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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

Advise

LCR's – Health, Voting, Education

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1. Compiled and distributed 99 Voting LCR's for distribution to members of the Ohio House of Representatives.
2. Met with Representative Matt Lynch regarding the voting LCR. Researched methodology behind two competing statistics included in the LCR and responded to Representative Lynch at his request.
3. Began planning and organizing content for an LCR on the federal Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program and its interaction with Ohio's state law. This LCR will issue by August 31, 2013.
4. Kept abreast of research topic for a former intern that may ultimately be used as the data basis for an LCR on cultural competency of public mental health care agencies. Worked with interns to compile data on school funding in Ohio as well as Ohio's public school districts with the highest number of Hispanic students. Also researched and extrapolated data on Ohio's Race to the Top progress, specifically with regard to Hispanic student achievement gaps.

In-District Legislator Meetings

Began discussing the possibility of hosting an in-district legislator meeting at Adelante in Toledo, with Adelante Program Director Guisselle Mendoza.

Federal Engagement

Participated in a roundtable on the proposed U.S. Senate immigration reform bill with U.S. Senator Sherrod Brown.



Legislator Engagement

1. Worked with legislators in the Senate on House Bill 59.

Met with representatives, senators or staffers from the following offices on OCHLA's budget bill:

- a. Senator Scott Oelslager, Finance Committee Chair
- b. Senator Tom Sawyer, Finance Committee Ranking Member
- c. Senator Shirley Smith, Finance Committee
- d. Senator Bob Peterson, Finance Committee
- e. Senate Assistant Minority Leader Joe Schiavoni, Finance Committee
- f. Senator Eric Kearney, Senate Minority Leader
- g. Senator Shannon Jones, Finance Committee
- h. Senate Majority Floor Leader Tom Patton, Finance Committee
- i. Senator Charleta Tavares, OCHLA Legislator-Commissioner
- j. Senator Gayle Manning, OCHLA Legislator-Commissioner
- k. Senator Peggy Lehner, Education Committee Chair
- l. Representative Dan Ramos, OCHLA Legislator-Commissioner
- m. Representative Christina Hagan, OCHLA Legislator-Commissioner

2. Met with Representative Matt Lynch regarding his House Bill 114, OCHLA's May 7 DACA resolution, and the voting LCR. Responded to his concerns and invited him to address Commission at June board meeting.

3. Arranged a meeting for constituents with Representative Matt Lynch. Sought meetings with House Minority Leader Tracy Maxwell Heard and Representative Rex Damschroder, Chair of the House Transportation, Public Safety and Homeland Security Committee.

4. Engaged with Representative Bill Patmon at OCHLA board meeting,

Budget

Continued to implement budget strategy:

- Continued to monitor the entirety of the budget hearings in the Ohio Senate.
- Monitored the budget process in the Senate.
- Coordinated and oversaw the introduction of an amendment augmenting OCHLA's budget by \$54,000 in FY 2014 and \$67,000 in FY 2015.
- Solicited testimony on behalf of OCHLA's budget from several community leaders, to wit:

Live witnesses:

- Lissy Estrada, LULAC Ohio
- Ariana Ulloa-Olavarrieta, Latino SBDC
- Rich Gandarillas, Nationwide Insurance

Written testimony:

- Robert Torres, Director of NW Ohio Hispanic Chamber of Commerce
- Jessica Ramos, ABLE Attorney
- Nick Torres, Deputy Director of Ohio Voice



- Dr. Yung-Chen Lu, Asian American/Pacific Islanders Advisory Committee
 - Mike Ferrer, Coalition for Hispanic Issues and Progress
 - Lupe Velasquez, Director of New Americans Initiative for the City of Columbus
 - Jose Cos, Ohio Hispanic Outreach Coordinator for Molina Health Care
 - Lourdes Ribera, Director of LULAC Ohio
 - Ken Ramos, Community Liaison for Columbus Police
 - Lorena Mora-Mowry, Owner of Mujer Latina Today
 - Grace Ramos, Civil Rights Hall of Fame inductee and community leader
 - Rafi Rodriguez, Director of the Ohio Center for Hispanic Leadership
- Updated Commissioners on our budget efforts and where the Commission sits in the process.
 - Met with several Senators or their staffs, see above.

Deferred Action and Ohio law and policy

Worked with Ohio state officials and community advocates to bring both to a better understanding of the interaction between Ohio law and the federal Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program. The chief interactions regard driver's licenses and tuition equity. Specifically:

- Met with Columbus State Community College to follow-up on CSCC's progress toward admitting DACA recipients as in-state residents for tuition purposes.
- Invited OACC head Dr. Ron Abrams to address Commissioners at May OCHLA board meeting.
- Worked with Dr. Abrams to encourage his organization to tell its members to begin admitting DACA recipients at in-state rates. Helped him seek guidance from the Attorney General.
- Met with community advocates on the issue of DACA and in-state tuition, and helped connect them to administrators and policy-makers in positions of influence.
- Explained and oversaw passage of a resolution on DACA and in-state tuition by the OCHLA board.
- Attended a hearing and updated the community on pending legislation that would, alternatively, grant or deny driver's licenses to DACA recipients in Ohio.
- Sought meeting with Bowling Green State University regarding DACA students and in-state tuition.

Agency Outreach

Sought a meeting with new Board of Regents Chancellor John Carey on behalf of OCHLA Commissioners.

Connect/ Build

Outreach to Community

- Sent update on House Bill 114 proponent testimony to the community.
- Attended Governor's Wreath Laying Ceremony where an Ohio Latino soldier who was killed in action last year was honored. Met with his family in Lorain and arranged contact with Senator Manning's office, who invited them to wreath-laying event and is working on road-naming legislation.
- Began issuing weekly policy briefs once again. Format is similar, and includes a compilation of me-



dia articles, an original “legislative update”, a link to upcoming events on the OCHLA site and status reports for all tracked legislation. Issued three briefs, topics covered were:

- ◇ Bipartisan immigration bill in the U.S. Senate
 - ◇ Update on House Bill 114
 - ◇ Ohio Medicaid Expansion
- Reorganized both tracked legislation and topical categories for media articles to fit into one of seven “issues” that match issues on the website. They are:
 - ◇ Business, Commerce and Labor
 - ◇ Education and Workforce Development
 - ◇ Justice and Civil Rights
 - ◇ Energy and the Environment
 - ◇ Health and Safety
 - ◇ Immigration
 - ◇ Politics and Government
 - Compiled articles according to their categories into documents that will be uploaded on a monthly basis to new PPC website.
 - Drafted Commission responses for interview questions on House Bill 114.

Public Policy Center Website Updates

- Oversaw the drafting and publication of OCHLA PPC website pages on “Immigration” and House Bill 114.
- Defined and oversaw creation of resource links on OCHLA PPC webpages – including resources for all seven “issue pages”.
- Began training new OCHLA temp on website PPC website implementation, which will be her mission.

Civic Engagement

- Helped community leaders engage their legislators and the administration on issues related to DACA and the biennial budget – see above.

Legislation Monitored

Continued to monitor legislation critical to Ohio Hispanics, including:

- ◇ HB 114 which would deny driver’s licenses to DACA recipients
- ◇ HB 3 which specifies eligibility and licensing requirements for Ohio “navigators under the ACA
- ◇ HB 82, which would spare religious employers from civil rights liability for employment practices
- ◇ HB 59, biennial budget bill
- ◇ HB 130, the “End Demand Act” to combat human trafficking



Human Trafficking

Stayed abreast of work with both the Governor's Human Trafficking Task Force and Attorney General DeWine's Human Trafficking Commission.

Meetings Attended

- 5/1/13 – Meeting on federal immigration reform with U.S. Senator Sherrod Brown
- 5/2/13 – Website meeting on Google Hangout with Kenyon interns
- 5/3/13 – Nick Torres and Jessica Ramos
- 5/7/13 – OCHLA Board Meeting
- 5/8/13 – Meeting with Adelante in Toledo
- 5/8/13 – Latino Youth Summit in Toledo
- 5/14/13 – Mei-Yen Ireland, OSU Graduate Assistant and Columbus State Intern
- 5/14/13 – Representative Matt Lynch
- 5/15/13 – Senate General Government Finance Subcommittee
- 5/15/13 – Conference call with OCHLA Chairman
- 5/16/13 – Ray Arrevalo, Website expert
- 5/17/13 – Update with Goran Babic and Will Ogorman, aides to Senator Manning
- 5/17/13 – Update with Antwan Jamison and Simone Crawley, aides to Senator Tavares
- 5/21/13 – Governor's Wreath-laying Ceremony
- 5/21/13 – House Bill 114 hearing
- 5/23/13 – Senate Finance Committee
- 5/24/13 – Update with John Tyler, aide to Representative Ramos
- 5/24/13 – Update with Justin Yafanaro, aide to Representative C. Hagan
- 5/28/13 – Senate Finance Committee
- 5/29/13 – Christopher Angles, Central Services Director
- 5/29/13 – OCHLA budget amendment conference call
- 5/29/13 – Marcus, aide to Senator Tom Patton
- 5/29/13 – James, LSC fellow for Senator Shirley Smith
- 5/29/13 – Maggie Ward, aide to Senator Shannon Jones
- 5/29/13 – Gina Wilt, Aide to Senator Scott Oelslager
- 5/29/13 – P.J. Brafford, aide to Senator Peggy Lehner
- 5/29/13 – Antwan Jamison, aide to Senator Charleta Tavares
- 5/29/13 – Aides for Senate Minority Leader Eric Kearney
- 5/30/13 – Senator Gayle Manning
- 5/30/13 – LSC Fellow for Senator Tom Sawyer



Organizations Development Center (ODC) Report & Latino Community Network (LCN) Report

Lilly Cavanaugh-Acting Officer

Improved Service Delivery-

Website:

- Secured expert to work with volunteers and staff to finalize transition of old website information into new website.
- Working on hosting capabilities, server limitations, Google analytics, Search Engine Optimization (SEO), development of meta-tags, etc.
- Launched and promoted the Frequently Asked Questions Page, located at: <http://ochla.ohio.gov/AboutUs/FrequentlyAskedQuestions.aspx>

Connect

Convencion Hispana 2013

- Had a conference call with Ali Quinonez to discuss how the commission can support Convencion Hispana 2013. Provided ideas and information regarding possible contacts for the business & economic development sessions.

Who is Who in Latino Columbus

- Attended the annual event which profiles outstanding Hispanics in the Columbus metropolitan area.

Ohio Civil Rights Commission, Housing Enforcement

- Met with Mr. Ronnell Tomlinson, Director of the Housing Enforcement Section at OCR to learn about their programs, share information about Hispanics and issues impacting Latinos regarding housing, and consider possible opportunities for partnership and support of their initiatives that seek to educate Latinos on housing rights and regulations.

Adelante Inc., Toledo

- Met with Guiselle Mendoza, Director of Programs and Services to learn about Adelante's programming for 2013-2014 and reconnect with them. Also shared with them information regarding our education, health and civic engagement initiatives. Adelante has requested the commission's support via a grant to help fund their 2013 Ganas Summer Program, an 8 week summer and after school enrichment program that provides a holistic approach to youth development through a series of activities and events. Their grant request will be presented to the OCHLA board for consideration at the June meeting.



Emergency Preparedness—Crisis Response

Office Manager Lair Marin participated as a moderator at the Health Care Forum sponsored by the Ohio Department of Health and the Ohio Hospital Association coordinated by Jackie Shaffer. Our engagement in this project is part of the emergency preparedness efforts for crisis response and its impact within the Hispanic community. On this particular forum, the topic was “Difficult Choices in a Crisis Standards of Care Event and covered questions such: What if the disaster is so catastrophic that there isn’t enough medical staff, supplies or space to care for everyone who needs treatment? What if decisions have to be made about allocation of scarce medical resources; and you and your organization are involved in implementing the crisis standards? Participants shared their views, values and perceptions regarding crisis standards of care decisions; and the personal and professional implications of being involved in making and implementing these tough, ethical choices.

Girl Scouts of Ohio's Heartland Council

Office Manager Lair Marin met with Regional Director Donna Hughes & Latino Community Liaison Magdalena Sambois. The focus of meeting is to help them organize and promote their Latina girls scout event on September 15th and to advise them on possible Columbus Latina Leaders for their Latina Women Advisory board. Office Manager Marin provided resources regarding several locations and possible partners, collaborators and sponsors for their event. In addition e-mailed them key organizations and Latina leaders contacts information for them to reach out directly. Also located and recommended a location for them at the Columbus Bilingual Academy North Columbus for their September 15th event.

Capacity Building

The LCN and ODC are tasked to implement and support the following events:

Civil Rights Town Hall 2013

- Held a follow up call with the Town Hall planning committee to review results and follow up items from the summit.
- We will work with the Asian American & Pacific Islanders Advisory Council to create a resource list of civil rights groups and organizations across the state and add those to the Civil Rights webpage. Dr. Lu will secure the interns for this project and work on the project to be completed this summer.

EDUCATION

Latino Education Summit 2014

- Coordinated initial conversations with Yolanda Zepeda, Ohio State University and OCHLA’s education committee to discuss preliminary plans for the summit.
- Worked with Education Chair, Commissioner Tony Ortiz in the selection of Dr. Raul Soto, from the Ohio Department of Education, to serve as community representative for the OCHLA education committee. The committee is scheduled to meet on June 4th for initial conversations.



- Participated in the Latino Youth Summit in Toledo, Ohio. The event hosted by the University of Toledo and supported by USHLI served over 700 students over the two days. This summit provided us the opportunity to connect and network with educators and leaders of the NW region of the state.

Race to the Top—State Reform Steering Team Meeting

Participated in the Department of Education Race to the Top meeting. The year two report of the RTtT grant for Ohio was completed and analyzed at this meeting.

HEALTH

Latino Health Summit 2013

- Finalized and submitted end of project report for the Minority Health Commission Grant on the Latino Health Summit 2012.
- Discussed potential venues for the Latino Health Summit 2013. Full planning for this event will begin in June, 2013.
- Attended the LULAC Convention and supported the session on Community Input regarding the health and well being of children in Cincinnati. This session forms part of the follow up from the Latino Health Summit Cincinnati conversation. The purpose of this meeting is to obtain community feedback and align the priorities of the children wellbeing project with the needs and input of the community.

WORKFORCE AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Workforce and Economic Development Summit—November 7, 2013

Continued hosting weekly conference calls with Rafi Rodriguez, CHL-Ohio for the planning of this event.

EMERGING DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION

Red Cross Hispanic Heritage Month Blood Drive—Sept 15-Oct 15, 2013

Continued participating in the planning work group meetings for this campaign.

Hepatitis Awareness and Testing

The month of May is designated as Hepatitis Awareness Month in the United States, and May 19th is Hepatitis Testing Day. During May, the Center for Disease Control and its public health partners work to shed light on this hidden epidemic by raising awareness of viral hepatitis and encouraging priority populations to get tested. Ohio Latino Affairs launched a campaign this month to encourage Hispanics in Ohio to get tested.



NATIONAL PARTNERSHIPS

USHLI

- Held follow up call on outreach events in Ohio for 2013 and 2014.

Administrative Report

New Director for CSA

- Met on May 15th with Mr. Chris Angles, new Director for DAS Support Services for Boards and Commissions. Provided the new director with an overview of the agency.

Staff Classification & Personnel Matters

- Continued to work with HR in regards to staff classification.
- Processed and approved the hiring of a part time intermittent administrative clerk
- Worked on the preparation, submission and approval of short term contract to work with the launching of the Public Policy Center web presence and depository of information during the month of June, 2013.
- Detailed and reviewed new organizational structure for FY14-15 biennium with the Finance Chair.

Biennial Budget Hearings

- Executive Director Cavanaugh and PPC Officer Nolan Stevens continue to work on and monitor the biennial budget hearings and process. (Detailed report included in the PPC section of this comprehensive report.)

Appropriation Increase Request

- Continued to work with the Governor's Office; DAS and OBM in regards to the appropriation increase request.

Biennial Audit FY12/FY13

- No specific activity to report for the Biennial Audit for the month of May.

End of Fiscal Year Forecasting

- Worked with DAS to review financial status and financial forecasting for end of year expenses. Met with Finance Chair, Commissioner Simms Howell to review financial status for the agency.

Meetings Attended by Executive Director

- 01 May— Ali Quinones
- 02 May—Kevin Gutierrez
- 02 May— Andrew Bowman, Michael Schmidt (auditors)
- 02 May – Who is Who in Latino Columbus
- 06 May—Ronnel Tomlinson, Civil Rights Commission
- 07 May—OCHLA Board Meeting
- 08 May—Latino Youth Summit (Toledo)
- 08 May—Guiselle Mendoza (Toledo)



Meetings Attended by Executive Director
Continuation

10 May—Rafi Rodriguez (Dayton)
11 May—LULAC State Convention (Cincinnati)
14 May—Connie Alexander, DAS Finance
15 May—Chris Angler, Connie Alexander, Regina Scheiderer
16 May—Ray Arebalo
16 May—Asian Festival Gala
17 May—Race to the Top, SRST
17 May—Lynn Stevens, Governor’s Office
20 May—Jasmin Santana
29 May - Tony Simms- Howell (Cincinnati)
30 May—Ohio Contractors Assoc. Presentation

Respectfully submitted,

