

Indiana Commission on Hispanic/Latino Affairs
Commission Meeting Minutes
Thursday, March 27, 2008
Indiana Government Center South
Conference Room 2

Commissioners Present:

Mara Candelaria-Reardon
Alfonso Vidal, Chair
Freddie Thon
Ivan Hernandez
Adolfo Solis, Vice Chair
John Nieto-Phillips
Andrea Bueno
Sid Brown, Proxy for Dept of Corrections
Herb Hernandez
Richard Espinosa

Guests:

Shannon Nieto-Phillips
Lawrence, Indiana State Medical Association

I. Call to Order

2:16pm

II. Commission Business

a. Approval of Minutes

b. Indiana Commission on Disproportional Youth Programs, Angela Green was not present to give a presentation.

c. Hernandez made presentation from LAPD public service announcements.

Just a brief, many organizations already interested in this program. This helps our Latinos understand know what our rights are. These are public service announcements. We will refer this to our subcommittee. Our subcommittee should explore more options, how we can use this. It would be good for us to research the training that Law enforcement is being offered.

III. USHILI Conference:

Solis spoke about the conference. Approx 3500 students. Reardon spoke of conference in which the largest conference of joining Latinos. We met with the head of the Census. We need to be prepared. We need to figure out how

to be prepared for our people. We need to education our people on the count. The conference is great. The mayor of LA was the keynote speaker one day

MOC:

Solis spoke about collaboration from different state executive directors from around the U.S.

There are presently 12 different commissions in collaboration. This is an important union for us, because it allows us to collaborate on issues like immigration, education and many other specific Latino issues. There were no signatures on the documents; there was just an agreement to meet on a continual basis.

Census Bureau:

Solis stated that the questions were not addressed corrected. Espinosa stated that the Census was attempted to use a machine to help document people. We need to do some PSA to inform people about the Census. Vidal suggested that for our next meeting that Espinosa give us a report after contacting the Census Bureau on how we should proceed.

II. Ethics

Vidal stated that all commissioners need to take the Ethics training. Solis explained to everyone the reasoning for the training. Vidal stated that he would send all passwords and user id to each one. All commissioners have to do online training. Espinosa asked if not a state employee why do we have to take a ethics training. Reardon stated that she has been on the commission for several years and has yet to take the ethics test.

Executive Director Search:

Vidal reported that they choose three candidates from a large list of candidates. Three were choose and ask to have final interview with the Department of Workforce Development. Workforce Development will have the final say on the candidate. We hope to know who our director is by our next meeting. Reardon stated that we needed to send a letter to DWD commissioner to help select the executive director as soon as possible.

Secretary

We need to elect a person. We need to table this issue until the next meeting because today there is not a quorum.

Part Time Intermediate position open:

We have always had people. Vidal feels like the Executive Director will hire the part-time positions.

Nieto-Phillips asked if we can have interns for this position. He can speak to the director of Latino Studies to see if an intern is available.

IV. Reports

a. Committee Reports

Health Committee: Health report is complete. What is the next step for them.

b. Business:

Thon declined chairing the committee. He asked for someone else to chair.

c. Education:

No report.

d. Legislative:

We are going to support Reardon, however it was

We need more people, because

Reardon suggested that subcommittee meets an hour before the regular committee meeting.

We have four subcommittees on our committee. We would like to partner with development of Juvenile Justice.

e. Civil Rights and Housing:

No report.

V. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at approximately 3:33pm