

Latino Health Council Meeting Minutes
February 25, 2021

Attendees:

1. Patricia Tellez-Giron -UW Department of Family Medicine
2. Shiva Bidar-UW Health
3. Juan Carlos-Executive Assistant LHC
4. Arely Tinoco-GHC
5. Lourdes Shanjani-Public Health
6. Brenda Gonzales- Director of Comm. Relations UW
7. Fernando Cano-Mendota Mental Health
8. Martha Saucedo- Access Community Health
9. Faatima Khan-Agrace
10. Joshy Castillo-Planned Parenthood
11. Judith- Wisconsin Council of the Blind
12. Hector Portillo- Padres e Hijos en accion
13. Susy Cranley-Rise Wisconsin
14. Clara Tavarez-WWHF
15. Christopher Mullen-BSP
16. Kirsten Norslien-Gilda's Club
17. Elizabeth Ringle-Wisconsin Medical Society Foundation
18. Ana Karina Cuella-UW patient navigator
19. Felipe Mesa-ABC for Health
20. Garrett Tusler- Diversity and Inclusion-Newbridge
21. Anne Plesh- SSMH
22. Carissa - PALMA
23. William Parke-Sutherland-Kids Forward
24. Katie Hensel- Tri 4 Schools
25. Evelyn Storto- Journey Clinica Latina
26. Chris Chapman- UW HIV Clinic
27. Chelsea Tibbetts- WWHF
28. Rodrigo Valdivia-Dane County
29. Jacqueline Rodriguez-
30. Saulo Castellano-Public Health
31. Evelyn Cruz -Centro Hispano
32. Abigail
33. Wendy Molaska

Meditation Exercise: Gracias, Martha Saucedo!

Introductions/Checking In

Minutes Approval: Fernando approved, Judith seconded

Celebrations!!

- Dr. Castellano has been working with getting out the vaccines. Thank you for all your efforts!

- DACA students for the first year were able to apply to the School of Medicine and Public Health. The first student, Gilberto Osuna was accepted and given a full scholarship!

Announcements:

- **Faatima Khan**
 - Agrace will be opening an Adult Day Center this spring for drop-in senior care on weekdays from 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. This freestanding center is centrally located at [1702 W. Beltline Highway](#). To enroll a loved one and for more information, follow this link: [Agrace Adult Day Center | Adult Day Care Services | Southern Wisconsin](#)
- **Katie Hensel**
 - Tri 4 Schools is going to be opening in-person programming this year. Information on events and programs can be found at [tri4schools.org](#) starting March 1. One of the first events on March 15th will be an in-person trail event.
 - Tri 4 Schools is also looking for individuals to join their committees and Board of Directors. It is not a huge time commitment serve on committees. If you or anyone you know is interested in kid's health, please reach out to Katie at katie@tri4schools.org
- **Felipe**
 - ABC for Health, which works to help individuals with health care finances, is considering starting a work group. Please reach out to Felipe if you're interested.
- **Fernando Cano**
 - Mendota Mental Health is looking for advanced practice or clinical social workers at this time. Please go to [State of Wisconsin Government Jobs - Job Search Results](#) to apply. They're also looking for a unit manager. If you know of nurses with supervisor experience, please encourage them to apply.
 - Zoom sessions have started on the 4th Saturday of the month for providers to cope with what is happening with the pandemic. This includes topics such as compassion fatigue. All sessions will be in Spanish.
- **Elizabeth Ringle**
 - Please consider nominating a Super Physician for our Superhero of Medicine Award. The nomination form can be found here: <http://form.jotform.com/210345381657153>. The award comes with a \$2,000 donation to the nonprofit of the recipients choice.
 - Elizabeth is also looking for members to join committees. Please email her if interested at elizabeth.ringle@wismed.org
- **Rodrigo**
 - Q&A sessions will continue.
 - They're offering \$26/hour with excellent benefits. They do not require a bachelor's degree. This could be life changing for many. If you have additional questions, please reach out to Rodrigo.
- **Chris Chapman**
 - On March 10th from 12:00 (noon)-12:30 pm, which is National Women and Girls HIV Awareness Day, Dr. Jorge Ramallo (who sees patients at 16th Street Community Health Center in Milwaukee) is going to be doing a live Facebook Q&A. You can join the session "Pregunte al Doctor" live on 16th Street's Facebook Page here <http://www.facebook.com/sshc/>
- **Patricia Tellez-Giron**
 - This Saturday, 2/27, via zoom we'll be doing a Facebook live of a year in review at 1:00 pm. We will be discussing what we have been doing in general in response to Covid-19

and then of course talking about the vaccine. Please advertise and this this opportunity out. Juan Carlos will be sending out more information. The session will be in Spanish.

- Although we have a very structured vaccine campaign, we still need more resources. As LHC, we are going to be applying for a DHS grant. Thus far we have been using resources very wisely. We're giving stipends and resources to people like Juan Carlos, who have been putting in hours and hours of work to help us. Funding has also been put towards supporting our students. It covers costs such as taking the MCAT.
- Hector
 - Feel free to follow and post to the Community Events and Jobs/Eventos comunitarios y trabajos Facebook page. This is a bilingual Facebook page that has 2000 members so far. The page was created to post educational events, workshops, classes and more.

Old Business

- The LCA Emergency Relief fund re-opened. Please consider donating again.
 - Although there are a number of federal rental assistance funds coming from both the county and city, what we have seen are hurdles and barriers for our communities, especially with DACA. There is a stronger comfort level with a Latinx lead organization. This is one of the main reasons we decided to open the fund again.
 - Many thanks to UW Health for contributing to the fund again. They added \$130,000.
 - There is rental assistance available for patients at UW Health; they can use a patient fund to help.

COVID Updates

- There is a collaboration of all the health systems. Lourdes is really the convener. This is helpful to have focused messaging to the community as one of the goals is to have vaccine education for our communities of color. We will hopefully be sharing more resources down the road.
- Garrett Tusler –NewBridge is helping with transportation for older adults (65+) to receive the COVID-19 vaccine. To organize a ride, call (608) 512-0000 ext. 2 for Spanish.
- Vaccine supply
 - The health systems have not been prioritized to receive additional vaccine. Prioritization has been put on what the state thinks is best. There is a plan to work with Public Health Dane to focus the vaccination of educators and childcare providers through PHDC instead of going through their primary care. I idea would be to get those groups through a mass vaccination at Alliant Energy.
 - There is an application before FEMA to have Alliant also become a site for mass vaccination. We're hopeful the supply chain will look better.
 - Walgreens are getting direct supply from the federal government, separate from the state.
 - DHS on Friday will be opening up a portal to look at all vaccinators in the state. That will at least create some transparency of where people can get vaccinated.
 - Prioritization of vaccine at UW Health
 - For UW health, for 65+ primary care patients, 42% of Latinx patients were vaccinated compared to 26% of white patients.
 - 48% of Native American pts have been vaccinated and 36% of black patients
 - The next group. Educators and childhood providers won't start until March 15
 - Insurance should not matter. However, for people without a primary care doctor, encourage them to fill out this form <https://survey.alchemer.com/s3/6183089/Dane-COVID-Vaccine-Sign-Up-Form>

New Business:

- Membership Agreement
 - The LHC agreement was sent to everyone. Please make sure you look at it. Will be working with Juan Carlos to see if there are other forms of payment that we can accept. For now, please submit it as a check. If you need an invoice, please let me know.

ACHC Presentation (Martha Saucedo and Dan Martin)

- The federal government through the FDA is the body that authorizes vaccination candidates. Once the FDA goes through their process, vaccines are shipped to the state. Recommendations come for the feds, but the state makes the decisions. Many health systems are at the table when it comes to being an administration site. Access is one of those sites.
- Access meets regularly with the other health systems.
- Below is the approach ACHC has taken with vaccines.
 - The first 100 doses were given to frontline care providers at ACHC
 - We then moved on to patients who are also considered frontline care providers
 - In the past month, we've focused on 65+. Of ~800 pts, we've gone through 75%
 - In addition to patients, we had extra supply, so we worked with community partners to offer vaccines. Partners included Centro Hispano, the Hmong Institute, and local Black churches.
 - This week we've been working with Wingra Clinic. Outreach has been done specifically to reach BIPOC
 - We've worked to offer cab rides and other resources to eliminate the transportation barrier. Again, NewBridge has been helping with this.
 - ACHC has a Latinx Patient Advisory Board that has been used to bounce ideas off of and run marketing materials by
- One of our sites has become mostly a respiratory site. However, our goal early on in the pandemic was to keep our regular services going.
- We've had to limit our dental services into a triage model
- Behavioral health services have spiked. We're now doing more telehealth than ever before.
- Because of 340b, ACHC pts benefit from greatly reduced pharmacy costs
- Access also has a collaboration with Medic. The free Saturday Clinic had to close their doors due to the pandemic. Through collaboration and many partners at the table, they'll be reopening their doors at 1102 S. Park ST, second floor. More details to follow.

Next meeting:

Date: March 18, 2021
Presenter: RIFT/CAC @ Zoom <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84687507802>
Minutes: Chris Chapman