



Latino Advisory Council

Monthly Meeting - April 15, 2015

Minutes

Chair-Person:

Alex Medina

Chair-Elect:

Norma Machay

Scribe:

Jennifer Contreras

DCFS Members:

Carmen Alvarez
Juanita Calderon
Rebecca Crnovich
Beatriz Ramirez
Nancy Rodriguez

POS Members:

Damaris Acevedo
Yeni Jimenez
Karla Soriano

Ex-officio Members:

Jose J. Lopez, OLS
Lourdes Rodriguez,
Burgos Coordinator

Sub-committees:

Child Safety and
Permanency

Community Risk
Reduction and
Staffing

Data validity and
Disproportionality

Strategic
Communications

Latino Family
Institute

Present: Karla Soriano, Juanita Calderon, Alex Medina^{na}, Jose J. Lopez,
Norma Machay, Lourdes Rodriguez, Yeni Jimenez, Carmen Alvarez

Excused: Beatriz Ramirez, Damaris Acevedo, Rebecca Crnovich, Nancy
Rodriguez, Jennifer Contreras

Start time: 9:07am

End time: 12:30pm

A. Welcome

B. Reviewed and discussed Mission Statement. Reviewed and
discussed Statement of Values.

C. Reviewed and tabled minutes from January and February due to
not having simple majority present. Simple majority present at
10:30am. Norma motioned January minutes, Yeni second the
motion. January minutes passed. February minutes approved and
amended.

D. Tabled second reading of amendments to By-Laws due to
unavailability of Ms. Ramirez, previous chair-person in charge of
this task.

E. Reviewed Strategic Plan. Progress report given by subcommittees
and made a few corrections/changes to some sections. Revised
document will be provided for the next meeting.

F. LAC Membership Crisis discussed. Reasons for low membership:
DCFS operational needs, Supervisor approval, time management-
all day vs half a day. Plan created to address the need for more
LAC members. Plan is to include the Family Advocacy Centers of
Cook County to attend a LAC meeting. Present LAC members to
nominate individuals for LAC. Have recruitment activities for DCFS
and POS staff. LAC needs 7 DCFS members and 3 POS members.
LAC plans on increasing membership to 17 members by the end of
fiscal year.