

CHA Monthly Conference Call
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Friday, April 10, 2020
10:00 AM- 11:00 AM

1. Roll Call

Name	Title	Organization	Present
Brian Moreno	Chair	CHA	Yes
Anita Ahumada	Commissioner	CHA	Yes
Candice Garza	Commissioner	CHA	Yes
Carlos Ruiz	Commissioner	CHA	No
Jessica Hernandez	Commissioner	CHA	No
Julieta Altamirano-Crosby	Commissioner	CHA	Yes
Keelcy Perez	Commissioner	CHA	Yes
Lili Navarrete	Commissioner	CHA	No
Paula Arno Martinez	Commissioner	CHA	Yes
Rodrigo Renteria-Valencia	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 Manger	CHA	Yes

2. Overview of Agenda

3. Brian Update

- a. Reminding and understanding our role as an advisory committee
- b. Passion and drive is important but coming together as a community with the information is a different approach rather than taking it to an individual level
- c. Having the right audience, at the right time, the right support and with the right information/evidence, that is how change is going to happen otherwise it is going to fall short and the commission will come off as a complaint
- d. We can't have a board mentality as a commission – we are the organization that has to go out and do the work, we don't have the luxury to ask staff to do the work for us – that is the commissions job

4. Maria Update

- a. The expectations of being insiders in the system is coming with tangible solutions not with issues
- b. Non-profit orgs/advocacy orgs are creating a certain energy that we can use but in a different approach

- i. i.e. this what we recommend, we are willing to sit and work to finding the solutions to our issues facing the communities

5. EC Updates

a. Candice – Education Committee

- i. Working with state representative and Verizon reps about rural school district having a hard time with online learning due to connectivity issues
- ii. Working with eastern WA reps and the Governor’s office
- iii. Verizon is working on connecting people that are already customers and providing more free activity
 - 1. Granting students and teachers free access to NYT
 - 2. Sending out that information to the connections and the committee
- iv. Meeting with the Governor’s office about Education, joining calls in the next few weeks
- v. Anita – issues with language access in special education
- vi. Maria – education committee has a platform for legislation next session such as expanding broadband to eastern WA
 - 1. Have real world information right now for a support to broadband access

b. Paula – Law & Justice Committee

- i. Been in contact about state unemployment benefits for undocumented immigrants
- ii. Keep Washington Working Task Force – Lisa Brown wanted input on COVID
- iii. Committee convening today

c. Lili – Health Care Committee

- i. Teaming up with WAISN for assistance to undocumented folks
- ii. Working with orgs to help families affected by housing
- iii. Possible legislation for next session: opening up access to healthcare coverage for our most vulnerable population
 - 1. Reproductive Justice for All covers reproductive health care for everyone – application is still being worked on removing barriers for groups
 - 2. One of our goals is for undocumented folks have access to more health care options in addition to reproductive health care

d. Brian on Economic Development

- i. Working with OMWBE working with businesses in the hospitality sector to assist them during COVID
- ii. Working on creating connections between childcare providers and a web platform that highlights the availability of those in the area

6. COVID-19 Roundtable

a. Rodrigo

- i. Concern with role of CHA during COVID-19
- ii. Important to have the conversations throughout the state regarding the issues and highlighting the differences of those being affected
- iii. Many organizations do not have the scope, the staff, or the funding to mitigate the pandemic – real reaction to this crisis is limited

- iv. Have a conversation of the effects of those in rural communities; the help is given to those who need it most etc.
 - b. Maria
 - i. We have to stay within mission on RCW
 - ii. We are not a political arm
 - iii. There are over 200 commissions in the governor's office; similar advisory roles
 - c. Brian
 - i. The commission on paper has 0 power or influence, we don't have the budget etc. to accomplish these changes
 - ii. We do make asks but they are responsive – that is why it is important to have a strategy, methodical, etc.
 - iii. There is so much passion and energy and we need to leverage that energy and have the conversations at the right time
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