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Iowa Commission of Latino Affairs

Meeting Minutes

Friday, November 16, 2018 | 10:30 AM to 12:30 PM
La Luz Hispana 116 1st Ave. NW, Hampton, IA 50441

Commissioners Present

- Jeannette Brown
- Lorena Gingerich, by phone
- Marlu Abarca, by phone

Department of Human Rights Staff Present

- Sonia Reyes-Snyder, Office of Latino Affairs
- Amanda Lovan, AmeriCorps Staff

Commissioners Absent

- Juan Rodriguez
- Alfonzo M. Perez, by phone

Public Members Present

- Claudia Rivera
- Aimee Hanson

I. Call to Order, Welcome to new commissioners & Introductions

II. Public Comment:

Claudia Martinez, Executive Director from La Luz Hispana shared the services they provide for the Latino community in Hampton:

- 4H Club
- Help make bonds stronger in the community
- Help find jobs
- Create awareness
- Educational presentations
- Connect Latinos with resources in the community and state
- Information sharing (applying for a driver's license, finding childcare providers, translating and interpreting (mail, etc.), printing documents, notarize documents for free, etc.)

They shared that the biggest need of Latinos is immigration services. To volunteer or donate, visit <https://www.laluzhispana.org/>

- Approval of minutes from August 25, 2018

Abarca moved to approve

Gingerich seconded

All in favor

III. Iowa Latino Hall of Fame:

- a) Debrief from 2018 Induction Ceremony (funds spent)

Commissioners are happy with the event.

- b) Selection Committee for 2019

Commissioners were asked to bring names of possible 2019 public members to the next meeting.

- c) Date for 2019 Ceremony

The date selected was Saturday, October 19, 2019

- d) Location for 2019 Ceremony

To lower costs, the commission and public members present recommended to hold the ceremony at the Capitol.

IV. Funding for 2019 Ceremony
Commissioners will seek sponsorships

V. Approval of Iowa Immigrants and Refugees Coalition- Commission involvement
Abarca moved to approve the commission's involvement and support of the Iowa Immigrants and Refugees Alliance/Coalition in partnership with American Friends Service Committee.
Gingerich seconded
All in favor

VI. Statewide Latino Resource Center Discussion & Discussion
The commission and public members discussed the need of having a Resource Center that can assist statewide.

VII. Legislative Committee Chair Report:

a) Latino Day on the Hill

Abarca, committee chair has established a committee to help her with the planning and delivery of the second Latino Day on the Hill, scheduled for 1/25/2019 at the Capitol

b) 2019 Commission Policy Recommendations

Gingerich moved to approve the commission's 2019 Policy Recommendations to be more funding for the Iowa Department of Human Rights, and to ask Iowa Legislature to provide driver's licenses to all lowans, regardless of immigration status.

Abarca seconded
All in favor

VIII. FALO (Friends of the Office & Commission of Latino Affairs) Report

Brown reported that FALO is officially a 501.3c organization. She will work on recruiting more board members.

IX. PILA Update;

a) Afro Latino Coalition

Abarca has been working with community members on forming this commission. She has found someone to chair the coalition.

b) Latinx LGBT Coalition

Abarca has recruited individuals to start this commission, more details to come.

X. Office of Latino Affairs & Department of Human Rights Report

Reyes-Snyder gave her report to the commission.

XI. Adjourn

Important Dates

January 25, 2019	Latino Day on the Hill & Commission Meeting
January 25, 2019	Commission Meeting at the Capitol
March 15, 2018	Commission Meeting in Sioux City
June 28, 2018	Commission Meeting in Dubuque