

Latino Health Council
January 22, 2014

Location: Agrace Hospice

Minutes taken by: Nattaly Greene

Participants:

1. Marta Saucedo
2. Alia Dayne
3. Maria Huerta
4. Lilliam Post
5. Anne-Louise Plesh
6. Patricia Tellez-Girón
7. Robin Lankton
8. Mary Elizabeth Bathum
9. Sara Camacho
10. Tehmina Islam
11. Rebecca Ramirez
12. Carol Amos (UNIDOS)
13. Yolanda Salazar
14. Leslie Park
15. Rosario Angulo
16. Jeff Golden
17. Lucia Ledesma
18. Julie Brinen (Susan G Komen)
19. Katie Hensel
20. Shiva Bidar-Sielaff
21. Mary Vasquez
22. Kristi Jones
23. Shannon Ruiz
24. Kari Sievert
25. Zachary Barnes (Wisconsin Bike Fed)

Introductions

Exciting news:

1. Dr. Tellez-Girón has increased the number of pre-med students whom she is mentoring to 10.
2. Doña Yolanda is retiring from her role at the Senior Coalition and hopes to spend some time with family in Mexico and venture into new hobbies.
3. Nattaly Greene was accepted to the UW School of Medicine and Public Health!

Announcements:

1. Minutes from November approved. Motion to approve by two different members.
2. New upcoming project by the senior coalition- Pisando Fuerte. This program is a fall prevention program for seniors aimed at reducing the number of falls amongst senior. More information about the program will be provided later in the year.
3. AIDS network is merging with the AIDS resource center of Wisconsin. Between these two entities they hope to cover the state in its entirety. The merge will allow for an expansion of services provided by AIDS network like pharmacy and behavioral health.
4. The Wisconsin Well Woman program has expanded its coordination into Rock County.
6. Tri4 schools has hired a part-time person who will help Katie with her workload. The addition of a new staff member will allow for the expansion of after school programs and give Katie some free time to focus on business development.
7. Marta Saucedo will be starting her new role as a teacher at the Social Work department at the University of Wisconsin.
8. Susan G Komen organization upcoming events:
February 8 – ‘Think Pink’ basketball game featuring the UW women’s basketball team. Tickets are only \$1.
May 30th-Annual Race for the cure. 75% of the proceeds stay within our state and help facilitate services for uninsured or women in underserved populations.
9. Edgewood College will be donating \$3000 for the 2015 Mental Health Summit!
10. The Catholic Multicultural Center has expanded their staff. These winter months are particularly busy given the harsh conditions in which the homeless have to survive. Their soup kitchens and shelter are a great relief for this community.
11. The Rape Crisis Center is trying to teach Latino parents and increase awareness about sexual assault and the services offered. Lately they have seen an increase in reports of sexual assault within the Latino population and the center believes is all due to the increase in education and awareness.
12. Planned Parenthood –Rosario is currently coordinating issues surrounding the Latino community both here in Madison and in Milwaukee.
Annual conference (Safe Healthy Strong) will be held in Milwaukee on June 10th
13. Dean and St. Mary’s are working more as a system and both organizations are currently adjusting to the changes.

14. GHC is expanding its services to better meet the needs of the Spanish-speaking community. Some of the new classes offered included diabetes education and yoga. If anyone knows a bilingual yoga instructor please contact Sara Camacho.

15. Madison Area Midwives is adding a new midwife to their services.

16. Leslie from OSHA shared with the group that from the 19 counties in the state there was only one fatality involved a Honduran worker last December.

17. The Public Health Department currently has about 60-70% of their website in Spanish.

18. Zachary, a visiting guest from Wisconsin Bike Fed, shared brief information about a new campaign meant to create safe streets for everyone. The campaign is called -Be aware o se consciente and hopes to increase understanding about how to safely share the roads with bikes and motorcyclists. Zach will also be in the next edition of the Madison Magazine in an article highlighting all year round biking.

19. Carol Amos was at the meeting representing UNIDOS. She is hoping to create awareness about domestic violence and the current services provided by UNIDOS amongst the African American community.

-UNIDOS is currently looking for a youth leader. Contact the organization if interested or if you know anyone who would be interested in this position.

20. Department of Family Medicine is working on changing their name to the Department of Family Medicine and Community Health. In addition to the change in name the department is reforming their community health curriculum to better train physicians to work with underserved populations and meet the needs of the community.

21. UW health is giving the Latino Health Council a total contribution of \$3000!

Subcommittee check-in:

1. Financial committee-

- Leslie Ptak is the new chair of the financial committee.
- Letters to organizations requesting donations will be put on hold due to conflicts of interest.
- Membership fee will stay at \$100 for larger organizations and \$50 for smaller organization. Waivers will be provided to organizations that cannot afford the fee.
- If you are here representing an organization please ask about paying the membership fee. If your organization is small the fee will be less or waived.

- Agrace is making a \$2000 donation to the organization as payment for Shiva and Patricia's consulting work.

2. Membership committee-

- Meriter will be paying for the new member brochures
- Checks to be sent to the address in the membership agreement

3. Website-

- We will try to upload radio podcasts to the website as close to their air date as possible
- The Latino Health Facebook Page has been gaining some followers. There is discussion about a segment called Ask the doctor where Facebook users can submit health questions and have Dr. Tellez or the family practice residents reply with the answers.
- Minutes and information about future meetings are in the website under the members portal.

Future Projects

Collaboration with Centro Hispano- there have been talks and plans to create a Centro Hispano Wellness Center. The center would be a space where members of the community can go to get well and learn about health and healthy living. The Latino Health Council can collaborate with the Centro Hispano to make this project a reality and have a place for our community to find answers and education surrounding health.

BUILD GRANT-

The Centro Hispano is also applying for a grant to find ways in which to engage people who live adjacent to the center. They are also hoping to study the community in order to understand this population's resilience, how resilience is built, and ways in which we can use those values and apply them to daily life in order to continue to strengthen the community.

GRANT PROPOSAL WITH DR. RICHARD BROWN

1. Dr. Richard Brown is currently applying for a large grant to study ETOH abuse. We are hoping to create an academic-community partnership. With the council's help this research project can dive into issues that lead the Latino community to ETOH abuse and discuss potential appropriate interventions for prevention and awareness. At this point the letter of intent was submitted and we are awaiting further updates.

Presentation by Agrace Hospice

Alia Dayne gave a wonderful presentation discussing the Agrace Hospice model, common misconceptions; current services and ways in which the organization is trying to expand its reach to the entire community.

Below are some of the presentation highlights:

- Hospice is a way of life
- Hospice is about helping people achieve their life goals.
- Currently they accept people with 6 months or less to live.
- Agrace Hospice is available for people of all ages
- Agrace Hospice is trying to serve the community better and reach out to the community by recruiting more diverse staff.
- They believe that in order to serve the community appropriately they need to look like the community (Kudos to Fernando Cano for his input surrounding this topic)
- Agrace is involved in training of high school students from diverse backgrounds for a career in health care through the CNA scholars program.
- Agrace has expanded their language services
- Currently with the help of Dr. Tellez and Shiva vital documents are being translated into Spanish.

-Misconceptions/misinformation

Barriers to access:

- Cost- Agrace's goal is to never turn anyone away because of lack of funds. They find the means to help a dying person have a dignified, more comfortable death.
- Health insurance
- Legal status. Agrace is removing the immigration status and social security question from their intake form. No one will be denied care due to immigration status.
- Language. By the end of January of 2015 Hospice hopes to have all vital documents to Spanish.
- In home care is possible and it is the most frequent way in which hospice services are used across the state.
- Family-centered culture of care. Agrace empowers and educates the family on how to care for the dying family member at home.

Agrace is reintroducing themselves to the community.

-Agrace's information folders are now available in Spanish for people interested in their services. Within the packet is a Fotonovela written in an effort to use story telling to educate the community.

There will also be a Radionovela, which will air on La Movida in the near future. The 2-hour radio program will launch the outreach campaign to the Latino community.