



Governor Terry E. Branstad
Lt. Governor Kim Reynolds
San Wong, Director

MEETING MINUTES
IOWA COMMISSION OF LATINO AFFAIRS MEETING
Wednesday, August 17, 2016
Community 1st Credit Union
303 South 2nd Avenue, Washington, IA 52353
9:00-11:00 AM

Commissioners Present

Alejandro Pino
Jeannette Martinez
Juan Rodriguez-by phone
Marlu Abarca
Michelle Reuss

Commissioners Absent

Sal Alaniz

Department of Human Rights Staff

Sonia Reyes-Snyder, Executive Officer
Monica Stone, Deputy Director-by phone

Public Members

Tar Macias, Hola America News
Luis Arredondo, Lutheran Church of Hope

I. Call to Order, Welcome & Introductions

Call to order and introductions by chair, Michelle Reuss at 9:04 AM

II. Motion: Approval of minutes from June 16th, 2016

Marlu Abarca made the motion; Jeannette Martinez seconded

Aye: All

Nay: None

Motion Carried.

III. Motion: Approval of minutes from Commission Phone Meeting on July 14, 2016

Marlu Abarca made the motion; Jeannette Martinez seconded

Aye: All

Nay: None

Motion Carried.

IV. Department of Human Rights Report

The office of Latino Affairs report included materials from some of the projects from the past months, such as:

Immigration Stories

Latino LGBT 101 Educational Sessions

The development of the new promotional materials in English and Spanish

Youth Empowerment Program and the scholarships given by the Iowa Commission of Latino Affairs

The development and distribution of the Bienvenido a Iowa/Welcome to Iowa Brochure

Youth Initiatives Project that is being developed by CAS.

V. Department of Human Rights Board Representative Report

None given as Sal Alaniz was unable to attend.

VI. Review of Commission goals and establish action plans

▪ Goals previously approved by the commission:

1. The Iowa Commission of Latino Affairs will perform legislative advocacy

Action Steps:

- Monica Stone will provide a half a day training for commissioners in Des Moines
- The commission will focus on Health and Education for their efforts

2. The Iowa Commission of Latino Affairs (ICLA) will create and maintain an online Spanish language Resource Center.

Action Steps:

- Juan has the domain for the website, the name will be Centro Informativo Latino
- Juan and Sonia will work on the content

3. The Iowa Commission of Latino Affairs (ICLA) will celebrate the 40th anniversary of the commission.

Action Steps:

- The commission will host a an Iowa Commission of Latino Affairs Anniversary Celebration. On April 8th, 2017
- The commission will give Orgullo Latino Awards to an individual, Business and Organization
- This will be an annual fundraiser for the Commission and funds received will be used to give away scholarships for Latino Students
- Jeanette will create the Sponsor Packets, Save the Date announcements and Fliers
- Marlu will get entertainment (Band)
- Sonia will work on the specifics for the awards
- Juan will coordinate the vendors
- Other commissioners will assist as needs come up
- Michelle Reuss offered for Community 1st Credit Union to be a Sponsor

- Community Advocacy Discussion: The commission would like to focus on Health and Education
- Community Presence Discussion (Consistent Message & Email Address)

The commission will brainstorm through email about a consistent message to deliver to the community.

Each commissioner will have an email address they can use for commission business, this will be linked to the Centro Informativo Latino domain.

VII. Update on Commission involvement in the Professional Development Institute

The Office and Commission of Latino Affairs have a Advocacy Toolkit track at the Latino Institute for Professional Development

Sonia and Commissioner will be responsible for presenting

VIII. Update on 40th Anniversary –Commission of Latino Affairs

The commission will host a an Iowa Commission of Latino Affairs Anniversary Celebration. On April 8th, 2017. More details above.

IX. Update on community member and University of Iowa meeting

Michelle Reuss, Marlu Abarca, Jeannette Martinez and Sonia Reyes Snyder met with Administration staff from the University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics on July 22, 2016 to discuss their policy and procedures when denying care to patients who are undocumented and the lack of tact and inappropriate comments made by their Chief Administrative Officer to Sonia Reyes-Snyder; this due to information provided by Iowa Lutheran Hospital and Gerardo Sanchez's wife indicating that The University of Iowa Transplant Center refused to admit Mr. Sanchez due to his inability to pay.

University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics staff informed those present at the meeting on July 22, 2016 that they in fact rejected the Commission's and many community members' request to admit Mr. Sanchez solely on his inability to pay and that this decision was made without receiving a formal clinical referral from Iowa Lutheran Hospital or any contact with the family.

University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics and commissioner have a pending follow up meeting to discuss more specifics about the specific situation of Gerardo Sanchez and the referral & case evaluation process.

Sonia will follow up with Mr. Sanchez wife to obtain hospital records from Iowa Lutheran Hospital.

X. Commission involvement in Cedar Rapids and Des Moines Latino Festivals

Commissioners will have an informational booth at the Cedar Rapids and Des Moines Latino Festivals. Commissioners committed to each obtain gift certificated to give away during the festivals.

XI. Commission Community Involvement Discussion

Commissioners were encouraged by Marlu Abarca to talk about the commission within their communities to get feedback and make connections.

XII. Next Meeting

Wednesday, October 19, 2016 at 9:30AM. Marshalltown Public Library.

XIII. Adjourn

Meeting was adjourned at 11:35 AM