



**City of Bloomington
Commission on Hispanic and Latino Affairs**

**Wednesday, February 28th, 2024 @ 5:30-7:00 PM
Public Meeting Hooker Conference Room**

MINUTES

Attendance: Raquel Anderson, Marlo Libel, Javier Rosales, Dinorah Sapp, Jimena Olguin, Mariela Arredondo, Alysa Schroff, Verónica Fuentes, Giovanni Rivera

Staff Liaison: Ximena Martinez

I. Call to order at: 5:32 PM

II. Approval of January's meeting minutes

III. Liaison Report

a. Welcome presentation

- i. Ximena described the roles and responsibilities of the CHLA and its relationship to the city of Bloomington. She also provided information as to meeting times (last Wednesday of the month); explained how the Commission works; and discussed previous activities.

b. Introduction to the new Commissioners

- i. All commissioners presented themselves

c. CHLA photo

- i. Picture taken with all the Commissioners for the City Website

d. March Meeting

- i. March 27th, 2024, 5:30 PM

IV. Current business: Discussed set of priorities that we will work on, and identify at least two members to take the lead for each priority:

a. Education: Raquel, Dinorah, Alysa

- i. Address counselor BHSS
- ii. Organize informational sessions with both high school students and parents regarding college

b. Health Services: Marlo, Jimena

- i. Interpretation and Translation within the health care, especially IU Health. Lack of adequate interpretation
- ii. Volunteers not trained
 - 1. **Action point:** Contact the emergency room and see what is available and how they address Spanish-speaking individuals

c. Public Relations: Verónica, Javier / Mariela, Giovanni

- i. Foro Latino de Agencias – Organize quarterly meetings with community agencies.
- ii. Information / welcome sessions (2x a year) to cover several topics such as transportation, safety, housing, health, and education. Potential sites: MCPL, CCL, churches, Adult E.C.
- iii. Issue of sustainability – develop materials – informational

V. Guests/Public Comment:

a. Elizabeth & Georgina Cielo. Counselor's and credits at Bloomington High School South.

- i. EC - Discussion of an issue with her son and her high school counselor (BHSS). Did not provide the necessary information for applying to college. Discussed the process she went through to get advice and help. Told incomplete the application, counselor was not helpful.
- ii. GC –similar issues; contrasted with BHSN –better response and support for her children.

b. Abigail García, Jaripeo event, Saturday, March 23, 5-10 pm

- i. Grupo Paso a Paso – discussed the event on March 23, and its purpose. Talk about how they have organized; requesting our support as commission to attend and spread the word.

VI. Adjournment at: 7:10 PM