

Hispanic RoundTable (HRT) Meeting July 16, 2009

John-Paul Chaisson Cardenas – *OSPI, Latino Youth Fund*
Jose Diaz – *HRT President, OMWBE*
Richard Lasso – *College Success Foundation*
Carmen Murphy – *Univera, Hispanic Women's Network*
Sara Peté – *HRT Secretary, Olympia Timberland Library*
Ivan Rodriguez – *Choice Regional Health Network, HRT Webmaster*
Olivia Salazar de Breau – *SPSCC*
John Suessman – *Lacey Police Department*
Emilio Vela – *Division of Alcohol & Substance Abuse*
Eileen Yoshina – *SPSCC*

President's Report – Jose Diaz

- This year's Latino Youth Summit is coming up on October 16th at Saint Martin's University.
- Summit planning is in full swing. All of the committees, other than Registration, are set.
- Jose wants to make sure that the speaker is a motivational and not just a keynote speaker.
- The letter for possible and past funders and the fundraising packet that goes with it is ready. Paul, Jose, and Rechele created this letter.
- A Latino Parent conference was held in June at SPSCC.
- Consuelo Kickbusch, Roy Juarez Jr., and Richard Lasso all spoke.
- The content of the conference was great but Jose was disappointed by the turnout.
- The HRT is considering a change in meeting locations & times in 2010.
- We'll talk about and vote on options at the next meeting in September.
- Meetings may take place at the Olympia Timberland Library.

Emilio is working on a mentoring and community board fair for the WA State offices at Cherry Street plaza.

- It will occur around the end of August/first week of September.

New HRT Appointments

-Youth Education Chair – Paul Gallegos was officially appointed the Youth Education Chair for the HRT.

A new committee was official formed:

-Mentoring Committee - Emilio Vela was nominated and voted in as the chair of this committee.

-Emilio will present more info on the new committee at the next HRT board meeting.

-New board members nominated, seconded, and voted in at the meeting are as follows.

-Kathy Baros Friedt

- Richard Lasso
- John Suessman
- Emilio Vela
- Eileen Yoshina

Emmanuel Olivo is a new bilingual officer with the Lacey Police Department. He stopped by to meet the committee during the meeting.

Before January's annual HRT meeting, the rules and by-laws of HRT will be sent out so that can discuss any changes or adjustments they may need at the January 2010 HRT Meeting.

Guest Speaker

John-Paul Chaisson-Cardenas

- Equity & Civil Rights Director of the OSPI
- There is a clear achievement gap in WA State
 - poverty affects the gap
 - stronger factors than class are race & ethnicity
 - there are vastly disproportionate drop-out rates for Latino, African-American and Native American students.
- OSPI are not the investigators, they do triage... they connect people who call with complaints and concerns with the right people.
- Role of OSPI
 - To monitor school districts to ensure they are following the laws in terms of equity and civil rights
 - To keep track of complaints in a certain district
 - A certain number of complaints may trigger other things
 - Sometimes school districts don't know their own policy and so they aren't following them.
- The achievement gap **is** a civil rights issue.
- WA State is a local control state
- OSPI can withhold funding to those schools that are not in compliance.
- What OSPI needs:
 - for constituents to talk to legislatures to support their work in Equity & Civil Rights.
 - To be alerted when things aren't working well.
 - To increase the cultural competence of OSPI and other state systems, individuals must support the work that is happening (because neutrality = no change).
- OSPI can often use interns to do equity work: if you have college or graduate students that would like to work on projects please contact John-Paul. They prefer students to work in teams so that they can support each other in their work.

In Jean-Paul's free time he is the volunteer chair of the Latino Community Fund. This organization was started by a group of folks who work in foundations.

- Latinos = 15% of U.S. population, roughly 8% in the state.
- Only 1 out of 800 non-profits are managed by Latinos
- 60% of those Latinos running non-profits are making \$0.
- out of 39 billion dollars given every year, less than 1.3% of that money is given to the Latino community.
- National Center for Responsive Philanthropy
- There is a significant over-representation of communities of color in nonprofit documents, but that is not, in fact, where the majority of the funds are going.
 - 1) talked about how Latinos can come together and reinvest in our communities
 - 2) to be able to engage the larger foundations in giving to those non-profits
 - 3) to raise the capacity of those nonprofits to do the work
- The primary focus of the Latino Community Fund is to strengthen organizations that are already doing the work.
- This might be through money or volunteered involvement.
- The overhead is very low.
- The LCF brought in Alianza to work with youth organizations to connect across communities.
- This year they trained 51 people to sit on grant committees
- They look at what people are already doing, add money and promote the things that are happening
- Many organizations that give money avoid the smaller community organizations because they are thought to be too small or too risky.
- The LCF is often the first funder for these small groups which gives other groups the confidence to join in funding these groups.
- The annual LCF summit is on Oct. 16 & 17 this year.
- They'll send any high school students attempting to register to LYS.
- They'd like us to send any college students their way.
- It is very possible that we will be able to share keynote speakers across our two events.
- The LCF also has resources in advertisement.
- It only costs \$1 to join the LCF.
- They are Seattle based at the moment but want to change that to be more of a state-wide organization.
- One of their main roles is to be first investor to support small organizations
- www.latinocommunityfund.org
- sign up for newsletter online.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Scholarship announcement

Richard shared the current applications for the College Bound scholarships.

For more information see the website at:

<http://www.collegesuccessfoundation.org/CollegeBound/index.htm>

The 3rd annual Hispanic Festival is happening in Centralia on July 24th and 25th.

<http://www.washingtonhispanicfestival.com/>

The WA State Commission on Hispanic Affairs is looking for nominations.

-They are due in September.

-Community Award nomination package can be found below:

<http://cha.wa.gov/english/documents/CHACommunityAwardNominationPacket.pdf>