



The Hispanic Roundtable

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General Meeting

3/22/07

Attendees: Carlos Aguilera – *CIELO*
Melissa Bayne – *Girl Scouts, Pacific Peaks*
Veronica Bronkema – *Labor & Industries*
Fanny Cordero – *Columbia Legal Services*
Jose Diaz – *HRT President, Centralia Community College*
Binda Douglas – *Thurston County Food Bank*
Kathy Baros Friedt – *Community Member, WA Human Rights Commissioner*
Paul Gallegos – *The Evergreen State College*
Lilia Gomez – *WA Association of Community and Migrant Health Centers*
Alfredo Gomez-Beloz – *University of Washington*
Selina Gomez-Beloz – *Tenino Timberland Library*
Stephanie Hills – *Families for Kids*
Gayle Hosklson – *USDA Rural Development*
Uriel Iñiguez – *Head of WA State Commission on Hispanic Affairs (CHA)*
Alicia Luna – *WA State Commission on Hispanic Affairs*
Jorge Madrazo – *SEAMAR*
Victor M. Minjares – *Attorney General's Office*
Cliff Moore – *Washington State University – Extension*
Gloria Morehouse – *Girl Scouts, Pacific Peaks*
Carmen Murphy – *HRT Membership Coordinator, Community Member*
Chriset Palenshus – *TESC, Center for Community Based Learning*
Sara Peté – *HRT Secretary, Timberland Regional Library*
Josefina Pilon – *St. Martin's University*
Ivan Rodriguez – *HRT Webmaster, CHOICE Regional*
Jorge Ruiz – *Van Dorm Realty*
Samantha Soto – *South Puget Sound Community College*
Forrest Stepp – *South Puget Sound Community College*
John Suessman – *Lacey Police Department*
María Velasco – *Mason General Hospital*
Adrianna Villegas – *South Sound High School Student*
Mandy Wettig – *DSHS-CPS*

Welcome and Introductions

Approval of last meeting's minutes

President's Report

Jose is working on a mini-grant of \$1200 to create Spanish language MP3s for websites

He will be working with local organizations to create these MP3s

These would also be on the HRT websites

30 to 60 second audio files that would describe services to listeners

Jose is working on a 5 year strategic plan for the HRT to be done by the end of this year

HRT Location

Fax and phone line here at the N. Thurston Public Schools
Official vote – approved
\$20/month – phone line, voicemail, fax
Victor Minjares mentioned a free faxing online program possibility.
He will speak with Jose about it in more detail.

Treasurer's Report

There is currently \$6,088.89 in the treasury
There were no expenses for the last month
This figure includes dues received to date
Taxes are due by the end of this month, they'll be ready to go by the end of next week
A little over \$500 of our current fund is earmarked for the Latino Youth Summit, though we can use the rest for the LYS as well

Membership Coordinator – Carmen Murphy

Membership dues are due.
Please fill out a membership brochure and send it along with a check to our PO Box.
Community notices (emails) go through Carmen.
She will be putting out a weekly digest email from now on instead of 3 to 4 messages daily.
Individual and Institutional membership options

Youth Education Committee

Jeffrey Frias from Centralia Community College will be the Chair for this year's Youth Education Committee, putting him in charge of this year's Latino Youth Summit which will occur on November 13, 2007

Chairs for Subcommittees for 2007

Fundraising – Jose Diaz

Volunteer – Lilia Gomez

Programs – Veronica Bronkema (volunteers: Alfredo Gomez-Beloz, Sara Peté)

Facilities and Food – Candy Layman

Marketing/Promotion – Jorge Madrazo

School visits: Uriel Iñiguez, Selina Gomez-Beloz

Information/Education tables – Carmen Murphy

Registration – Forrest Stepp

Databases built this year should save committees time.

Parent Conferences are a goal for this year as well.

Financial literacy, immigration issues, communicating with schools, etc.

We should work this year to establish follow-up and mentorship.

Paul Gallegos suggested we form an assessment committee, as well.

Jose is working on securing funding for an administrative staff grant, LEAD grant, permanent funding source.

Looking for permanent funds for mentoring programs.

Jorge Madrazo, who used to work for the Mexican consulate in the region, expressed his willingness to connect people with information for Mexican students in the United States. There are resources online.

HRT Website Updates – Ivan Rodriguez

We are currently getting about 600 hits a week

We are open to new possibilities for the site

No advertisements will be posted.

Please send links relevant to the Latino community.

We need good writers in English and Spanish.

Veronica Bronkema and Lilia Gomez volunteered their skills.

Calendar – continues to be updated by Sara

Database – Ivan wonders if it will be online and what kind of access we will have to it. These are questions for Mary Loya who is working on the site.

Please send suggestions to Ivan at Hispanic@hispanicroundtable.org

There is a new webpage on jobs in the works

United Way

Jose Diaz was approached by Pam Toll who would like a member of HRT to join board.

It costs \$300/year.

There is no Latino representation on the board at the moment.

It would keep us in touch with what grants are available and enable connections with other organizations.

Early learning is a current focus of the United Way, the HRT member on the board can remind other board members of Latino community needs.

Information Referrals

3 year commitments, monthly meetings.

Veronica Bronkema was nominated and approved to apply for the United Way Board position.

Family Investment Report

3/10 of 1% initiative

for the November ballot

citizen initiative

60% would go to jail and law enforcement

40% would go to cities with an emphasis on early intervention

city councils need to put it on the ballot

Its passing would mean a raise in current sales tax, not a reallocation

There is a grandfather clause, 10 years

LEAD program

WSU Extension may be able to provide the organizational response for this grant.

There are 6 nonprofits asking for \$500,000 for 3 years

Paul Allen will only entertain one grant from WSU Extension each quarter

Thurston County Chamber of Commerce and the United Way are other options for support.

Needed – fiscal agent with grantor, an agency that can train a nonprofit organization, an organization with experience in large grants.

Families for Kids – Stephanie Hills

Small nonprofit group – contract with WA State for recruitment and retention of foster homes in the region

The state is in need of Hispanic homes

Children are being pulled out of Hispanic families and being placed in English speaking homes

Many are grade school aged and younger children

There are around 7,000 foster kids in WA State

There are 1200-1500 waiting for adoptive homes

Stephanie guesses that Hispanics make up close to 10% of these kids.

This program is being mentioned in *El Informador* whenever there is an empty space

This program will be added to website

Questions of parents in detention and what happens to the children were raised by Fanny and Uriel.

Stephanie will get us contacts in DSHS who can answer these questions as she did not know the answers.

Gayle Hosklson – USDA, Rural Development program

Only work in rural areas

Most of WA state is rural, including much of Thurston and surrounding counties

They provide loans and grants- utilities, water, new home and home repair, multi-family and senior facilities, farm labor housing, community facilities (medical, educational, cultural, fire, police, city hall, libraries)

Low to moderate income individuals are eligible.

Mutual self-help program – grants to organizations that help people buy their own homes.

They offer guaranteed loans, direct loans, and grants.

They have broadband and distance learning programs.

Business & industry loans – give loans to organizations which then relend those funds.

There is a Cooperative program.
Technical assistance
www.rurdev.usda.gov/wa

Information Sharing

Adrianna Villegas – senior at S. Sound High School
Currently shadowing Uriel Iñiguez
Would like to see more information on immigration at the LYS

Lilia Gomez

There is a Children's Health Program that provides health care for undocumented children.
Funding has finally been approved so these slots need to be filled so that people understand they are needed.
She will send detailed messages to Carmen who will forward them to the membership. Please help spread the word about this programs.
Basic Health can also provide health care for documented or undocumented based on income.
These two programs are the only ones that undocumented immigrants are eligible for in our state.

The quest was raised "How can we use our database to push this information out to the community?"

Continue email notices

A Quarterly newsletter should be considered

El Informador is one resource

Commission on Hispanic Affairs Website

HRT website

Latina Style Event – Carmen Murphy is looking for carpool options.

For more information go to: <http://bs.latinastyle.com/2007/seattle.html>

CHA – releases a quarterly newsletter which reaches 2000 readers

Uriel would like to host a meeting with DSHS for outreach plans to let undocumented immigrants know about their health care options.

There are currently funds in the Legislature allocated for several Latino agencies, currently waiting for Senate approval.

KCTS is requesting money for a Spanish channel.

Please call your legislators, the session is not over.

WASL

What happens to kids who can't pass the WASL?
40% of Latino student not passing the test

CIELO

Immigration lawyers will be available on citizenship day.

For individuals who have had residency for 5 years or longer

Or for those who have been married to an American citizen for 3 years

It is this Saturday (3/24) in Centralia from 10 to 4

Individual can get help with paperwork and processing from lawyers

CIELO Fundraiser March 31st

\$40 tickets

talk to Carlos Aguilera for more information.

CIELO Open Board Meeting – April 14th – 11a.m. to 1 p.m.

What is CIELO doing?

Do you have comments?

Come to the meeting and share.

Check the CHA website for information on citizenship classes.

There will be a bilingual worker's rights program at Olympia Timberland Library on April 26th (Thursday) at 7 p.m.