



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

**Wednesday, April 24th, 2024 @ 5:30-7:00 PM
Public Meeting Hooker Conference Room**

MINUTES

Attendance: Raquel Anderson, Marlo Libel, Jimena Holguin, Mariella Arredondo, Alysa Schroff, Verónica Fuentes, Giovanni Rivera. Zoom: Javier Rosales. Absent: Dinorah Sapp.

Staff Liaison: Ximena Martinez

- I. Call to order at: 5:35 pm
- II. Approval of March's meeting minutes: Approved
- III. **Liaison Report**
 - a. **IU Credit Union scholarship:**
 - i. **Updates regarding the distribution of flyers and applications received:** It has been posted on Latino Programs and Hola Bloomington FB pages, on the City of Bloomington Latino Programs website, sent to MCCSC/EI Centro Comunal Latino/Sherwood Oaks/St Paul's Spanish-speaking liaison for distribution, and in-person distribution at BHSS Healthapalooza. Just 3 applications received, 1 complete application.
 - ii. **Recommendations provided by CHLA members:** Verónica will send emails to BHNS and BHSS councilors, and post flyers on Churches. Mariella will ask her daughter to distribute in BHSN
 - b. **Additional Resources:** Directorio de Recursos en español y Guía para ir a la Universidad posted in City of Bloomington Latino website.
 - i. **Requested CHLA to indicate if other organizations are missing.**
 - c. **Be More Awards:** Marlo, on behalf of CHLA will be presenting the award.
 - i. **Invitation to attend the ceremony to support EI Centro Comunal Latino award.**
 - d. **May Meeting:** Wednesday 29th, 5:30 pm. Secretary out for that meeting.
 - i. **Verónica volunteered to take the minutes.**
- IV. **Current business::**
 - a. **Education:** [Raquel](#), [Dinorah](#), [Alysa](#), [Mariella](#)
 - i. **Address counselor BHSS**
 1. Meet with Latine liaison (Romeri)
 - ii. **Organize informational sessions with high school students and parents regarding college**
 1. Will work with Misleny & Lillian (IU). As well as mentor IU student
 2. Get an email Dr. Mary Priester-Hanks (director of post-secondary readiness)
 - b. **Health Services:** [Marlo](#), [Jimena](#)
 - i. **Interpretation and translation within the health care providers, especially IU Health**
 1. Marlo contacted the emergency room to see what is available and how they address Spanish-speaking individuals.
 2. Kevin Moore ER, Amy May (outreach) IU Health – Jimena met with Amy and she presented some of the issues (languages, lack of trained interpreters); discussed an app that they use (video call); working group created to find solutions (technology-based). Actions – IT dept. to provide training to the emergency room, and but more iPads; this has happened already.
 3. Trying to follow up with a person from ER to check the results

4. Only one interpreter (Spanish) – works for scheduled appointments
5. Problem – lack of interpreters in the community
6. Group will schedule another meeting with Amy to get more info as to the process, and then inform the community and make recommendations.
7. Also try to get info as to patient perception (indirectly) – el Centro Comunal Latino; perhaps a survey to ask the family with the help of Verónica, and need (Health Net social worker)
8. Possibility of obtaining grants to train medical interpreters
9. Ask the patient experience department if they have info (prepare survey)

c. Public Relations: Verónica, Javier / Mariella, Giovanni

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

1. Javier is working on this (contacting agencies), potential meeting on July 17th or 18th
2. Verónica drafting an introductory letter for agencies
3. Javier responded to questions of logistics

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.

1. Mariela – sent an email to Centro Comunal Latino, to ask about what is needed/areas of need
2. Giovanni – asked IU La Casa about student needs
3. Possibility to focus on information session for students and one for the community at large; Marlo indicated we should focus on the community; but contacting Lillian will give us insight

iii. Issue of sustainability – develop materials – informational

1. Perhaps videotape agency meetings

d. Updates from prior meetings:

i. Fundraising. – Marlo

1. Need to collectively work on this; discussed some options; move to current business for the next meeting.
2. Marlo, Raquel, and Alysa volunteered to be part of this Subcommittee.

V. Additional Items

a. Verónica gave us a tour of CHLA Google Drive

- b. Verónica requested Anthony Phillips**, Deputy Chief and Executive Director of External Equity, State of Indiana, the Inclusive Community Survey Template, after the Next Level T.E.A.M.S training the Commission participated to be used as a guide for CHLA projects

VI. Guests/Public Comment (Please allow 3-5 minutes per guest)

VI. Adjournment at: 7:02 PM