



STATE OF WASHINGTON
COMMISSION ON HISPANIC AFFAIRS
COMISIÓN DE ASUNTOS HISPANOS

CHA Conference Call
Friday, February 14, 2020
10:00 am to 11:00 am

Roll Call:

Name	Title	Organization	Present
Brian Moreno	Chair	CHA	Yes
Anita Ahumada	Commissioner	CHA	No
Candice Garza	Commissioner	CHA	No
Carlos Ruiz	Commissioner	CHA	No
Jessica Hernandez	Commissioner	CHA	Yes
Julieta Altamirano-Crosby	Commissioner	CHA	Yes
Keelcy Perez	Commissioner	CHA	No
Lili Navarrete	Commissioner	CHA	No
Paula Arno Martinez	Commissioner	CHA	Yes
Rodrigo Renteria-Valencia	Commissioner	CHA	Yes
Tony Gallegos	Commissioner	CHA	Yes
María Sigüenza	Executive Director	CHA	Yes
Nancy Rocha Aguilar	Communications and External Relations Manager	CHA	Yes
Myra Hernandez	Operations and Special Projects Manger	CHA	Yes

Purpose of Meeting:

- Commissioners will discuss and give updates.
- Update from Executive Director

Updates

Commissioner Brian Moreno

- PTECH: grant work close to starting
- Kick-off call: next step is steering committee and regional committees
- Once dates are set they will be shared with the Commission

Commissioner Julieta Altamirano-Crosby

- 2020 annual report for EOGOAC shared with Commission
- Working closely with Senator McCoy about petition
- Working with Veterans
- Edmonds Community College 2nd annual convention for STEM – will be attending

Commissioner Paula Arno Martinez

- Attended state advisory committee – reviewed needs assessment for migrant students who are still very behind
- Latino Legislative Day – first experience, great turnout with lots of youth involvement

Commissioner Antonio Gallegos

- Attended Thurston County Census 2020 event – brainstorming for outreach
- St. Martins Latinx event on the 22nd – will be attending w/ Maria
- Feb. 26 – civic leader forum (follow-up meeting)
- March 7 – north Thurston school district event

Commissioner Rodrigo Renteria-Valencia

- Mexican consulate presented in Yakima – conversation about the need for a strong presence in eastern WA
- Meeting with constituent Lazaro – concerned about CHA and disconnect with Latinx community (working with him & others to gain more understanding about the gap)
- Drafted letter of support for CAMP program
- Sol De Yakima Valley (Yakima Herald) interview/meeting about what they need to publish to serve the public
- Spoke about approaching different identities and promoting inclusivity through conversations
- Ethnic Studies Advisory Board – drafted core of their approach to ethnic studies (anthropological) identifying identity, power, and history of people center to creating curriculum
- Radio KDNA – rescheduling space to Heritage for Commission Meeting

Operations and Special Projects Manager

- SB 5834 Student Immigration Status – passed the Senate and referred to House Committee
- SB 5607 Dual Language Learning in Senate Rules Committee
- Environmental Justice Task Force Subcommittee
 - Brainstorm community outreach
 - Identifying barriers for marginalized groups
 - February homework
- Grant management training completed

Communications and External Relations Manager

- Tapped out with Census – events scheduled throughout the state
- Faith Summit – next week, details shared on Slack
- Commissioner Lili representing CHA in LA at Latinx Event
- Finalizing contracts for radio's and newspapers, focusing on central and eastern WA
- Census Videos
 - Paula & Lili videos are out
 - Other commissioners to reach out if they are interested in filming
- Magazine is still in the works
 - Publishing date pushed back to ensure quality
 - Focus is Census and rolled out by the time Census portal opens
- SBLT workshops being held throughout the state – need promotion
 - First time they are ever in Spanish
 - High turnout will give justification to continue Spanish workshops

Executive Director Siguenza

- Latino Legislative Day – helped LCA connect with Capitol campus managers
 - Event went well in operations – LCA hadn't set one up and learned logistics

- Strong thanks from Capitol campus and nod from the Legislature
- United Farm Workers/Dairy Workers – spoke about the issues they are facing
 - Possible policies and/or recommendations
 - Lots of age discrimination
- L&I
 - Uriel & workers comp team still learning what it is and still insisting on a more human based approach
- Equity Office
 - Hearing in the Senate – somewhat negative and CHA remained neutral
 - Conversations are still really early and unable to communicate what the role of the office is and how it's different from other offices
- Grant Management – sent ourselves to learn how to effectively manage the first ever grant the commission has ever had

Guest Information

- Mikia Guy, Treasurer's Office
 - Financial Education Program – still gathering community feedback to build up program
 - Focus on those who have been taken advantage of, higher concentration in Hispanic communities that are abused
 - Want to connect with organizations and agencies to see how they can fill the gap
- Justin Chan, DSHS/DDA
 - Community Summit Wenatchee June 9th – 11th
 - Community can come together to provide accessible services to those who have a developmental disability
 - About 1,000 people attend and come from various groups, some are self-advocates
 - Steering committee present to bring on voices focusing on other bringing in other ethnic groups – wanting to reach Latinx/Hispanic community
 - Scholarships and stipends are available to bring in communities who are often overlooked for being low-income – want to prioritize them and tribal families first
 - Connect with communities to create a more culturally responsible and inclusive environment
 - Intersectionality with CHA and DDA – marginalized communities
 - Asks
 - Spread the word for event – currently mainly word of mouth, need more voices in the valley to spread news
 - Speaker recommendations from Commissioners
 - Community Summit steering committee wants more representation

Decisions Made

None

Adjourn