



March 27, 2019

In Attendance: Gavin Everett, Ricardo Martins, Ruben Marte, Israel Herrera, Shelley Sallee, Nico Sigler, Josefa Luce

Also in attendance: Roger Wiltermood (MPD - Chief), Lachelle Maurer (MPD - Deputy Chief), Wayne James (IUPD - NW Chief)

Not in Attendance: Amy Oakley

Meeting Called to Order

Approval of February 27th minutes: Shelley Sallee moves to approve, Ruben Marte Seconds. Minutes approved.

Liaison Report: - none at this time

### **Guests speakers:**

Ruben has facilitated the meeting with the Martinsville Police today. Chief Wiltermood and Deputy Chief Maurer gave a presentation on what they are doing to improve communication and relationships with underrepresented communities.

Ricardo states the Commission should get statistics on how often Latinos are pulled over and for what infractions.

Ruben states the CHLA could act as a communication channel for the Latino community to voice concerns to the police chief.

Gavin states that the CHLA can invite the MPD to some of the cultural events put on by the city or the CHLA.

### **Old business:**

Ricardo made a motion to the commission to continue working with Carmen Henne-Ochoa. Shelley Sallee Second. Motion approved

Health Committee :

Shelley: The VIM clinic is currently in the application process to become a Federally Qualified Health Center. This is highly competitive and extremely time consuming. However, if we are awarded the grant it will allow the clinic to expand its services and meet the needs of more underserved people in our community. If we are awarded the grant, the operations and process of the clinic will change but we will continue to see non US citizens who do not qualify for health insurance. It will be very important that accurate information is given to the community. We don't want people to go without care. I am already hearing from patients who think they will not be able to come to the clinic. If you hear concerns please ask them to talk with us. Receiving



the grant would be huge for the community, but there are only 75 access points opening up in the country.

Ricardo: Continue to reaching out to some members of the community and getting ideas on what they would like to have addressed, and I will ask for a motion to request info from service providers in town regarding Latinos.

Maybe it is time to quantify realistically what we have, then to distribute some initiatives based on that.

#### Education :

Israel: -Our two high school nominees and their Latino families are ready to attend the BE MORE AWARDS on Tuesday at the Buskirk Chumley. Commissioner Ricardo Martins is also nominated for one award. If we win, that will be the 9th time that a commission's nominee receives an award (5th time if it is one of our high school nominees).

-Pablo Guerrero from La Escuelita para Todos is also nominated. I encourage you all to attend the event (free admission and free food) to support our commission's nominees and commissioner Ricardo Martins.

-IU will graduate the first Latino male nurse

#### Cultural Competency :

Gavin/Ricardo: BBBAF - Dates are set as May 14th, May 17th and 18th. Tuesday will be a Street Performance/Block Party. Artists from the Latinx, African-American Community and potentially First Nation will be performing. Additionally, fraternities and sororities representing POC will be invited to participate with dances, lines and stomps. Friday will be an evening event at the Ivy Tech Waldren. This event has the potential to function as a fundraising opportunity. Please think of causes/organizations that would be good partners to benefit from the future implementation of fundraising. This is not a confirmation of fundraising, rather an idea to ponder. Saturday will be the all ages/family event at Banneker Community Center. Here artists will be able to "table" and sell/showcase their art and services. Banneker wishes to activate the entire facility this year and there will be an increase in educational experiences for guests.

Welcome guide for Latinx faculty, staff and community members - Ricardo, Israel and Gavin continue to navigate and work through the best way to deliver information with Carmen at IU. There has not been any commitment yet, though there seems to be an understanding that we could make a productive partnership with this idea.

Outreach - Gavin continues to build relationships with the 20-29 year old age Latinx members of the community. Gamma Phi Omega International Sorority has offered their assistance for any projects/tasks the Commission may have. Additionally, Lambda Sigma Beta has done the same, and have helped with past events. Eventually I would like to invite the exec board from each of these groups to come to our meeting. Both groups have expressed interest in engaging with our community.

Henne-Ochoa so we can share our knowledge of the area and services that may be offered to our new residents. In return, the CHLA will be able to use this guide for ourselves and distribute it to our community members. We will be recognized as a partner in this project. We will not be responsible for any costs associated with the development of this guide.



April 28th Street Fair Several months ago the CHLA voted to be a part of the Bloomington Street Fair. We did this last year as well. It is always appreciated when commissioners can attend these events. It is from 12-4 this year and it would be wonderful if we could see everyone out there. The event has many other great things to see. Cultural Competency Committee Report: Discussions: Friday Night BBBAF fundraising ideas BBBAF CHLA speakers/topics Latinx and POC artist call-out IU collaboration (questions, concerns, comments) April 28th street fair booth options/activities

**New business:**

In response to the conversation with MPD, Shelley will begin working with plans for a “do’s and don’ts” during a traffic stop.

**Additional Topics:** none

**Meeting Adjourned**