



The Hispanic Roundtable

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HISPANIC ROUNDTABLE (HRT) /LA MESA REDONDA

January 18th, 2007

Staff Present:

Veronica Bronkema – *Labor & Industries*
Jose Diaz – *Centralia Community College, HRT President*
Lilia Gomez – *WA Assoc. of Community and Migrant Health Centers*
Peggy Hansen – *Sky Patterns and CSS*
Shawn Lewis – *North Thurston Public Schools*
Alicia Luna – *WA State Commission on Hispanic Affairs*
Ignacio Marquez – *WA State Employment Security*
Cliff Moore – *WSU Extension*
Sara Peté – *Olympia Timberland Library, HRT Secretary*
Ivan Rodriguez – *CHOICE Regional Health Network*
Ellen Shortt Sanchez – *Evergreen Center-Community Learning*

- ❖ Welcome and Introductions
- ❖ Approval of last meeting's minutes.
- ❖ Certificate, Plaque and Letter
 - Jose will email the name and message to Shawn who will get a plaque made for the Washington Association of Community and Migrant Health Centers for all of their help with hosting our meetings.
- ❖ 5 year plan
 - Now that we've got our 501(c)(3) status, Jose would like to create a 5 year plan.
 - We may want to include someone from outside of the organization (like Pam Toll of the United Way for example) to help in creating this plan.
 - Cliff has volunteered to help with strategic planning.
 - Meg Jones helped the Commission on Hispanic Affairs with their strategic planning and Alicia can get Jose in contact with her.
- ❖ Thurston Community Network
 - This is a group of 6 community organizations working with communities of color.
 - They are working on a capacity building grant of \$500,000 a year for 3 years to be divided between the six organizations.
 - The Hispanic Roundtable may be involved in this grant for next year's cycle.
 - We should also be looking into long-term non-grant funding.
 - We will want to explore Dept. of Education grants and fundraising opportunities.
- ❖ The HRT should continue to be a bridge between the Latino and mainstream communities.
 - Trainings in cultural competencies is something we should aim to create and provide.
- ❖ Membership

- Reminders of meetings and invitations to renew and join should be sent out for our next large meeting in March.
 - This meeting should be a celebration of last year's accomplishment and a time to begin work on next year's Summit.
 - All members should be emailed, but also called as well.
 - Sara will look into getting a complete member list from Carmen and then the calling can be divided between volunteers.
- ❖ United Way
- The United Way of Thurston County has expressed an interest in having an HRT member join the board.
 - This would be a great opportunity for networking.
 - It is a commitment of a monthly meeting and Fall presentations.
 - Alicia will find out if Uriel is interested.
 - We may be able to have two members take on this responsibility.
 - The yearly fee is generally \$300-500 and the position usually goes for 2 or 3 years.
- ❖ Treasurer's Report
- We are still awaiting checks from Thurston County and N. Thurston Schools
 - Shawn will take care of this.
- ❖ Youth Education Committee
- Mary Loya is working on building a database of LYS presenters, volunteers, students, tables, donations, schools, HRT membership etc.
 - We have to decide where this database will be housed and who will have access and how much access.
 - Ivan needs to know what software is being used to build the database.
- ❖ Newsletter
- Olivia has done such a wonderful job with the Hispanic Women's Network newsletter that we may want to consider hiring her at some point to work on an HRT newsletter.
- ❖ Website
- Our website is currently paid until January of 2008.
 - This is the 5th year of the website.
 - More changes are planned and what Ivan needs to go ahead with these changes is the actual text that will go on these pages.
- ❖ Family Investment Report
- There is an upcoming ballot measure for November regarding the Thurston County Sales Tax – it would assign 3/10 of 1% to family care agencies.
- ❖ Community Sharing
- Ellen Shortt Sanchez – Center for Community Based Learning & Action (The Evergreen State College)
 - They host action service days, like an MLK day at Madison Elementary and Native Plant Restoration and Organic Harvesting days.
 - They also work with the Olympia School District to mentor and tutor elementary school kids.

- Ellen would like us to keep her organization in mind for volunteer opportunities.
- Someone from the Center will be attending HRT meetings from now on.

➤ Olympia Timberland Library Events

- The Charlas/Talk Time language exchange occurs the first Thursday of every month from 5:30 to 7:30.
- The library is hosting free ESL tutoring through Bookends Literacy Network.
- Veronica will be doing a bilingual program on Worker's Rights in late April.
- Please contact Sara Peté if you have any questions about these programs or if you have ideas for further programing.
- Upcoming adult programs include: Digital Photography, Starting Your Own Business, Monthly Genealogy Café, monthly knitting and fiber arts program called "Yarn About Olympia" and ongoing computer classes. ALL library programs are free of charge.