



STATE OF WASHINGTON
COMMISSION ON HISPANIC AFFAIRS
COMISIÓN DE ASUNTOS HISPANOS

Vancouver
Study Session Minutes
November 30, 2007

I. Call to Order. Meeting was called to order at 10:30 AM by Chair Portillo Salazar.

II. Roll Call. Commissioners present: Jorge Chacón, Ty Córdova, Henry Cruz, Félix L. Negrón, Rosalba D. Pitkin, Lourdes Portillo Salazar, and Gabriel Portugal.

Staff Present: Uriel Iñiguez, Alicia Luna, and Don Barker

III. Attendance and Punctuality to Meetings

Attendance sheet was reviewed; corrections include:

- Henry was present at the Sunnyside meeting
- Need clarification on working day and commitment

Punctuality is of utmost importance

- Late more than ½ hour = Late Unexcused

Action Item: Executive Committee will write up the verbiage on these two items.

IV. CHA Administrative Policies

Reviewed the proposed amendments

- A motion needs to be made to adopt the proposed amendments

V. Guests

Mark McLean, Director of Basic Education at Clark College shared the following:

- Basic Schools Council determined that students 16 or older that are removed from public schools need to qualify based on assessment
- 90% of basic skills education includes: ESL, adult programs, and literacy programs that are served by a community college system; 60% is ELL; most are Hispanic Latino
- Clark College is the 4th or 5th provider in the state of Washington
- ESL classes (six different levels) are held in four different schools, in catholic churches, Clark College main campus, and at the WorkSource site
- Classes are offered weekly (four different timeframes during the week) and on Saturdays

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- Transitional programs are next years goal; Introduction to Health Occupations for ESL students (ELL teacher is part of the curriculum) and Transitions to College (for ESL upper level class ELL Students who have a degree in their country of origin)
- State Program – IBEST (Integrated Basic Education and Skills Training) includes Nursing Assistant and Early Childhood programs. Need to pass test to be considered for these two programs since they are very expensive and time consuming.
- Barriers students face are not being documented
- Clark College basic skills class in not an issue; however, there is much fear in the community regarding deportation due to state agency presence and guards that roam the facility
- Trying to find other sites that are safe for undocumented students; such as churches, community centers, etc.
- Class Registration form does not ask for legal status and ESL students are not required to provide a social security number
- Tuition policy is \$25 per quarter
- Tuition Fee Waiver program; one has to be in the Government system or have someone sign a form that says they can't afford to pay the \$25 (teachers can vouch for student)
- Teachers can assist students with applications and waiver forms
- Not a perfect system; some students do drop through the cracks

VI. Meeting Preparation

- Panel Presentation will be carried out in English
- Commissioner Cruz will make the motion to adopt the amendments
- Established modus operandi

VII. 2008 Meeting Schedules and Committee Conference Call Schedules

- 2008 meetings will consist of 4 public meetings, 1 Commissioner Training Retreat, and the LEAP Conference workshops
- January 17 & 18 LEAP Conference; only local Commissioners will participate
- Commissioner's Negrón and Cordova will take the lead and organize the CHA workshops for both dates
- February 22-23 will be a Commissioner Training Retreat in Pasco
- Public Meetings are as follows:
 - April 25-26 Omak
 - June 27-28 Shelton
 - August 22-23 Mt. Vernon
 - October 24-25 Tacoma
- Committee Chairs need to establish their conference call schedule for 2008

Action Item: Committee Chairs need to provide their conference call schedule to Executive Assistant by December 20, 2007.

Action Item: Commissioners need to provide their Legislative Priorities 2008 input to Executive Director by December 15, 2007.

Meeting adjourned at 4 PM.



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December 1, 2007

I. Call to Order. Meeting was called to order at 10:30 AM by Chair Portillo Salazar.

II. Roll Call. Commissioners present: Jorge Chacón, Ty Córdova, Henry Cruz, Rosalba D. Pitkin, Lourdes Portillo Salazar, and Gabriel Portugal.

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III. Guests

Jim and Emily Palm, presented a proposal to increase the number of Spanish-speaking Dentists in Washington. Goals of the proposal include the following:

- Address the emergent shortage of dentists in WA State
- Increase the number of both ethnic minority dentists and Spanish-speaking dentists in WA State
- Attract dentists to WA State who are more likely to care for underserved populations

The proposal involves modification of RCW 18.32.215 that will allow **all dentists who have been licensed and practicing in another state in the U.S. for at least 3 years, including dentists who have received their dental education outside the U.S.** to be eligible for licensure in WA.

Jim and Emily Palm asked for CHA's support of their proposal and to direct letters of support to the Washington State Dental Association.

Ryan Betz, Public Affairs Specialist with State Farm presented a "Keys to Successful Fundraising" workshop that included the following:

- Goals for Partnerships
- Where to find Partners
- Building Relationships & the Grant Process
- Key Strategies and The Intangibles

IV. Strategic Plan and Committees – The following were discussed:

- Ranking of goals
- Committee Chair's will go over measures and activities and make any necessary changes
- Commissioner oral activity report must be linked to Strategic Plan; 3 minutes max
- Reminder to update your Commissioner reports

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- Commissioner Cruz new Chair of the Justice & Equity Committee; he will replace Chair Portillo-Salazar
- Remove Commissioner Gutiérrez from the Justice and Equity Committee and add Commissioner Portugal

Action Item: Executive Assistant will send talking points and Legislator list to all Commissioners

Meeting adjourned at 1PM.