

LHC Meeting Minutes

September 24, 2020

Recorded by Katie Hensel, Tri 4 Schools

Attendees: Katie Hensel, Patricia Tellez-Giron, Andrea Suarez Rodriguez, Arely Tinoco, Carissa Loeper, David Bartel, Evelyn Cruz, Fernando Cano, Hannah Flanagan, Judith Rassmussen, Kristi Jones, Chris Chapman, Kari Sievert, Lourdes Shanjani, Martha Saucedo, Nina Gregerson, Rodrigo Valdivia, Rosa Rhoden, Shelly Shaw, Sylvia Ruiz, Tehmina Islam, Joshy Castillo, Susy Cranley, Felipe Mesa-Morales, William Parke-Sutherland, Maria Mora Pinzon, Brenda Gonzalez, Sara Camacho, Anne Plesh, Juan Carlos Cabrera, Faatima Khan

Announcements:

- Minutes were approved after a motion by Fernando Cano and seconded by Arely Tinoco
- REMINDER: Our last meeting of 2020 will be next month, October 22nd!
- Movie Night – Tri 4 Schools – Come to the Madison Mallards Duck Pond on Saturday, October 10th for one of two movies (5:45pm – Moana, 8:30pm – The Great Outdoors). Cost is \$20 per car and you can register at tri4schools.org/honors-night
- Fernando – Congrats to Dr. Tellez-Giron on her incredible (and well-deserved) honor of being one of the top 39 most influential Latinx people in Wisconsin
- Mendota Mental Health – has open positions with Mendota Mental Health, you can find them at the Wisconsin State Jobs website (wisc.state.jobs)
 - Also can look at CWC - CNAs can earn a \$2,000 signing bonus and receive training
- Patricia talked about the importance of getting as many people their flu shots this year and providing access to vaccines and care, education
 - PHMDC is holding a free drive thru flu vaccine starting on October 6th at the Alliant Energy Center. No appointment is needed, no ID is needed; insurance is not needed; translators who speak Spanish and Hmong will be onsite. Walk ups will be accommodated. You can find additional details here:
<https://publichealthmdc.com/health-services/immunizations/influenza-the-flu>

Old Business:

- COVID Updates
 - Efforts appear to be stabilizing due to the work of many of our organizations working together
 - Activities are continuing, such as mask distribution
 - Now turning attention to mental health support – working with Project Recovery, which is funded through FEMA, goal is to provide emotional support during crises; just hired two bilingual staff who can provide up to five calls for individuals experiencing a crisis (but this is NOT therapy, can work with referrals) through summer 2021
 - Patricia has posters that you can have for your business or organization about how obtain and clean your mask

Presentations:

Group Health Cooperative (GHC): Pandemic Initiatives in the Latinx Community by Arely Tinoco

- COVID Projects/Efforts
 - Began outreach to patients about COVID symptoms, especially those with higher risks
 - Provided interpreter services via Zoom
 - Had to translate all emails, signage, and communications in to Spanish and Hmong (brand new content) – 34 total
 - Created (and are still updating) a resource list for the community/patients
- Data & Demographics
 - 5.4% of patients are Hispanic
 - Represent 6.2% of tests
- Community Care
 - Housing
 - Medication
 - Food insecurity
 - Financial Assistance
 - Primary Access for Kids program (PAK)
 - Interpreters working in hybrid mode

Behavioral Health Resource Center of Dane County by Molly Kloehn, BHRC Supervisor, and Carrie Simon, Behavioral Health Manager

- Meant to be a community resource for anyone who needs support with the behavioral health care they need
- Use a holistic, person-centered approach
- Can access by initial and follow-up consults, starting with phone
 - Have a language line for interpreter services
 - Can also do zoom and can work on in-person consults on a per case basis
- Also have online resources
- Located at 818 W. Badger Rd (next to Centro Hispano), hours 7am-7pm, expect to soft launch in November with a more formal opening in Feb/Mar (ideally host an Open House!)
- Contact info for more info: kloehn.molly@countyofdane.com
- Funded by the county budget
- Lots of discussion around how we can reduce barriers and ensure that continuity of care is strong and supports the Latinx community and others who have many obstacles to receiving services