



City Of Bloomington Commission on Hispanic and Latino Affairs

**Wednesday, April 29, 2020
at 5:30 PM Zoom Public Meeting**

AGENDA

The Commission on Hispanic and Latino Affairs (CHLA) works to identify and research the issues which impact the Hispanic and Latino populations in Bloomington, especially in the areas of health, education, public safety and cultural competency. CHLA responsibilities include: developing action committees, promote positive remedies for issues confronting Latinos, network with like-minded organizations, and celebrate Latino and Hispanic history and contributions to the Bloomington Community.

In Attendance: Amy Oakley, Shelley Sallee, Josefa Luce, Ruben Marte, Nico Sigler, Luis Fuentes-Rohwer, Gavin Everett, Ivan Maceda

I. Approval of minutes- February 2020

- i. Ruben motions to approve; Nico seconds. Feb. 2020 minutes passed

II. Liaison Report-

- i. Josefa reports that she is working in collaboration with El Centro regarding funding that United Way is providing for individuals impacted by COVID 19. Restaurants and cleaning businesses have been severely impacted. Those who are not eligible for government assistance have substantial hardship. Individuals who have paid taxes but are not citizens do not qualify for assistance. There are substantial struggles to pay utilities, rent and mortgages.
- ii. Many Latino community members are concerned for their health and nervous to go out and pick up lunches for children, etc. Gavin suggests that perhaps we could pair families with one of the food train programs so that meals could be delivered directly to homes.

III. Current business

a. Health and Public Safety Report

- i. Shelley reports that the virus has affected many people. The clinic renovation is now complete but there is a shortage of staff. There are concerns regarding Latino patients that come and go without masks and may not fully understand the risks of COVID 19; clinic staff is educating on the importance of masks and how to keep them clean and cared for. The federal government has now approved telemed calls for the clinic. There are high levels of extreme stress, depression, struggles with finances, and concerns about children with e-learning, etc.
- ii. Ruben notes that Martinsville and Morgan Co. trainings have been postponed at this time. It might be possible to host them on Hola Bloomington, and/or the Bring it On radio shows.

b. Cultural Competency

- i. Bloomington Black & Brown – update; the festival has been canceled at this time. It will be hard to push this event into the fall as there are several other events being pushed to fall and winter and it is unknown at this time how the community maybe affected by COVID 19. We need to work to focus our energy and resources on other, more important issues at this time.

c. Education-

i. CHLA NHHM Award Ceremony Date/Location

- 1. Place: Elementary school; space will be hard to come by in MCCSC locations due to the sanitation procedures that will need to take place following an event.
- 2. Date/Time

IV. Additional Items



V. **Guests/Public Comment (Please allow 3-5 minutes per guest):** N/A

VI. **Adjournment**
i. 6:32pm

Next meeting May 27, 2020