



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

**Wednesday, November 20th, 2024 @ 5:30-7:00 PM
Public Meeting Hooker Conference Room**

MINUTES

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

I. Call to order at: (no quorum) 5:55 PM

II. Approval of October's meeting minutes: Approved

III. LIAISON REPORT

A. Open seats: 1 Non-Voting Member. Claudia Lara will be appointed soon.

B. Appointments expiring January 31st, 2025: Marlo, Javier, Raquel, Alysa – Commissioners have to resign and re-apply (send email to Ximena).

C. CHLA Annual Report: Deadline December 1st. Draft document in the new CHLA Google Dr folder.

D. Commissions Appreciation Day: December 6th, 5:30 pm, Waldron Arts Center, please RSVP by Dec 4.

E. Dr. Winston: Superintendent attending CHLA, December 18th.

F. December Meeting: December 18th

G. Marissa Parr-Scott: CFRD liaison during Ximena's absence
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IV. CURRENT BUSINESS

A. EDUCATION: RAQUEL, DINORAH, ALYSA, MARIELLA

i. Address Counselor BHSS

- Met with with two vice-principals; they identified programs that they currently have with respect to education, not much re: counselor; indicated that district specific communication procedures they have to follow; we discussed collaboration (sharing information, helping with some programming); we also discussed issues raised by parents; Raquel will contact Jaime Miller to follow up. Marlo suggested outreach to families as to resources for translation/interpretation. Perhaps invite Romeri, family liaison, Jan meeting.
- Javier discussed his own experience. Perhaps include some of this in our discussion with superintendent in Dec meeting.

- Also perhaps invite Noble-Kuchera ENL teacher at BHSN to one of our meetings, same with Choonhyun, ENL director.
- Raquel will also contact Romeri to meet with the education subcommittee before the Dec 18 meeting.

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

- In progress, not discussed

B. HEALTH SERVICES: MARLO, JIMENA

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

The Health Forum took place on Wednesday, November 6th, from 5- 7 pm, attended by several health providers IU Health Bloomington, CCL, Health Net, Monroe County Health Department, and School Smiles. Positive feedback from Marlo. The director of the emergency program, IU Health Hospital has two interns who could talk to us about: how things work in the emergency room. Mo Co Vital records – issues with last names of children. Other observations, a lack of communication between SMILES and schools

ii. Access to Medical Interpretation – survey

C. PUBLIC RELATIONS JAVIER, MARIELLA, JIMENA

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

Health Forum took place on Wednesday, November 6th, 5- 7 pm, City Hall. IBID.

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

D. FUNDRAISING: MARLO, RAQUEL, ALYSA

E. UPDATES FROM PRIOR MEETINGS:

V. ADDITIONAL ITEMS:

- Concern about Latino community and their current fears. Request meeting with the Mayor to discuss this issue.

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

VI. ADJOURNMENT at: 7:00 PM