



# Latino Health Council

UW Health at Wingra clinic

1102 S. Park St.

January 24, 2019

9:30-11:30

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

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**Introductions:** Patricia requested that people introduce themselves and mention a resolution for this upcoming year. **Members present:** Shiva Bidar-Sielaff, Martha Saucedo, Maggie Gritt, Mary Elizabeth Bathum, CH representative, Steph Mandloch, Arely Tinoco, Carola Gaines, Theresa Bednarek, Tehmina Islam, Rosario Angulo, Nina Gregerson, Kari Sievert, Manuel Cerda, Rodrigo Valdivia, Dianne Maglaque, Adrian Jones, Robin Lankton, Kristi Jones, Judith Rasmussen, Sylvia Eugenia Ruiz, Brenda Gonzalez, Natalia Hildner, Andrea Nino

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## Announcements:

- Mindfulness classes offered to people of color supported by UW Health
- Journey Mental Health received some money from the county to hire mobile counselors (some to be able to meet when police are called); the Diversity and Inclusion committee decided to incorporate the Witnessing Whiteness curriculum, focusing on cultural humility.
- Rodrigo is hoping to diversify the county workforce as part of his new position, in all forms of diversity. If you have positions that are open, please keep him in mind to pass along to various candidates. Please also keep him in mind
- Planned Parenthood scholarships are open for the upcoming conference. Community engagement programs started this year in Platteville. There will be a new group in Lake Geneva of 10 health promoters.
- Arely passed around the 2019 membership agreement.
- Sylvia reminded the organization of UW Health mindfulness training course for the Latinx community in the summer in Spanish. Sylvia will send information to the listserve.
- Roots for Change cooperative changed their name and is now partnered with Centro Hispano but not part of Centro. The organization is still offering postpartum groups and doula support.
- Open position available at UNIDOS for an advocate and bilingual help line coordinator

- Natalia introduced herself and also announced a bilingual help line coordinator/direct services position at the Rape Crisis Center. There is a full time and a part time position open.

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**Approval of Minutes:** Tehmina moved to approve the October 2018 minutes. Shiva seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

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**Latino Health Bash:** The Latino Health Bash was held in September 2018 and there were 50 teens present! One of the presenters will be staying at Access Community Health and will also be partnering with Nuestra Salud twice in 2019. There were less teens that were disruptive this year than other years. Fernando did an amazing job of presenting about immigration and the value of being an immigrant. It was a shorter program than other years and that was better. Patricia is working with Edgewood professor to see if we can get more students at this year's Teen Bash.

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**Minutes/Hosts for 2019:** Tehmina will no longer be able to host/present for the June 2019 meeting. This is timely because there is a new partnership with the Children's museum and they might send a representative to the meetings and also partner with the LHC Health Conference to host activities and mindfulness trainings for children.

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Journey Mental Health will also co-present in September 2019 with Planned Parenthood so we will keep that introductory part of the meeting shorter.

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Patricia will send an updated schedule of minute takers and hosts for 2019. If you are still not getting emails, please send Patricia an email to figure out why this might be. Hopefully, the new website will be up and running

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**Upcoming Events in 2019:** please mark your calendars now!

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Mental Health Community Conference – May 11<sup>th</sup>

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Chronic Disease/Health Fair – October 19<sup>th</sup>

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Latino Teen Bash: December 7<sup>th</sup>

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**Membership Committee:** Arely summarized the membership fees for organizations and individuals. She also summarized the membership benefits and responsibilities. Please consider renewing your membership. (Maggie, Carola, Manuel are new members to the subcommittee)

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**Finance Committee:** Thank you to ARCW for being our fiscal sponsor. We are starting the year in a good place financially. Thank you to Edgewood for their sponsorship again this year. We sponsored some events in 2018 to support the LGBTQ Latinx community and we sponsored PALMA transportation to a conference. The radio program now includes challenging the myth of the day, the tip of the day, and the prize of the day. LHC is able to make a donation towards organizations and members who are moving the mission forward but we can't sponsor events that we are not organizing.

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**Website Committee:** Fernando was not able to attend but Patricia updated us that the new website will be up and running this year. Brenda is also working on updating and revamping our Facebook and Twitter (Nina, Dianne, Adrian are new members to the subcommittee)

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**UW Health Presentation:** Shiva presented on behalf of UW. The system includes over 60,000 employees. As Chief Diversity Officer, her objectives are to partner with communities of color and the LGBTQ+ communities, to initiate internal education and initiatives, assist in language access, and to collaborate internally and externally to improve health.

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The three investment priorities are: community investment, workforce investment, and workplace investment.

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The language access program has 9 FTE staff, 1 manager, 1 scheduler, 6 spanish staff interpreters, and 1 ASL interpreter along with 100 contracted interpreters. They also have remote interpreter 24/7 services for 200 additional languages that can be accessed over the phone or by video. There is now also a fluency test that any bilingual staff need to pass.

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UW Health has also improved Epic EMR to include non-binary terms, including gender services on their website, changing single stall restrooms to all gender restrooms, participating in the PRIDE parade, and partnering with LGBTQ+ community leadership organizations.

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Community Care plan can help waive or discount your health care costs depending on family income and criteria including access to private health insurance or county health insurance programs. Transplants are not covered under the Community Care plan. The undocumented Latinx community struggles the most out of any other group to access health insurance and coverage. UW Health is attempting to get front-end approvals for people who are eligible for the Community Care plans.

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UW Health Community Health Needs Assessment: Adrian and Robin summarized 4 priorities: maternal and child health, chronic conditions, and mental health/behavioral health and substance use disorders. In addition to health, however, findings also included education, neighborhoods, and safety as part of health. The slideshow will be available at [healthydane.org](http://healthydane.org) starting in February. Quarter 2 of 2019 will involve how to meet the goals outlined in the assessment.

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