



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

**Wednesday, May 28th, 2025 @ 5:30-7:00 PM
Public Meeting Hooker Conference Room**

MINUTES

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

Staff Liaison: Ximena Martinez

I. Call to order at 5:55 PM

II. Approval of March's meeting minutes: Approved

III. Guests/Public Comment

- **Israel Herrera**, suggesting having the Premios Latinos:
 - Introduced himself and connection to commission
 - Asked about reintroducing the Premios Latinos (described these for us and their purpose/goals)
 - Mariella asked about logistics and funding available – IH talked about the process for submission and who helped with the purchase of medals/trophy
 - Also described past work by the commission.
- **Sharon Wainshilbaum**, from the Community Advisory on Public Safety Commission described the commission and discussed potential for collaboration, especially the issue of security for the Latine population and the city's response to these concerns. Asked commission about how they have approached this issue (according to her, has not been specifically discussed). Discussed alliances, issues and potential collaborative work. Some recommendations made by members of the commission. Sharon will discuss these issues with the commission.

IV. LIAISON REPORT

- A. Open seats:** 1 non-voting seat
- B. New Commissioner:** José Fuentes
- C. Next Meeting:** June 25th
- D. IUCU 2025 Scholarship:** Winner announcement May 30; group will meet Friday to discuss applications and make the decision.

V. CURRENT BUSINESS

A. Education: Raquel, Dinorah, Mariella

- Address counselor BHSS
- Organize informational sessions with high school students and parents regarding college
- The letter to the superintendent was signed as CHLA, mailed and emailed. No answer yet.

- **Raquel** will reconnect with Dr. Markay Winston's Communication Director.
- **Mariella** drafted the response for the disaggregated data request. **Raquel** is working on it..
- **Letter to principals**
 - Dinorah discussed changes within the principals, as well as current funding issues
 - Claudia made some recommendations that Raquel incorporate, and will send this off via Latino programs email (target day, May 29)
 - Letter re: identifiable data, Ximena will send response May 29.

B. Health Services: **Marlo, Jimena, Claudia**

- Interpretation and translation within the health care providers, especially IU Health
- Access to Medical Interpretation - survey
- The **Mental Health Forum** will take place on May 29th, 5:30 pm, at City Hall.
 - 12 agencies are planning to attend
 - Agenda sent to commission members of CHLA, and presented to the commission (shared on screen), and was discussed by Marlo
 - Talked about mental health workshops for families, coordinated by Claudia

C. Public Relations: **Javier, Mariella, Jimena**

- **Foro Latino de Agencias** – Organize quarterly meetings with community agencies.
- **Informational/welcome sessions** twice a year covering transportation, safety, housing, health, and education. Potential locations include MCPL, CCL, churches, and Adult Educational Centers.
- Issue of sustainability – develop materials – informational
- Community Plan re: immigration realities and plans of new administration

D. Fundraising: **Marlo, Raquel,**

E. Updates from prior meetings:

VI. ADDITIONAL ITEMS:

- **Municipal ID:** **Jimena** will reach out to the people responsible in South Bend to get feedback.

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

VI. ADJOURNMENT at: 6:45 PM