



Latino Advisory Council

October 21, 2015

1911 S. Indiana Chicago, IL 60616
4th Floor Cafeteria

Chair-Person:

Alex Medina

Chair-Elect:

Norma Machay

Scribe:

Jennifer Contreras

DCFS Members:

Carmen Alvarez
Glendy Aponte
Juanita Calderon
Claudette Gomez
Miriam Mojica
Julia Camacho de M.
Rebecca Crnovich
Beatriz Ramirez
Nancy Rodriguez
Dulce Ramirez

POS Members:

Yeni Jimenez
Ana Maria Osoria
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: 9:15am

Present: Juanita Calderon, Jennifer Contreras, Yeni Jimenez, Beatriz Ramirez, Nancy Rodriguez, Karla Soriano, Lourdes Rodriguez & Alex Medina.

Excused: Julia Camacho de M., Rebecca Crnovich, Dulce Ramirez, Jose Lopez & Norma Machay.

Not Excused: Glendy Aponte and Miriam Mojica

- A. Welcome
- B. Review and Approval of Minutes from 9/16/15.
 - Beatriz motioned to approve 9/16/15 minutes and Alex seconds the motion. Motions to approve minutes were passed by majority of voting members present with 2 abstentions.
- C. Vision Casting and Team Building
 - LAC agrees to revisit the role of Burgos Coordinator and OLS and their relationship as it relates to LAC. The council agrees to provide a slot in the agenda to respond to issues of hiring, retention & Spanish speaking foster homes recruitment and licensing.
- D. S.M.A.R.T Goals Progress Report
 1. Child Safety and Permanency Committee:
 - Spend time during LAC meetings to review goal.
 - Goal: Have 7 Spanish Speaking Foster Homes licensed by 02/2016
 - Alex will reach out to Victor Aranda to address FH licensing.
 - Committee members will approach & network with DCFS and POS licensing staff.
 2. Community Risk Reduction and Staffing:
 - Executive Committee members will reach out to chairperson and see if she can still be the chair.
 3. Data Validity and Disproportionality:
 - Committee will meet by phone once a month
 - Goal: 4 maps of Illinois that detail the following:
 - Children in Care
 - Child Protection Investigators (CPIs)
 - Child Welfare Specialist
 - Burgos Homes

- Nancy will go back to original goal and prepare 4 maps for next LAC meeting.
- 4. Strategic Communications:
 - Accomplished goal of getting “Noticias” Newsletter out on 10/16/15.
 - For the next newsletter, committee members will get articles from workshop presenters from 27th Annual Family Institute Day.
 - LAC, Burgos and OLS will make a presence in the “Noticias” Newsletter by writing an article.
 - Strategic Communications Committee will pursue and strengthen relationship with DCFS communications department.

E. By-laws Amendment Second and Third Reading

- Tabled for Next Meeting

F. LACs mission’s Statewide Membership and Expansion

1. Prospective Members

- Five DCFS employees applied for LAC membership
- One POS employee applied for LAC membership
- LAC will invite prospective members to the next LAC meeting and planning committee meeting.

2. Delegations

- Alex has been in contact with DCFS Administrative Judge, Sadzid Oliva, DCFS Licensing PSA, Victor Aranda and DCFS Deputy of Advocacy Office, Rodrigo Remolina to set up a one-on-one meeting to establish relationships with delegates throughout the state.

3. December 9th Summit

- Breakfast will be included and decided at the next meeting.
- Executive Committee will come up with agenda
- Alex will get list of attendees

G. Old/New Business

1. Meeting with DCFS Acting Director Sheldon was cancelled for 10/22/15 and rescheduled to 11/6/15. Agenda will be proposed by LAC members present

2. Latino Family Institute Financial Review

- 194 people attended the conference
- 89 evaluations were collected

Expenses	amount
NEIU A’Viands caterer for breakfast and lunch	\$4,840.00
NEIU check for staff members PT overtime and parking	\$ 270.00
NEIU A’Viands caterer for snacks	\$ 279.50
NEIU for vendors	\$ 255.00
Banner (Carmen)	\$ 49.91
Target Gift cards 3 youth being awarded (Beatriz)	\$ 150.00
Band	\$ 800.00
Awards (plaques and medals)	\$ 157.50

3. Ethics Training/Certification due by 10/26/15

- Lourdes will send the link out to LAC members
- After completing the training, LAC members will send the signed certification of completion to Karla by 10/26/15.

Meeting Adjourned at 12:16pm