



Latino Advisory Council

Monthly Meeting – June 17, 2015

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:

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

Meeting began at 9:15am

Present: Rebecca Crnovich, Nancy Rodriguez, Juanita Calderon, Beatriz Ramirez, Jennifer Contreras, Alex Medina, Julia Camacho de Monzon, Claudette Gomez, Jose Lopez, Lourdes Rodriguez, Sydnie Juarez.

Excused: Karla Soriano, Yeni Jimenez, Norma Machay

A. Welcome

- Introductions and warm welcome to new members, Julia Camacho de Monzon, Claudette Gomez and guest, Sydnie Juarez.
- Elaborating on the LAC Mission Statement and Statement of Values. Helps the members connect with one another to promote unity & harmony.

B. Review and approval of minutes

- Rebecca motioned to approve and amend the May 2015 minutes, Nancy second the motion. Minutes passed by majority vote and two abstentions.

E. LAC member nominations and selection

- Glendy C Aponte from DCFS was nominated and unanimously was accepted into LAC.
- Motion was made by Julia to reinstate Miriam Mojica's membership as soon as she completes the application by the end of the week. Rebecca seconds the motion. LAC voted and Miriam Mojica was unanimously accepted into LAC.

F. Increase Capacity by reaching out to Latino/Bilingual SPSAs/PSAs

- Tabled: The executive committee will get together to discuss the event scheduled for July 2015.

G. Other Business-Burgos Report

- Lourdes will meet with the Acting Director today at 1:30pm in efforts to go over the Burgos plan that Lourdes has come up with and gave to the Acting Director a month ago.
- If he approves the plan, she will forward to OLS and LAC Chairperson
- Crisis- A lot of bilingual kids are in the shelter & Aunt Martha's Group home is closing. The Burgos office isn't sure if it is going to affect the Aunt Martha's shelter.
- As of 06/16/15, there are 1,000 applications in grading. No bilingual gradings have been approved. Burgos is asking for the DCFS Acting Director to meet with the Director of CMS.
- Joyce Hall is leaving and her position will be vacant. This creates an opportunity for a SPSA to apply.
- Currently there are 38 vacancies and we need 14 positions to be compliant with the State Services Assurance Act of 2008 to total 52.