

Latino Health Council Meeting – March 19, 2015

Members Present: Patricia Tellez-Giron, Fernando Cano, Jeff Golden, Beth Clemitis, Kristi Jones, Robin Lankton, Anne Plesch, Martha Saucedo, Diane McCue, Julie Brennan, Lilliam Post, Lucia Dezman, Margo Falk, Dennis Perkins, Michelle Roach, Kirsten Norslien, Rebecca Ramirez, Sara Camacho, Tehmina Islam, Yolanda Salazar, Rosario Angulo, Nattaly Greene

Introductions: Please stand and introduce yourself – gives you a chance to stretch and speak up.

Announcements:

- Gildas Club is hoping to find a bilingual facilitator who has a mental health license.
- Gildas Club is hosting a Young Survivor's Conference for cancer survivors under 40 on Saturday, March 28th; they are also hosting a free 2-hour six session workshop designed to help cancer survivors across six weeks – this will be held June 15 to July 1
- The Council on the Blind and Visually Impaired – hosting a gardening webinar for the visually impaired including horticulture therapy on April 2, 2015. They also have a low vision clinic and have a staff member who is Spanish speaking (Michelle Roach) and they are also connected now to an interpreter phone line as needed
- Welcomed ABC for Health as a new member
- The brochure is working well; very helpful tool to meet with ARCW CEO
- Northeast Side Coalition – Yolanda reported about a research project to prevent falls in the community; Yolanda expressed interest in working with WI Council on the Blind and Visually Impaired to collaborate on a workshop; Stepping Up is a research project that will also be offered in Spanish
- Epilepsy Foundation: having an annual siblings day – having a celebration for the siblings of children with disabilities and special needs, collaborating with other local organizations like the Waisman Center. Held on April 18th; they are also hosting a workshop on April 17th – a workshop for individuals, families, and medical professionals to learn about seizure prediction, sudden unexpected death for epilepsy patients, and the use of CBD oils.
- ABC for Health is running the Health Watch Wisconsin information sharing and advocacy group. The annual conference is coming up and tomorrow is the last day to register. You can register online or via paper application and the conference is being held on March 26, 2015.
- Public Health is trying to make the shingles vaccine available for adults that do not have health insurance or do not have Medicare. This will be available in the summer for residents older than 60 and also for post-shingles pain.
- Planned Parenthood is offering free testing for chlamydia and HIV through the month of April.

- Embody Conference is being held from June 3-5th this year in Milwaukee
- ARCW is hosting the Red Ribbon Fundraiser at Edgewater on April 17th
- Diego at Unity approached Patricia to do a Spanish column in their newsletter

Meeting with ARCW: Patricia reported that the meeting was very productive. The CEO offered complete support and was so impressed with AIDS Network former partnership with LHC. Discussion followed about how ARCW can work more with LHC and the CEO confirmed that we will not lose our fiscal sponsorship.

Approval of Minutes: Fernando moved to approve the minutes. Jeff seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Patricia reported that the grant submitted to research alcohol use and behavior risk has some promise of being awarded.

LHC met with a representative at MG&E to talk about current projects and initiatives. Shiva sent Mario the sponsorship letter with hopes that MG&E would support the work of LHC.

Patricia is meeting with Robin and Jen to talk about issues of diversity. The conversation will also follow up on how to create a pipeline from middle school to physician. The goal is to increase the number of people of color in health professionals.

April 18th is the Mental Health Summit and will be held at the Bethel Lutheran Church. Attendants are encouraged to register if they can – call Yolanda Salazar to register at 441-9918 so we can organize the food appropriately.

Fernando updated the group about Proyecto Dignidad; first listening session took place last Thursday and there were 16 men present. They all came to talk about victimization and violence in the community and to look for solutions. Next listening session will be April 30th at 5:30 pm at United Methodist Church in Monona. This is a primary prevention approach and a needs assessment to talk about what men are working through in their daily lives.

Presentation by the Waisman Center

Kristi and her colleagues presented. The Waisman Center is committed to working as a statewide resource for people with disabilities. Part of the Center is also a research center and the other part of the Center does trainings, outreach, and services in clinics. Some of the research findings are then distributed statewide.

There are 13 clinics and the Autism clinic is the largest clinic. They receive referrals for children and work as an interdisciplinary clinic. They receive approximately 20-

25 referrals per week and this is their biggest challenge. For Latino families, there are interpretive services and Waisman Center also has bilingual and bicultural staff. The Waisman Center is able to see people who are uninsured and underinsured.

They have a Family Navigator system that helps families navigate area providers, regional centers, insurance, etc.

Anyone can call the resource center but you need a primary care provider referral for a patient to be screened or care for. Discussion followed about coordination with families and their children's schools. They see children until 21 as they are a pediatric clinic.

Dane County Immunization Coalition:

Diana McCue discussed the recommendation of the HPV vaccine in young teens (boys and girls). They are working to educate providers and educate the public and understand the benefits of the vaccine. Part of that outreach is to reach the Latino community – the Latino community has the highest rate of vaccination rates but also faces the highest rates of cervical cancer.

Discussion followed about how to talk to parents about talking to their kids about getting the HPV vaccine without the parents fearing that this means their kids are going to have sex. The vaccines are free through Public Health up until age 26. LHC gave ideas about outreach and media outlets to get the message out.