



STATE OF WASHINGTON
COMMISSION ON HISPANIC AFFAIRS
COMISIÓN DE ASUNTOS HISPANOS

CHA September Meeting
Saturday, September 7, 2019
Yakima, Washington
8:30 am- 3:00 pm

Roll Call:

Name	Title	Organization	Present
Brian Moreno	Chair	CHA	Yes
Jessica Hernandez	Commissioner	CHA	Yes
Julieta Altamirano-Crosby	Commissioner	CHA	Yes
Carlos Ruiz	Commissioner	CHA	Yes
Anita Ahumada	Commissioner	CHA	Yes
Paula Arno Martinez	Commissioner	CHA	No
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 Manager	CHA	Yes

Purpose of Meeting:

- Third in-person quarterly meeting of the year.
- Commissioner will discuss and give updates.
- Update from Executive Director
- Update from staff

Action Items Developed/Pending:

- Approval of meeting minutes from:
 - June 2019 in-person
 - July Conference Call
 - August Conference Call

Bishop Joseph Tyson

Immigration Forum Presentation – Q&A

Luis Gomez, U.S. Dept. of Commerce

U.S. Census Presentation

Community Forum/Community Member Introductions

- Hector and two community members complaint of L&I
 - Brought previous letter written to then Director Uriel Iniguez
 - Paying for constant appointments (that are unnecessary) and cases are opened and closed
 - Interpreters don't translate correctly or fully
 - Client can understand what is being said but cannot speak English to explain themselves so they rely on interpreters

Chair Updates

Chair Brian Moreno

- P-Tech
 - Connecting with community in Tri-Cities

Commissioner Updates

Commissioner Anita Ahumada

- Met with DNR
 - Part of the team to work with and make recommendations to their Wildland fire advisory committee in development of language access plan & how to build plan into work
- Met with Carlos Zegarra from Sachamama
 - Nationwide nonprofit working in educating and promoting policies/practices to protect LEPs in emergencies
- Task Force meeting of new Office of Equity
- Gov. Interagency Council on Health Disparities
- CIELO workshop
- WAISN training
- Working with Public Defense to address ICE related issues

Commissioner Julieta Altamirano-Crosby

- Posthumous repatriations
- Recruiting Hispanic Foster Parents: Issues of Culture, Language, Latino Youth and the Foster Care System
- School Discipline in WA
- Train the Trainers ACT workshops South County Fire

Commissioner Carlos Ruiz

- Boeing Tour
- Working with Heritage University
- Connected with Highline School District
- Sound Transit – Leslie Jones
 - Lots of money for ST programs
 - Apprenticeship programs

- Numbers drop as people leave
- Create a summer program for a week - alleviates childcare for a bit
- Oct. 5th Innovation & Tech – Seattle Waterfront
- Oct. 10th Latino Student Experience
- Hostile Terrain 94.com
 - Asking CHA to support

Commissioner Antonio Gallegos

- Completed National Hispanic & Latino Heritage Month proclamation application request to City of Lacey
- Asked to sit on diversity work group with other community leaders by City of Lacey City Manager
- Working with Julieta on getting youth group from non-profit united youth movement on a Boeing tour in Sept/Oct
- Will email district reps and Congressman for an introduction of self and CHA's mission and set up a meeting

Commissioner Jessica Hernandez

- Reaching out to other counties
 - Relationship building
- Met with Congressman Kilmer
- Creating a presence in Kitsap/Peninsula

Commissioner Paula Martinez

- Met with Senator Hawkins in Wenatchee during his listening tour
 - Plan to discuss priorities for next session & any support CHA can provide
- Participating in discussion with Dept. of Commerce regarding Keep Washington Working Act Taskforce
 - Applied to be part of the 11-member taskforce as CHA representative
- Gender and Justice Commission
 - Working to provide feedback on barrier study and future policy recommendations
- Wenatchee School Board Meetings
 - Attending monthly to stay informed about any issues at the district that could affect Latinx students

Executive Director Updates

- Equity Office
 - Convened for the first time Aug. 19th and worked on establishing definitions for equity, inclusion, and diversity
 - Established bylaws and group guidelines that we'll practice when making decisions on this office – pushing for an office that can hold agencies accountable to implementing equitable practices in their agencies
- Decision Package due September 20th

- Request for \$5000 to be used by communications manager for Census outreach, voter awareness outreach , and other communications endeavors
- Asking for \$1200 to cover @cha.wa.gov emails for commissioners
- Business Diversity Opportunity Fair – October 2nd, 5:45pm – 7pm SeaTac Airport
 - CAAA/CAPAA/ CHA along with sister agencies are partnering with the Port of Seattle to bring small business owners together and learn about contracting and certification opportunities at the state and port
- 940 Connectors
 - Implementation of I940 well under way
 - Training WACs adopted in June
 - Next step: initiating a process for independent investigations, which statutory stakeholders (not CHA) are on the line to help set up
 - We have an honorary seat at the table, taken by Victor Minjares, a local Thurston-county attorney and supporter of I940
- Disaster Resiliency Work Group
 - Snuck up on all the commissions
 - Belief is that the conversation is going to be focused on internal agency operations – if it differs I will let you know

Operations and Special Projects Manager

- Emerald Member Account
 - Link will be sent out via email
 - Once you get your member number you will send it to me for future car rentals
 - Two options for as road conditions vary
 - Online jotform will be used

Communications and External Relations Manager

- Immediate projects
 1. Census 2020 – to be completed by July 2020
 - Campaigns: consists of social media and video, campaigns will be available to partners via toolkit the month we roll out campaign
 - Kids campaign: March-May
 - Youth campaign: April-June
 - Senior campaign: February-March
 - General campaign: October-November
 - There is still time campaign: May-July
 2. Magazine
 - Suggestion of themes
 3. Assessment Report (ongoing)
 - Conducting an Economic SWOT analysis based on region to produce a region-specific assessment report
 4. ESRI Demographic Story Maps: Project to be completed by March 2020
 5. Annual marketing plan wellness check-in
 - Go over action tracker
 - Updated plan to be presented in December

Guest Information

Bishop Joseph Tyson

Luis Gomez, U.S. Dept. of Commerce – Census Presentation
Community Forum - Hector

Decisions Made

- Change/Update and Approval Minutes
 - o June 2019 In-Person Meeting
 - o July Conference Call
 - o August Conference Call