



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

**Wednesday, September 25th, 2024 @ 5:30-7:00 PM  
Public Meeting Hooker Conference Room**

**MINUTES**

**Attendance:** Jimena Holguin, Alysa Schroff, Javier Rosales, Raquel Anderson, Marlo Libel, Mariella Arredondo. Zoom: Dinorah Sapp.  
**Staff Liaison:** Ximena Martinez

I. Call to order at: 5:35 PM

II. Approval of August's meeting minutes: Approved

**III. LIAISON REPORT**

**A. Open seats – 2 Voting Members:** 2 Non-Voting Members seats available due to **Jimena & Mariella** taking on the voting positions (in the process). **Ximena** needs to check when the other members' time is up (Jan 31, 2025) so that they can re-apply.

**B. Black y Brown Arts Festival / Fiesta del Otoño – Booth for CHLA**

- IU Immigration Panel Discussion (Alysa) – Alysa shared what occurred at the event.
- Black y Brown Arts Festival (Alysa & Raquel)
- La Fiesta del Otoño (Javier, Jimena, Marlo) – many people interested in interpreter training; also asked about what we do as a commission.
- MCCSC Latino Family Night (Raquel & Marlo)
- CHLA suggested having: business cards with the website; email for CHLA, FB/IG, informational handouts; and volunteer sign-up sheet. **Ximena** will check if this is possible.
- **Monroe County NAACP - 70 Years Post-Brown: Looking to the Past, Transforming the Future**, CHLA agreed to support the event (**Oct 13 - 3 PM, Public Library**).

**C. Bloomington Municipal Code revisions for CHLA – changes were recommended.**

**D. Other info:**

- El Centro board will visit Boston Scientific, and this is extended to the CHLA (November).
- Fiesta festival in Spencer (October)
- Commission on Human Rights – Case presented at outreach office.

**E. October Meeting:** Wednesday 30th, 5:30 pm – 7:00pm

#### IV. CURRENT BUSINESS

##### A. EDUCATION: RAQUEL, DINORAH, ALYSA, MARIELLA

###### i. Address Counselor BHSS

- **Alyssa** discussed data obtained from BHSN & BHSS.
- Agreed to send an email to the Principal, if no response, then directly to the superintendent.
- **Alyssa** will write and send it to CHLA for feedback, once OK **Marlo** will send it to the Principal

###### ii. Organize Informational Sessions about College with High School Students and Parents

- Tentative **Oct 15 7-8:30 first session**, in collaboration with La Casa & El Centro.
- FAFSA day – February 2025.

##### A. HEALTH SERVICES: MARLO, JIMENA

###### i. Interpretation and translation within the health care providers, especially IU Health

- **Marlo** and **Jimena** will have a meeting with the Diversity Office tomorrow (Sept 26)
- List available of individuals trained and living in Bloomington (n=8 up to now)

###### ii. Access to Medical Interpretation – survey

- **Ximena** will place it on Boletín Comunitario

##### B. PUBLIC RELATIONS JAVIER, MARIELLA, JIMENA

###### i. Foro Latino de Agencias – Organize quarterly meetings with community agencies.

- **Javier** working on this. Health first topic. November date is tentative. Will check the agency list developed by the Outreach Office to identify agencies. Divide the agencies by area.

###### 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.

- **Mariella** working on this.

###### iii. Issue of sustainability – develop materials – informational

##### C. FUNDRAISING: MARLO, RAQUEL, ALYSA

##### D. UPDATES FROM PRIOR MEETINGS:

##### V. ADDITIONAL ITEMS:

##### VI. GUESTS/PUBLIC COMMENT (Please allow 3-5 minutes per guest)

- A. **Sara Carmona**– Senior at High School South interested in the Medical Interpreter scholarship.

##### VI. ADJOURNMENT at: 7:14 PM