose expertise isn't being utilized because they received their degrees outside of the US. She encouraged the LHC to keep in mind opportunities and share them so that people have more opportunities to use their skills.
- Patricia announced that Susan G Komen is looking for a board member and encouraged someone from the group represent the council on their board. She also emphasized the importance of LHC members being on other boards.
- Patricia briefly described the All of Us program and members offered their comments or concerns regarding the program and approach. Shiva and Patricia will meet again with All of Us reps and report back to the LHC on next steps.

Access Community Health Centers Presentation: Martha presented on behalf of Access Community Health Centers. Her presentation addressed their services, who they serve, initiative to increase access to services, their work during the recent immigration crisis in Dane County, addiction treatment services, and a patient advisory council in the planning stages.

Services: ACHC offers full range of medical care, dental services, behavioral health, patient resources, and pharmacy services. They also have in-clinic interpreters, and referrals for housing, food assistance, health care affordability.

ACHC serves people across the lifespan. People of all races, ethnicities, and cultures receive services. Many experience barriers such as financial, language, and cultural understanding. Some patients have private health insurance, Medicaid, and some are uninsured. They provide care regardless of ability to pay, and patients can receive many services at one clinic location.

ACHC is increasing provider capacity and expanding clinic hours to support more patients. They're also expanding services for people with substance use disorders, and increasing dental care capacity – including opening an oral surgery clinic in Sun Prairie (in April)

ACHC is actively engaged and working with other agencies in community to support those impacted by immigration crisis. They provide a variety of support and services to people who may be impacted, and are actively reaching out to patients who may be in need.

Martha gave an overview of addiction treatment services, let LHC members know that ACHC has increased its addiction treatment capacity. ACHC offers: Medication Assisted Treatment options, access to addiction treatment specialists through collaboration with UW, Screening, Brief intervention, and referral to treatment services through the BH team. Anyone who receives primary care services at the clinics can also receive a BH services assessment and most patients can continue receiving BH treatment within their primary care setting. If more intensive services are needed, ACHC will work to refer to outside agencies.

Lastly, Martha told LHC members that they are forming a patient advisory council specifically for the Latinx community. Martha wanted to get feedback on potential names for the council, which should begin meeting in May. The group recommended Access call is the "Latinx Patient and Family Advisory Council to recognize the focus on the Latinx community and honor the role that family members play in patient care and advocacy.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:35 AM