

**Latino Health Council Meeting Minutes**  
**Thursday, October 28, 2021**

**Members present:** Patricia Tellez-Giron (UW Dept of Family Medicine), Tehmina Islam (Madison Area Midwives), Martha Saucedo (Access Community Health), Rodrigo Valdivia (Dane County), Juan Carlos Cabrera (LHC), Anne Plesh (SSM Health), Judith Rasmussen (WI Council of the Blind), Sachin Gupta (Center for Patient Partnerships), Sindya Cardona (UNIDOS), Julio Molina (Vivent Health), Evie Storto (Journey Clinica Latina), Garrett Tusler (New Bridge), Andre Biscaye (Northeast Clinic), Fernando Cano Ospina (RISE), Marcela Kyngesburye (Rape Crisis Center), Araceli Nord (Padres e hijos en accion), Ana Karina (UW Breast Center), Jacqueline Rodriguez (PALMA), Elizabeth Ringle (Wisconsin Medical Society Foundation), Jhonathan Real (UNIDOS), William Parke-Sutherland (Kids Forward), Arely Tinoco (Group Health Cooperative), Evelyn Cruz (Centro Hispano), Hector Portillo (Padres e hijos en accion), Lucy Cid (Wingra student), Julia Reigh (Center for Patient Partnerships), Katie Hensel (Tri 4 Schools), Nicole Butterbaugh (UW Breast Center), Chris Chapman (UW Health HIV Care center), Moranda Medina-Lopez (Well Badger Resource Center), Kristina Jones (UW SMPH)

**September 2021 Minutes:** Judith moved to approve the September 2021 minutes with corrections; Fernando seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

**Announcements:**

- RISE is growing and moving to Fordem Avenue. There are 6 positions open; 3 are bilingual and those positions are paid more. Please go to the Rise website or contact Fernando for more information. For positions at RISE please share with family, friends, and community members. Great place to work and help the communities with multiple programs. -<https://risewisconsin.org/employment/current-opportunities/>
- Journey Clinica Latina announced that there is not a waitlist for counseling appointments. If you know anyone who is uninsured and would like to seek services, please contact Evie or refer to Journey. Clinica Latina open for new referrals for therapy. We accept uninsured and some insurance plans. Please call: 608-280-2495
- SSM Health is looking for a Fond du Lac bilingual interpreter at .5 time with full benefits. If anyone knows someone, please contact Anne.
- Access has been working hard to keep a medical home to anyone uninsured. Access is still working with families and there is not a long waiting list.
- Rape Crisis Center is looking to hire for their position as well. <https://thercc.org/employment/>
- Esperanza has a 4-session series in Spanish about addressing institutional whiteness. Evie will send a flyer to the listserve.
- Dane County is hiring bilingual case managers that will work in the Behavioral health department.

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**Meeting update:** LHC will continue to meet virtually for the first 6 months since large gatherings are still not recommended. Juan Carlos is coordinating minute takers as well as presenters twice per meeting.

**DHS Grant:** LHC applied for a DHS grant that has mostly been used for La Movida and radio announcements and programs. We will know by November 1<sup>st</sup> if we are awarded that grant. New announcements will come out about child vaccines for Covid and booster eligibility.

LHC is looking for more items to put in their swag bags so if your organization has any items they want to include, please contact Patricia. This also has been a rich experience for the students to be out in the community and talk to community members about their health and vaccination stories and experiences.

**UW Breast Cancer Patient Navigators Presentation:** Ana Karina and Nicole Butterbaugh presented about the UW program. Patient navigators help patients through the process of receiving healthcare and addressing barriers or getting through screenings, testing, treatments, and survivorship process. They assist patients with insurance coverage and billing assistance. Dane County is resource rich but access poor.” Patient navigators also assist with resource referral within the UW system and community resources.

Ana Karina also works with a collaborative program of the Wisconsin Well Woman Program, UW Health, and Cancer Health Disparities Initiative to help people get into testing, screening, and treatment: cervical or breast screenings. She is able to work with women in all Southwest WI counties even if they are outside of the UW Health system. Ana Karina shared testimonies of patients who have received their navigation services and these testimonies were powerful and deeply moving.

**Finance Committee:** The Committee will be creating a newly drafted letter to go out to funders and will report on the 2021 successes and incorporate 2022 needs (not be so events focused). Please share the donations contact person for our current funders: GHC, SSM, Quartz/UW Health, WWHF, Agrace, and Edgewood College so we can contact them and solicit for funding in 2022. (Members present today: Patricia Tellez-Giron, Anne Plesh, Garrett Tusler, Jacqueline Rodriguez)

**Membership Committee:** The Committee discussed the end of the year drawing for 2021 and repeat again in 2022. Current and new members should ideally include some service provision in Dane County, even if it’s not ALL provided in Dane County. Rodrigo will invite Arely Estrada to be part of the Dental health field representation and Judith will reach out to the Deaf community and colleagues to attend. The committee also discussed highlighting new members at each meeting and also review the guidelines to invite new people, the agreement, and the

intro documents. (Members present today: Tehmina Islam, Martha Saucedo, Rodrigo Valdivia, Judith Rasmussen, Julio Molina, Evie Storto, Marcela Kyngesburye, Ana Karina, Evelyn Cruz, Julia Reigh, Moranda Medina-Lopez)

Website Committee: The Committee will be working on getting the website updated to include new members and use the website to also include position openings at respective member organizations. Juan Carlos could also post on Facebook updated position openings and service openings. (Members present today: Lucy Cid, Andre Biscaye, Katie Hensel, Fernando Cano, Aracely Nord, Juan Carlos)