



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

**Wednesday, March 26th, 2025 @ 5:30-7:00 PM
Public Meeting Hooker Conference Room**

MINUTES

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

Staff Liaison: Ximena Martinez

I. Call to order at 5:55 PM

II. Approval of February's meeting minutes: Approved

III. LIAISON REPORT

A. Open seats: 1 Common Council voting seat

B. Next Meeting: April 30th

C. Jaripeo Event: Mariella and Marlo will host the table

D. IUCU 2025 Scholarship: Deadline May 23. Subcommittee: **Raquel**, **Jimena**, **Javier**.

E. Protocol for communication: Emails will be sent by the Latinoprograms email account with a CHLA signature.

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

IV. CURRENT BUSINESS

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A. Education: **Raquel**, **Dinorah**, **Alysa**, **Mariella**

- **Address counselors at BHSS**

- **Organize informational sessions** for high school students and parents regarding college

- **Ximena** checked on the status of the letter to the superintendent with the Head of the Department. No answer from the Legal Department yet. The letter will be signed as CHLA.

- **Raquel** will reconnect with Dr. Markay Winston's Communication Director.

- To verify information on attendance changes post-January 2025, **Mariella** drafted an email to be sent to each principal for disaggregated data. The letter will be signed as CHLA.

Dinorah will submit contact info of ENL, **Raquel** of Summit and Fairview, **Mariella** of HighSchool principals. **Ximena** will contact Romeri to get more emails.

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

- **Interpretation and translation services** within healthcare providers, particularly IU Health.

- **Access to medical interpretation** - Conduct a survey.

- The next agency meeting will focus on **mental health**, particularly considering current immigration issues. The Mental Health forum will be held on the last week of May and will be Focused on wellness with topics such as: Access and availability services, language barriers, legal and immigration concerns, cultural stigma. **Claudia** will lead a workshop.

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

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

E. Updates from prior meetings:

- **Marlo** will attend the 812 podcast.

VI. ADDITIONAL ITEMS:

- A. BPD Chief Mike Diekhoff and Sheriff Marte will be invited to the next meeting.
- B. **Marlo** will present the CHLA 2024 Annual Report to the City Council. Council Member Isaac would like to come to our next meeting.

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

VI. ADJOURNMENT at: 6:25 PM