



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

**Wednesday, December 18th, 2024 @ 5:30-7:00 PM
Public Meeting Hooker Conference Room**

MINUTES

Attendance: Mariella Arredondo, Jimena Holguin, Claudia Lara, Javier Rosales. Via Zoom: Raquel Anderson, Dinorah Sapp. Absent: Marlo Libel, Alysa Schroff.

Staff Liaison: Ximena Martinez

I. Call to order at: (no quorum) 5:37 PM

II. Approval of November's meeting minutes: Approved

III. LIAISON REPORT

- A. Open seats:** 1 Non-Voting Member. Claudia Lara has been appointed for February 2025. The 2 non-voting positions will soon become voting seats. (Feb 1st). Will have 9 members.
- B. Appointments expiring January 31st, 2025:** Marlo, Javier, Raquel, Alysa. Applications will be sent tomorrow for approval (Alysa still has to complete the forms; Ximena will contact her.)
- C. CHLA Annual Report:** Done, waiting for approvals of the Head of the Department.
- D. January Meeting:** January 29th
- E. Marissa Parr-Scott:** CFRD liaison during Ximena's absence
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IV. CURRENT BUSINESS

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A. Education: [Raquel](#), [Dinorah](#), [Alysa](#), [Mariella](#)

- Address counselor BHSS
- Organize informational sessions with high school students and parents regarding college

B. Health Services: [Marlo](#), [Jimena](#), [Claudia](#)

- Interpretation and translation within the health care providers, especially IU Health
- Access to Medical Interpretation - survey

C. Public Relations: [Javier](#), [Mariella](#), [Jimena](#)

- Foro Latino de Agencias – Organize quarterly meetings with community agencies.
- 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.
- Issue of sustainability – develop materials – informational

D. Fundraising: [Marlo](#), [Raquel](#), [Alysa](#)

E. Updates from prior meetings:

VI. ADDITIONAL ITEMS:

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

Dr. Markay Winston: Superintendent of the MCCSC

- Raquel & Mariella summarized the education subcommittee work up to now
- Dinorah suggested hiring someone as a liaison for middle and high school
- Dr. Wiston discussed the following
 - Parent university described
 - Jan 23 next topic (6 PM) – new high school diploma requirements
 - College and career fair in the fall; she suggested perhaps doing it in spring as well
 - Grant received to hire college and career counselor/readiness in each high school; there is a college and career center in each high school
 - Planning to have an actual family welcome center (outside of the virtual)
 - Monroe County College Fair
 - FAFSA workshops
 - Potential activities – training for parents square; workshops for families to understand the educational system.
 - Business roundtable – internship experiences
 - Planning on having a communications advisory group (communications director)
 - Responded to questions re: curriculum across schools (differences, especially in elementary school)

VI. ADJOURNMENT at: 7:00 PM