



Latino Health Council

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January 26, 2023

9:30-11:30

Introductions: Meeting called to order at 9:30 am. Dr. Tellez-Giron guided members through a meditation exercise. Members and guests signed in (google document link shared in chat). Participants introduced themselves and shared about resolutions or work related activities they are looking for in 2023. See attendance spreadsheet for member attendance.

Minutes (approval/corrections) minutes moved to approve by Fernando, second by Lourdes

Announcements

Elizabeth Ringle

Future Superhero of Medicine: <https://form.jotform.com/202116769467159>

Scholarship & Fellowship Support for Students: <https://foundation.wismed.org/wisconsin/students>

Amanda Martinez - Kids Forward completed translation and will be releasing policy guide.

<https://kidsforward.org/standing-up-for-racial-justice/>

Fernando Cano - Bilingual and supervisory positions open at RISE

<https://risewisconsin.org/job/bilingual-spanish-family-support-specialist-early-childhood-initiative/>

<https://risewisconsin.org/job/13512/>

<https://risewisconsin.org/job/13456/>

Rosa Rhoden from Quartz -- last meeting -- moving to a new position in West Allys

Old business:

2023 schedule: presentations/minutes takers (?virtual to in person)

Nuestra Salud radio program - Continue to use radio platform for health education initiatives beyond Covid.

Restarting events: (Save the date)

Latino Health Council 2023 Events: 4/22/23 Latino Mental Health Conference; 9/9/23 Health Fair; 10/21/23 Chronic Disease Conference; 12/2/23 Teen bash

COVID updates

Shiva shared updates about #s of cases, vaccine uptake (boosters lower than what we'd like to see nationwide). Extremely busy season with respiratory diseases.

Consulting

- Received a grant through the city of Madison (EPA) environmental justice neighborhood base trying to learn the level of the pollution – engaging with the community to assess where they see that harms are coming from and work with them on solutions
- Working collaborate with other latinx organizations, significant # of new arrivals, working closely with the office of immigration affair to support newly arrived immigrants
- Working on a report about the intersectionality of immigration, access to health care and culturally sensitive health services at the local level

Other consulting initiatives: Lupus project

Mentoring about 20 students have gone through the mentoring programs over the years, many have gone into doing different specialties and are in the community. Medical students accepted 35% over 50% BIPOC 35% Underrepresented in Medicine aka URM

Subcommittees updates:

Finances – current sponsors: UW Health Quartz, GHC, Agrace Hospice, Edgewood College – members that are part of these organizations do not have to pay membership fees, as they are included in the sponsorship. Starting the year very strong financially. However, with restarting events most resources are invested in those. Extra financial resources were helpful to support other Latinx organizations like LaSup and Latino Children & Families. Were also able to provide some stipends to some of the volunteers supporting the work such as students.

Membership – members taking minutes and attending six or more meeting name are entered in a raffle. Reminder about paying membership dues for 2023. Juan Carlos will send membership agreements after meeting. Who will co-chair this committee once Rosa is no longer part of the council?

Media/Website – website overview (bilingual site), information about meetings are placed in the member portal (pass lhc-member), verify that member contact list information is current. If it needs to be corrected please contact Juan Carlos to get a form and update it. If want to list information in Spanish please send the translation.

New business:

- Access Community Health Center presentation presented by Dan Martin (Chief Clinical Officer)
- Continued services such as Covid testing for the community
- Program from local donors allowed increasing capacity and taking 700 new medical patients into the practice not including referrals
- Big success during the last year with Celebrate Smiles program back to Madison and Sun Prairie schools now operating as a mobile unit – care Mobil. Has seen thousands of students in the school parking lots. Currently in the process of thinking about expansion for next year.
- Care Mobil approach is also helpful for medical/dental integration for children and pregnant people who do not have access to a primary care provider.
- Staffing continues to be a challenge particularly frontline staff. Some staffing turnover has resulted in higher waiting times, right now more limited in new patients that are able to establish new medical and dental care. Focusing more on priority populations.
- Strengthening partnerships with groups like Operation Fresh Start to provide cohort for training people as dental assistants. Next cohort starts in April. Looking to translate this model in the medical side. Currently looking at how to train CNAs or home aids and then further train for medical assistant/MA certification.
- Suggestion from Fernando Cano to connect with Centro about their CAN program. Marta Saucedo emphasizes that the Latinx Community Advisory runs all initiatives outlined above.

- Shiva added that various existing opportunities to support a career in health. Dr. Tellez Giron speaks about the healthcare workforce diversification in Access and particularly in the Wingra clinic.
- In order to be seen in the Behavioral Health side, patients need to have an established medical provider through Access– collaboration standpoint model.

Meeting adjourned

Next meeting: February 26, 2023 (virtual)

Presenter: -Public Health
-Well Badger Resource Center

Minutes: Tehmina Islam