



**Latino Health Council of Dane County**  
**Thursday, February 24, 2022**  
**Meeting Minutes**

**Ice Breaker** – What is your favorite color? Blue wins. Prizes to Shiva and Evie

**Attendance: From membership committee**

**Minutes Approval:** Lourdes moved to approve, Martha seconded. Minutes approved without corrections.

**Announcements:**

- Martha – Access presenting today. After the meeting, Access will be sending all attendees a gift card for coffee to honor our tradition of sharing breakfast that we have been unable to enjoy due to COVID.
- Open position at Gilda’s Club. Job description will go to the listserv
- Hannah – Expanding CARES program; hiring two mental health workers, among other positions. Positions do not require master’s degree or licensure: Crisis worker, CARES team (mental health/paramedic co-responder program, emergency phone workers, peer support specialists, and crisis stabilization support are the positions that are open in the programs that Hannah oversees at JMHC (<https://journeymhc.org/careers/>)
- Elizabeth - Announced that we should save the date - 4/21 - to celebrate the Super Hero of Medicine Award , in celebration of our own Dra. Patricia Tellez-Giron.
- Elizabeth also announced that she will be transitioning to retirement, and the WI Medical Society Foundation is looking to hire a program coordinator with room to grow into Elizabeth’s role. Contact [elizabeth.ringle@wismed.org](mailto:elizabeth.ringle@wismed.org).
- SSM Health looking for certified Spanish interpreters in FDL and Janesville. ([Job Search Results - SSM Health Careers](#))
- Leila – Announced the Stem to Stern program – a free opportunity for kids in Middle School to learn to row; also do lots of stem education; see the rowing club website
- Areli Estrada – announced that Affordable Dental Care is hiring for a part time hygienist and also looking for a temp Dentist from August to October.
- Lourdes- Public Health – Welcome to Leslie Walker, new to the Public Health Communications team; Also announced that they are seeing many mask mandate questions. Learn more at their blog post: <https://publichealthmdc.com/blog/if-youre-worried-about-the-mask-order-ending-read-this>; PHMDC also continues to vaccinate at locations on South Park Street, East Washington and the clinic at AEC, as well as mobile clinics. More info here: <https://publichealthmdc.com/coronavirus/covid-19-vaccine/vaccination-appointments>
- Medic clinic update
  - 1102 S. Park; Free Saturday Clinic; flyer to listserv will be shared; appts 8am – 12pm, 2 patients per hour; plenty of openings currently; they can prescribe medications that are not on the controlled substances list.
  - Medic clinic is not a continuity clinic. They function more like an urgent care; however, there is capacity right now for folks to get connected to a primary care home through Access when they are seen at the Medic Clinic. The cost for this is covered by UW Health; funding will continue for next year.



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- Reinforced in the chat: “Medic is for acute care/urgent care if they cannot get care in regular clinic. If people already have a primary care they should go to their primary care. If not urgent they should then call ACHC including Wingra to try to establish primary care.
- Access also has openings right now for uninsured patients who do not have a medical home.

**Old Business**

- **Minutes takers/presenters for 2022** – Use the link to sign up:  
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10COF4FAEA82BAAF4C43-minute>  
Volunteers needed for minutes on 10/27.  
Open spaces for presentations in June and July
- **Membership agreement/fees** – Juan Carlos will send after this meeting. Sign, scan and return to Juan Carlos for 2022. Also be mindful for the fees, or if waiver needed, email Patricia.
- **COVID updates** – Still working with Access to give vaccine education. Yolanda still recruiting from home – 608-441-9918 if folks need vaccine, booster, or they have questions. Calls can be received between 7am – 8pm, also Saturday and Sunday. We will see more messaging from LHC that vaccines and masks are still important.
  - **Data shared:**
  - At least 1 vaccine: Latinx in Dane County at 80% non-Latinx 76.9%
  - 2 doses of vaccine: 73% for both Latinx and non-Latinx populations
  - For 18 and over - about 91% latinx have received vaccine
  - Total population that has received booster is where we are seeing the need for work: Latinx pop 29% non-Latinx 45%
  - Message: focus work with youth, kids, and folks needing boosters. Also continue to advocate mask use to help those who wish to wear one feel safe.
  - 4 pre-med students will work with 35 businesses to provide education about masking and posters on vaccines and boosters for them and their clients; adding 30 additional businesses (grocery stores and restaurants)
- **Events**
  - Considering bringing events back, however, we will start very cautiously with reduced numbers.
  - Mental Health Summit – proposing 50 people (instead of 150 as in the past); We will require masks, hand washing, social distancing; likely half day instead of full day to test how things go. Tentative date Sat, 5/21, 9am – 2pm; Will require proof of vaccination (and can facilitate helping them to get it prior to the event)
  - May need volunteers and organizations’ help with giveaways for treat bags
- **Consulting**
  - # different research studies on Alzheimer’s
  - Assisting New Bridge
  - Talking with Primordial – classes with seniors on mindfulness
  - If approached about research with Latinx populations, refer to LHC
- **Mentoring**



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- Working activity with PALMA students; providing some funding for them
- Starting program with Family Medicine – Family Medicine Future Physician Program. Program to provide shadowing, community work, research experience and direct mentoring throughout medical school.

**Presentations:**

**Access presentation – Dan Martin, Chief Clinical Services Officer**

- Pandemic response highlighted – Given close to 15,000 doses of vaccines to close to 9,000 people; Done over 30 after-hours (evening/weekend) clinics; maintained the ability to give vaccines at the time of other clinic appointments; have been able to keep disparities in this area in check; considering education and outreach efforts to patients once the vaccine opens to small children.
- Telehealth – 20 – 40% of clinical visits and 50 – 60% of behavioral health visits; predicts telehealth will continue to be a core part of the model post-pandemic
- Expanding care for people in the community without insurance with donations and pandemic relief funding – since June of last year, seen 320 patients seen without insurance/connections (7x the people seen the previous year); and hopes to expand this to dental (down 4 dentist FTEs right now)
- Celebrate Smiles is back this year. Only providing preventive care at this time. 2100 kids seen in 22 schools since Sept. 2021. Kids needing restorative care referred back to clinic, but far fewer make it back to the clinic.
- Planning to purchase a mobile unit in 2023 that will allow the full scope of pre-pandemic services.
- Staffing – frontline is a particular challenge; recruiting in traditional way, but also bringing back a program to train dental assistants in-house (as has been done in the past); also looking at how to do that for medical assistants. If we know folks who may be interested or have questions about volunteering, contact [Dan.Martin@accesshealthwi.org](mailto:Dan.Martin@accesshealthwi.org)
- Latinx Patient Advisory Council started pre-COVID. Gather every 2 months to get group feedback and input in order to be more culturally appropriate in new programs.

**PHMDC presentation: Sexual and Reproductive Services at PHMDC – Lourdes Shanjani And Liliana Lema**

- Local Health Dept with significant growth in the last 2 years – 160 staff members serving more than 60 cities/towns across Dane County
- Presentation attached – general overview of PHMDC shared along with detailed overview of sexual and reproductive services;
- Questions/ clarification:
  - Sliding scale fee emphasized, and patients will never be turned away based on ability to pay.
  - Minors do not require parent permission.
  - Questions: [Ishanjani@publichealthmdc.com](mailto:Ishanjani@publichealthmdc.com)