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To the Honorable Board Members of the Ohio Commission on Hispanic/Latino Affairs

Public Policy Center (PPC) Report

Nolan J. Stevens, J.D.- Policy Liaison

Activities for the Public Policy Center for April will be included in the May report.

Organizations Development Center (ODC) Report

Jose Cos, MPA—ODC Officer

Improved Service Delivery

Website Hosting

OCHLA hosted a meeting with Chris Wilkin from Ohio OIT, which concluded with agreement to move forward with the creation of the new OCHLA web site. It was determined that the Directory of Organizations and Alliance Membership features could be developed by the OIT team with slight modifications, in a way that will retain their value to web site visitors.

The next step will be for Ohio OIT to begin building a test site and provide training to OCHLA staff for site maintenance.

Website Updates

- Homepage announcement of Ohio Hispanic Legislative Day 2012, including information about keynote speech by Secretary of Labor Hilda L. Solis. Link: <http://ochla.ohio.gov>.
- Web page for 2011 Latino Community Reports (LCRs) that contains descriptions and links to reports on the 2010 Census and the effect of diabetes on Hispanic Ohioans. Link: <http://ochla.ohio.gov/ohla/LegislativeLatinoCommunityReports2011.aspx>



- Web page for the 2012 LCRs, which includes the latest LCRs on Ohio’s migrant farm worker community. The page contains a brief description of the reports along with a link to a separate page that provides a link for each report by legislative district. Link: <http://ochla.ohio.gov/ohla/LegislativeLatinoCommunityReports2012.aspx>.

In addition to the updates to the OCHLA website, Facebook and Twitter updates have continued to allow for an expansion of the Commission’s social networking audience, with **159** members to the OCHLA Facebook page. Facebook and Twitter updates in April include:

- Promotion of the 2012 LULAC Ohio Conference
- Information on Ohio job training initiatives
- Announcement for upcoming USHLI Student Leadership Series
- Registration information for medical interpreter classes in Cleveland
- Save the date and promotion of Ohio Hispanic Legislative Day

Please note that these are only some of the posts to social media sites in April. To view all updates, please visit <http://facebook.com/ochla> and <http://twitter.com/OhioLatinoComm>.

Capacity Building

Latino Health Summit

OCHLA continued working with partners to organize the Latino Health Summit. In April, several more presenters were confirmed. Confirmed sessions include: HIV Research, Social Determinants of Health, Oral Health Information, Information on Patient Centered Medical Homes, HIV Best Practices, Mental Health Research.

Additionally, OCHLA drafted a sponsorship package that will be circulated in May, along with an informational brochure and save the date flyer to promote the summit.

Community Informational Tour: Connecting Hispanics and Service Providers

OCHLA continued to work with the Ohio Department of Job & Family Services (ODJFS) in organizing the upcoming tour. In April, planning activities consisted of the drafting of an agenda of topics that will be covered during the events. A spreadsheet was created that outlines different themes, such as immigration, for which presentations will share services about.

It was decided that the title of the tour will be: Connecting Hispanics and Service Providers: Community Informational Tour. The first event is scheduled for May 23rd in the Lebanon One-Stop Job Training Center. ODFJFS is responsible for recruiting presenters from the local government agencies while OCHLA will recruit the participation of community organizations and help to promote the event.

Grants Training/Assistance

During the month of April, only one grants announcement was sent out to OCHLA’s networks due to an insufficient amount of new available opportunities. Although two announcements are preferred, opting for one as a result of a lack of opportunities helps maintain the quality of the announcements.



OCHLA is also working to determine whether each grants announcement should focus on a specific theme (education, health, etc.).

Additionally, a new instructional PowerPoint was uploaded to the Organization Development Center “Grant Writing Resources” web page, which covered the development of logic models for grant applications and program planning. Logic models are introduced, defined and explained with examples and an exercise that will help people understand their value in planning for new or existing programs.

The logic models PowerPoint instructional guide can be found at: http://ochla.ohio.gov/ohla/ODC_resources.aspx

Meetings Attended

4/3/2012: Conference call with Evelyn Rivera from the Ohio Latino Mental Health Network to continue developing mental health sessions at the health summit.

4/6/2012: Conference call with Jasmin Santana from Ohio MetroHealth and the Hispanic Health Committee in Cleveland regarding committee’s participation in the health summit.

4/17/2012: Meeting between OCHLA and Chris Wilkin from OIT to continue planning for the new OCHLA web site.

4/19/2012: Meeting between OCHLA and Jan Myers, a grants specialist who is volunteering with OCHLA to assist in writing a grant.

4/20/2012: Conference call between Jose Cos and Pablo Nunez from ODJFS concerning logistics for upcoming Community Informational Tour: Connecting Hispanics and Service Providers.

4/20/2012: Meeting with Maritza Motino from LULAC Columbus, who has significant experience organizing health related events. Meeting consisted of discussion of health summit and her participation in the planning group.

4/23/2012: Conference call with Commissioner Max Rodas to inform him about health summit and request his participation and assistance with the sessions on HIV.

4/30/2012: Conference call with Dr. Farrah Jacquez from the University of Cincinnati to discuss her possible participation in the health summit.



Latino Community Network (LCN) Report

Lilly Cavanaugh, MBA -Acting Director
Lair Marin, Constituent Services

Strategic Initiatives

Workforce and Economic Development:

We are still waiting to reschedule the meeting with Mr. Frederick and his team. We will continue to follow up with the Lynn Stevens from the Governor's office

Ohio Emerging Diversity:

(1) Legislative Visit Day - Statehouse Atrium —May 9th, 2012

Planning for Hispanic Legislative Day is well underway. In collaboration with the Ohio Hispanic Chambers of Commerce, a full day event has been scheduled which includes regional meetings in the morning, a keynote with Secretary of Labor, Hilda L. Solis and afternoon workshops. a complete program for the day is attached to this report. It is expected we will have close to 200 participants for the Legislative Day.

(2) Lorain Leadership Conference –C.H.I.P. (April 20-21st)

Presented a session during the Lorain Hispanic Leadership Conference. Director Cavanaugh and Officer Stevens facilitated a session on current legislation in Ohio and its impact for the Latino community..

Education:

United States Hispanic Leadership Institute (USHLI)

Director Cavanaugh participated in the College and Career Fair hosted at Lincoln West in Cleveland on April 19th. With more than 350 students, the college and career fair brought youth from different schools in the metropolitan Cleveland area .

Meeting at Esperanza Inc

After the College and Career Fair, Director Cavanaugh participated in a meeting with Esperanza Inc, USHLI, Cleveland Dept. of Education representatives and other community leaders to discuss possibilities of partnership for a full year calendar of events and outreach activities in Cleveland.

ECHHO College Fairs—

College Fairs took place in Painesville and Middletown with good attendance of Latino youth. As much as possible, Director Cavanaugh will try to attend these college fairs to continue to bring the support and representation of the Commission.

Build

Interpreter for State Agencies Training-

Office Manager Lair Marin and Lilly Cavanaugh completed the Interpreter Training for State Agencies. This workshop was offered by the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services.



Visit to Adelante Inc, Toledo

Director Cavanaugh visited Adelante Inc., to meet with their new director, Mary Price and her team. Future collaboration and opportunities were discussed and we will be planning a future meeting in Columbus to assist them in connecting with other state agencies and contacts.

El Centro de La Mujer, Toledo

Director Cavanaugh met with Director Claudia Anoni at El Centro de la Mujer in Toledo. This program provides comprehensive bilingual and bicultural social services to Latina women in Northwest Ohio through education, advocacy and empowerment. The organization targets Latina females of all ages and promotes their intellectual and emotional achievement. Our Organizations Development Officer will be meeting in the next few weeks with Claudia to discuss further how we can be of assistance to this new organization. We have also connected them with other Latina groups around the state that are doing similar programming for collaboration.

Connect

Meeting with Juan Solana, Consul of Mexico

On April 30th, Director Cavanaugh met with Mr. Solana to update and review on matters related to Mexican citizens, provide an update on the commission, and discuss meetings regarding economic development and investment opportunities from and to Mexico. Follow up meetings will be scheduled with Jobs Ohio and the Department of Development to discuss in more detail the collaboration possibilities.

National Puerto Rican Day Parade

Director Cavanaugh continued coordinating and organizing Ohio's participation in this event in cooperation with Andres Gonzalez. This project involves coordinating logistics, planning weekly meeting, facilitating interactions between the New York organizers and the Governor's office, Ohio Department of Tourism and the potential participants in the parade. We have a group between 50-75 persons that will be representing Ohio at the Parade.

Faith Rally—Tu Puedes, Cleveland, April 21st, 2012

Director Cavanaugh represented the commission at this important rally with an attendance of more than 500 people. Over 60 Hispanic Evangelical churches throughout Greater Cleveland attended Faith Based Rally to motivate, organize and mobilize members of the faith based community, specifically the Evangelical churches, to come together around the importance of civic and community involvement, voter registration and voter turn-out.

Administrative Report - Office Functions

- Working on policies and procedures manual updates
- Working on preparation for end of year closing
- Working on technology assessment and website migration

Meetings attended by Executive Director:

03 April—Meeting with Lynn Stevens, Governor's Office
05 April—Connie Alexander, DAS
05 April—Marcos Popovich, USHLI (Conference Call)
05 April—Mindy McLaughlin, Jobs Ohio, Global Investment



06 April—MACC—Mental Health Cultural Competence Plan
06 April—Keith O’Korn, Attorney General’s Office
11 April—Ethics Training, Rodes Building
11 April—Human Trafficking Commission, AG’s Office
02/09/16/18/25/April—Puerto Rico NYC Parade conference calls
April 17—Chris Wilken, State of Ohio IT
April 19—Jan Myers, Grant Writer (Volunteer)
April 19—Mayra Bonnet, Otterbein University
April 20—Lincoln West School, Cleveland
April 20—Esperanza Inc, Cleveland
April 20—CHIP conference, Lorain
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April 20—Tu Puedes Rally, Cleveland
April 24—Mary Price, Director, Adelante, Toledo
April 24— Claudia Annoni, Director El Centro de la Mujer, Toledo
April 25 & 26—ODJFS Interpreter Training
April 30—Consul of Mexico Juan Solana

Respectfully submitted,





