

Latino Health Council | May 26, 2022 | Meeting Minutes

Present: Judith Rasmussen, William Parke-Sutherland, Rosario Rhoden, Faatima Khan, Tehmina Islam, Kirsten Norslien, Jhonathan Real, Martha Saucedo, Arely Tinoco, Anne Plesh, Lourdes Shanjani, Fernando Cano Ospina, Ana Karina, Shiva Bidar-Sielaff, Chris Chapman, Sachin Gupta, Rodrigo Valdivia, Julio Molina, Judith Rasmussen, Juan Carlos Cabrera, Judith Rasmussen, Patricia Tellez-Giron

0. Meditation exercise
Led by Martha Saucedo
1. Introductions/checking in
Sharing good news! Excitement about long weekend, spending time with the family, changes of job, engagement birthdays, baseball championship, gratitude for health, gathering/networking events, being in community, vacations.
2. Minutes (approval/corrections)
Approved by Fernando Cano second by Rosa Rhoden
3. Announcements
Judith WI Council of the Blind: Gallery Night on 11/04 taking applications to display the work of people living in WI with vision impairment. Photos need to be send out by 08/15. More information at Wcblind.org
Faatima from Agrace: hiring for Bilingual Community Grief Specialist at Agrace and Patient Care Coordinator at Fitchburg Springs Dental
Chris Chapman: National HIV Testing in partnership with PHMDC event 9am-6pm
William Parker-Kids Forward is hiring for a Policy Director
Rosa: STEM to Stern Madison Mendota rowing scholarships and several open positions
Padres e Hijos en Accion is starting summer programs. More information in their website
\$10,000 grant from the WI Medical Society to provide cultural humility trainings on how to provide services for Latinx communities especially in rural areas in Dane County
4. Old business:
 - Membership agreement/fees/sponsorship: reminder to check with Organizations on agreements and fees for 2022
 - COVID updates: projects in the community with students, continue to do work and education on boosters, percentages of vax among Hispanic community ***
 - Events: Mental Health Community conference 5/21/22
Huge success! About 80 people in between participants and presenters. Different workshops, information was well received and participants were excited to be in community.
 - Consulting

Providing guidance to different groups & organizations such as:
Grant to do eye exams along with Access Community Health Centers
Project with Advance Directive
New Project Director at the Senior Center Downtown. Older Adults at New Bridge
Residents in Pediatric
Open Door for Refugees
-Mentoring
About 16 students that are receiving support through PALMA for projects. In this cycle, five students applied to Medical School.
Opportunities to shadow with physicians. Continue work with MOLA Chicago and looking to establish it here in WI.

5. New business:

-Presentation by Amy Wurf – Education & Vision Services Director
With the WI Council of Blind & Visually Impaired
Council founded in 1952
Some numbers: 100,000 + Wisconsinites are blind or visually impaired, expected to grow the double within the next years.
Nearly everyone is impacted with Vision Impairment
Ways to help manage those activities and that's what the council can provide support with.
Three main areas of work: Advocacy (accessible pedestrian signals, white cane law, and service dog legislation), Education (webinars, school presentations, and access technology classes), and Vision Services (store: online & physical, access technology, vision rehabilitation in the home, low vision evaluations)
Low vision therapists focus on systems and management of vision loss. They do not diagnose or treat vision loss.
No charge for home visit. Can not build insurance, Medicaid or Medicare.
See slides attached for more details

Meeting adjourned

Next meeting: June 30th, 2022
Presenter: First Breath and Well Badger and UW Health Patient UW Health HIV Care and Prevention Program
Minutes: Tehmina Islam