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APRIL AND MAY 2018

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

The 2018 Latino Legislative Visit Day was a tremendous success and provided the opportunity to engage with local leaders, advocates, legislators and students. The commission had the honor to host Arturo Vargas, Executive Director of the National Association for Latino Elected Officials (NALEO) and the largest gathering of Ohio Latino elected officials. A separate report was emailed to board members providing feedback and statistics on the event.

In the education realm, the Commission secured a \$4,000 grant to bring training to parents on the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) in response to the recommendation made during Agenda Latina 2017. Leaders expressed a desire to have customized trainings that explain the importance of understanding ESSA as it relates to specific services for English learners and the ability parents have to communicate clearly with schools about independent learning plans and support systems to ensure students are able to be properly assessed and supported to succeed in school. During April and May, events are being planned and coordinated in the Northeast (Painesville), Northwest (Toledo), Central (Columbus) and the Southwest Region's event already took place in March.

Workforce development strategies are being implemented through the work with potential partners refining the potential Pipeline to Trades Pilot Project. It is expected that the final concept of this project will be finalized and presented to the partners in early May.

On the outreach front, Director Cavanaugh and Community Liaison Marin-Marcum are working with leaders in Akron, Canton and New Philadelphia to better understand what existing networks are in place to support the Latino community in the lower northeast region of the state. Initial visits and planning meetings are getting scheduled in order to host



at least one regional networking event during this summer. Furthermore, our commission

played a key role organizing the central Ohio's New American Forum, held at the Columbus Public Library on May 9, 2018 with the goal to engage the growing New American community and present relevant information regarding the impact of this population on the economy, education and representation in the Columbus area, of the fastest growing regions of the state of Ohio.

We are pleased to partner with the University of Akron, Stark State College and NEOMED for the 2018 Latino Health Summit. During April and May, Executive Director Cavanaugh and Community Liaison Marin-Marcum visited the University of Akron to meet with partners and begin planning this event. Conversations are also underway for the Distinguished Hispanic Ohioan Awards Gala, to take place in Lorain, OH. A meeting will be coordinated for late May with the local partners and Commissioner Mary Santiago.

In early May, our commission had the pleasure to host Ms. Elia James, Executive Director of the Indiana Latino Affairs Commission for a brief orientation regarding the work of our commission and to explore opportunities for future collaborations. We are pleased to serve as a model for other commissions looking to learn from our programming, while at the same time, we have the opportunity of expanding our networks and learning best practices from surrounding states. In the recent past, our commission also hosted the Executive Director of the Michigan Latino Affairs Commission.

Finally, in May we received clearance to begin recruitment for a new Vista Member to replace Megan Honaker who has been serving in the role of Organizations Development Coordinator, whose tenure with the Commission will end in June, 2018. We are thankful for the critical support Megan has provided to the Organizations Development Center and wish her the best in her future endeavors. It is our hope to secure a new Vista to fill this position. The new candidate will assume responsibilities in July, 2018.

Meetings Attended

Apr 02— Steve Driehaus and Bryant Wright, Cincinnati Compass
Apr 03—Mayra Betances
Apr 03—Rep. George Lang
Apr 03—Todd Molfanter, Carmen Andujar, ATTC Behavioral Health Project
Apr 04—Kim Kehl, Ohio MHAS
Apr 04—Barb Smooth, WELD
Apr 05—DACC Advisory Board Meeting
Apr 10—Board Meeting, OCHLA
Apr 11—Latino Legislative Visit Day
Apr 12—Latinx Role Models Day, OSU
Apr 13—Buckeye Health Summit, COSI
Apr 16—Stark State College, President Jones Meet and Greet
Apr 17—Dr. Glenn Martinez, OSU
Apr 18—Ohio Laborers Council Training Center Visit
Apr 20—Trauma Informed Care Planning, Dontavius
Apr 23—Lourdes S., ESSA Training, Toledo
Apr 23—Dra. Elena Foulis, OSU
Apr 24—Jolene Lane, The University of Akron
Apr 24—Fiscal orientation webinar, DAS
Apr 25—2020 Census Update, NALEO
Apr 27—Latino Behavioral Health Conference, Fremont
Apr 27 & Apr 28—CHIP Conference, Lorain



May 2018

01 May—Elia James, Indiana Latino Affairs Commission
02 May—Trauma Informed Care Planning Meeting
02 May—Dr. Elena Foulis, OSU Internship Program
02 May—Regina S., DAS Human Resources
03 May—Randy Slaughter, DAS Property Management
03 May—Scott Fitzgerald, Otterbein University, Human Resources Director
04 May—Kacy Bullard, Governor's Office Briefing
04 May—Laurie Donley, Latino Cultural Connections, New Philadelphia
04 May—Yolanda Zepeda, OSU
07 May—Diversity & Inclusion Conference, OSU
08 May—Andy Maclejewski, Pipeline Project
09 May—New American Forum, Columbus
09 May—Priscilla Ayala, University of Cincinnati
10 May—Ethics Training (L. Cavanaugh)
10 May—University of Akron, Health Summit Planning Meeting
11 May—Rafael Hernandez, Marisa Rohn, Canton Network
14 May—Marilyn Brown, Franklin County Commissioner
15 May—Governor's Office, Press Conference, New Immigrants Advisory Council launch
16 May—Latino Connection Quarterly Meeting (Lorain, El Centro)
22 May—Trauma Informed Care Conference
24 May—Joy Bivens, ODJFS, Franklin County
25 May—Janween Z., Project Vista, Interview
29 May—VOCA Briefing, Attorney General's Office
30 May—Rafaela Reyes, Potential volunteer
31 May—Padmini Roy Dixon, Development Services Agency (DSA)
31 May—Mary Santiago, Debbie Jancsura, M. Quinonez, LCCC. DHO Planning (Lorain)

Public Policy Center (PPC) Report

Andrea Lewis, Public Policy Officer

Summary of Successes

Legislative Visit Day—Successfully held the civic engagement day with 300 participants. Workshops, panels, one on one meetings with legislators, tours and special programming for students were satisfactorily delivered.

New Americans Forum - Facilitated planning and executed the event on May 9th at The Columbus Metropolitan Library.

Latino Education World Café—Debriefing with partners successfully held and next steps outlined for the 2018 Education Summit, to take place at The Ohio State University.

Project PIPEline— The Interested Party Meeting was successfully held on April 17, 2018. The next steps include individual meetings with potential partners and Franklin County Commissioners.

Trauma Informed Care Conference - Actively engaged in the planning of this conference; our commission is assisting



Legislative Engagement— Executive Director Cavanaugh and PPC Officer Lewis met with State Representative George Lang to debrief him on the work of the Commission. Also provided background information and support for the Latino Collaborative meeting in Cincinnati.

Latino Community Report— Continued research and interviews for the preparation of the 2018 LCR #1.

Status Report on Major Projects

KEY: [✓]:Completed [YELLOW:] In Progress [RED]: Not Started

Strategic Reference	Priority	Accomplishments	Next Steps	Status
2.2/1.1/2.5	Project PIPELine	Presented on Project at the Interested Party Approx. 20 individuals attended the meeting,	Follow-up on funding requests. Meet with contractors and other business owners to brief them on the project. Begin coordination of Fall Career Fair. Meet with Joy Bivens June 11th; follow up with partners.	
2.5 / 4.3	Legislative Visit Day	Devised PPT, confirmed school coordination, Name tags, Interest Sections, Printed Programs and Poster Boards, Sent Thank You Notes, Analyzed Results of LVD survey, Ensured Logistics, executed event	Final reporting	✓
4.3	New American Forum	Coordinated and facilitated planning meeting, Confirmed Latino panelists; invited Senator Tavares and Rep. LaTourette invited them to participate; finalized agenda for the day.	Execute event	✓
2.5/3.2	Latino Education World Cafe	Report on event and strategize with team for the 2018 Education Summit	Completed	✓
4.2	Trauma Informed Care Conference	Developed presentation format with El Centro and Su Casa and executed presentations at event. Successfully participated in the conference.	Finalize presentation	✓
2.5/3.2	Legislative engagement	Briefing with Rep. Lang to learn about key legislative priorities, which include business and workforce development. He is interested in engaging the Hispanic Chambers of Commerce.	Invite Rep. Lang to Hispanic Chambers of Commerce Quarterly Meeting and Cincinnati Latino Collaborative	
2.5	Latino Community Report	LCR Draft completed. Scheduled interviews.	Obtain and add qualitative data	
2.5	Voter Mobilization	Worked with team on Voter Mobilization strategies. Began creating infographics and social media kit.	Implement campaign	
2.5	ODMHAS/OCHLA Collaborative LCR	Continue working with ODMHAS team to conceptualize, research and write the LCR	Continue research and project execution	



Meetings Attended:

03-Apr Rep. George Lang
03-Apr Ed Leonard, Franklin County BOE
04-Apr Angela - CSRAB
04-Apr Faith Based Response to Opiates
50-Apr Stacy Terman, Milo's
06-Apr New American Forum Planning Meeting
09-Apr Arturo Vargas, NALEO - Conference Call
10-Apr OCHLA Board Meeting
11-Apr Hispanic Legislative Visit Day
13-Apr Krizia Melendez, UT
13-Apr New American Forum Planning Meeting
17-Apr Glenn Martinez PCORI Engagement Mtg./ OSU - Conference Call
17-Apr Project PIPELine Interested Party Meeting
18-Apr Ohio Laborers Council Training Center Visit
20-Apr New American Forum

May, 2018

01 May—Indiana Commission Latino Affairs
02 May—TIC Planning Meeting
03 May—New American Forum, Planning Meeting
09 May—New American Forum
14 May—Commissioner Marilyn Brown, Pipeline Project
15 May—Maria Prasek, ETSS
16 May—Latino Connection Meeting
21 May—Voter Mobilization, Megan H. & Jesse D.
22-23 May—Trauma Informed Care Conference
24 May—Joy Bivens, Franklin County Job & Family Services
29 May—Dan Molina, Commissioner
30 May—Dr. Anahi Ortiz, Elections/Bilingual Ballots

Latino Community Network (LCN) Report

Lair Marin-Marcum, Community Liaison

Summary of Successes:

Lower Northeast Network: Work is underway to survey community resources, serving organizations and support the organization of the first networking meetings to take place during summer 2018.

Collaboratives Engagement: The Latino Collaborative Meetings in Cincinnati and Toledo were successfully held and work is underway to follow up on actionable items for both networks, as well as planning for June meetings.

Summit and Gala Planning: Initial meetings and phone calls have been scheduled and coordinated for the planning committee. The Latino Health Summit will take place on October 10th at the University of Akron. Conversations are also underway with the Lorain County Community College to host the Distinguished Hispanic Ohioan Awards Gala



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3.1	Regional grassroots engagement	LLC Toledo March 13th 1st 2018 Quarterly meeting notes prepared.	March 13th meeting Notes to be sent out and Next steps brainstorming for next meeting agenda and strategy	✓
3.1	Regional grassroots engagement	Strategy in the Akron area with next steps set up, including Canton, Youngstown and one in New Philly. Table of organizations created and working to fill them in and select orgs.	Finalize list of orgs and pin down date and venue for 1st meeting.	✓
2.3	Distinguished Hispanic Ohioan Awards	Successfully created budget and brainstormed for themes and keynote.	Set up meeting at LCC for on site visit and start defining themes & keynote. Start brainstorming for partners, and logistics.	✓
2.4	Health Equity	2018 LHS Location and date at Akron University was pinned down for October 10th.	Meeting for on-site visit and start working on theme, keynote and logistics.	✓
2.3	Community Resources & Outreach	Continue work on OLANET, ESOL, Faith, Latino Media List, Churches, Translators/ Interpreters & Attorneys & Central Ohio Health & SS Directory.	Continue updating.....	✓
3.1	Increasing Diversity and Inclusion: Interns Management	Continued recruitment of inter/volunteers.	Try to pin down 1-2 Summer Interns/Volunteers	✓

Connecting with the Community: Information and Resources



OUTLET	DESCRIPTION	APRIL	MAY
Facebook	Number of "Likes" to date	1,789	1,816
Facebook & Twitter	Postings of news, resources, events	748	1,166
Job Opportunities Website Page	Job Openings Posted	92	148
Job Opportunities	Website Views	533	836
OCHLA Website	Total Views	10,409	10,998
OCHLA Website	Home Page Views	2,275	1,618
OCHLA Website	Users	1,302	1,750
Constituent Inquiries:		24	31

Meetings Attended:

02 April – Meeting with Steve Driehaus and Bryant Wright, Cincinnati Compass
03 April – Conference Call w/ Yolanda Zepeda 2018 DHO update
03 April – Conference call with Commissioner Santiago 2018 Draft DHO Budget
10 April – Latino Health Committee Meeting
10 April – 2018 DHO Committee Meeting
10 April – OCHLA April Board Meeting
11 April – 2018 Hispanic Legislative Visit Day
25 April – Stark College - Conversation about Latino Regional Networking Group (Canton)
25 April – Stream Energy Cynthia Daly & Lucy Jordan - Assistance w/ outreach Latino Leaders
26 April – Meeting with Esther/IdivineLine2Health & Yahaira/Martin de Porras - Community Outreach
26 April – Tour & meeting with SUN Behavioral Health Center
27 April – The Ohio History Connection / Yolanda Gelo History of Hispanics/Latinos in Ohio - Outreach
30 April – Community Outreach OSU Wexner Planning for a Community type event on HHM

May 2018

1 May – Meet and Greet- Elia James, Indiana Latino Affairs Commission Executive Director
2 May – OSU debrief for student internship opportunities - Dr. Elena Fouli
3 May – Mtg w/ Inali Pichardo - Centro Esperanza - Guidance connections & jobs
4 May – Latino Cultural Connections - Tuscarawas County - Next Steps
9 May – Ohio Department of Medicaid State Recruitment - Training & Networking
9 May – New American Forum
9 May – Suzanne Smaltz - Next Steps Akron Hispanic/Latino Networking Mtg & update on 2018 LHS
10 May – 2018 LHS On site Visit to University of Akron Meeting
11 May – Ohio Latino Affairs - Canton Next Steps Latino Regional Networking Group
14 May – 2018 Red Cross Latino Blood Drives Advisory Committee - Conference Call
15 May – Candelaria Mota Ohio Latino Affairs/ National Youth Advocate Program Meeting
16 May – BBBS - Senate recognition
18 May – Bi-Weekly update with Lilly
21 May – Bi-Weekly update with Lilly
22 May – Reference check past OCHLA Intern - Hanna Kesig



24 May – Clark County - Springfield Latino Coalition Meeting
 29 May – Collyn Floyd - Canton Regional Chamber of Commerce
 29 May – Minority Health Grant Review first draft Latino Health summit
 29 May – Conference Call Cincinnati LLC Meeting Draft Agenda
 29 May – LLC Toledo Update Call with Commissioner Guzman
 29 May – Franklin County Sheriffs Office Community Advisory Council Meeting
 30 May – Mount Carmel Latino/Hispanic Collaborative Meeting
 30 May – Rafaela Reyes / OCHLA - Volunteer from Cleveland
 31 May – 2018 DHO Meeting at Lorain County Community College

Organizations Development Center (ODC) Report

Lilly Cavanaugh, Acting

Megan Honaker, ODC Coordinator

Summary of Successes

ODC Outreach— This month, the ODC has done more outreach in the lower Northeast, Ohio area in the Akron/Canton region. A couple of organizations want to do more collaborative work and were working with OCHLA to organize a meeting to discuss priorities and outreach efforts. The Latino Community Network is handling all the logistics for that meeting. The ODC is also working with Lydia Alejandro of Fremont to wrap up her conference by compiling the evaluations into a final report.

Local ESSA Trainings— Held the 2nd out of 4 trainings in Painesville and the presentation went well. The invoices for the presenters and location are being processed and the last two presentations are being held in early June in Columbus and Toledo, respectively.

Grants — The ODC is finishing up the Minority Health Commission grant application and plans to secure the funds for the Latino Health Summit in October. The ODC is also applying for the VOCA grant from the Attorney General's office. The VOCA grant aims to help victims of crime and OCHLA believes it is important for the Latino community to have more access to community resources and help lines as they are often victims of crime.

Connecting and supporting organizations through research and media

Newsletter	Subscribers	Opens	Clicks
Grant Newsletter	172	54	15
Mental Health (Winter)	65	23	6



Status Report on Major Projects

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2.5	Local ESSA Trainings	Secured the locations for the final 2 trainings and are processing the invoices for the Painesville training.	Hold the trainings, print all materials, and process all invoices.	
2.4	Minority Health Grant	Began application and in process of editing before submitting.	Submit the application	
2.4	VOCA Grant	Attended the VOCA open-house to learn more about the grant and its parameters	Write and submit the grant	
3.1	Support non-profits/ Hispanic serving organizations and build leadership/engagement	Participated in multiple conference calls for Akron/ Canton collaborative efforts.	Finalize final report for Lydia Alejandro's conference on Latino Behavioral Health.	

Support to Organizations

Organization	Support	Results
Fremont, Latino Health	Summary of evaluations and help with final report on conference	Continuing work on final report
Parent Leadership Training Institute	Help with their Parent Leadership Training Institute and getting established in Ohio.	Attended board meeting and am helping with grant opportunities
Adelante, Inc	Help creating a flyer for the ESSA training in English and Spanish	Created the flyer, edited it with their suggestions, and sent it to them. Also providing materials.
Ohio Hispanic Coalition	Help creating a flyer for the ESSA training in English and Spanish	Created the flyer, edited it with their suggestions, and sent it to them. Also providing materials.
Latino Cultural Connections	Transportation funding	Showed them various avenues of receiving transportation support via grants and partnerships.
	TOTAL ORGANIZATIONS ASSISTED:	5

Respectfully submitted,

