



STATE OF WASHINGTON  
**COMMISSION ON HISPANIC AFFAIRS**  
*COMISIÓN DE ASUNTOS HISPANOS*

**CHA Monthly Conference Call**  
**Friday, October 8, 2021**  
**10:00AM – 11:00AM**

**Meeting called to order at 10:06 AM.**

**Roll Call:**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Present</b>
Bernal Baca	Chair	CHA	YES
Brian Moreno	Vice Chair	CHA	YES
Candice Garza	Commissioner	CHA	NO
Jessica Hernandez	Commissioner	CHA	NO
Lili Navarrete	Commissioner	CHA	YES
Lina Alvarez	Vice Chair	CHA	NO
Lola Flores	Commissioner	CHA	NO
Randy Nuñez	Commissioner	CHA	NO
Eric Gonzalez	Commissioner	CHA	NO
<b>STAFF</b>			
María Sigüenza	Executive Director	CHA	YES
Nancy Rocha Aguilar	Communications and External Relations Manager	CHA	YES
Myra Hernandez	Operations and Special Projects Manager	CHA	YES
<b>GUESTS</b>			
Megan Matthews, Engagement Manager Poverty Reduction Workgroup, DSHS/ESA			

**Purpose of Meeting:**

**Universal Income Presentation**

**Universal Basic Income Feasibility Study**

- Megan Matthews spoke to CHA about a legislatively funded feasibility study tasked to the Poverty Reduction Work Group. Matthews explained there is not a standard definition to Universal Income, but generally, existing programs provide a cash transfer to program participants on a regular basis. The transfer is recurrent regardless of income level and is given with no strings attached.
- The Department of Social and Health Services will work jointly with the Poverty Reduction Work Group. The study must include research of other universal basic income programs, recommendations for a pilot in Washington, a cost-benefit analysis, operational costs, and an implementation plan.
- The study will have an emphasis on collecting qualitative data and focusing on the social, racial, and geographic inequalities. It will identify intersections and how this program could work with other resources.

- Matthews received compliments on work and research done thus far and answered questions from attending Commissioners.

**Other Points of Business**

Dr. Bernal Baca, Chair, declared the meeting a non-official informational session because quorum was not met. However, he requested that notes be recorded for Commissioner reference.

**Meeting adjourned at 10:48 AM.**

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