



DCFS Latino Advisory Council
1701 S 1st Ave
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March 21, 2018 **8:30am – 5:00pm**
Conference # (605) 475-4865 - Access Code 864378#

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Ex-officio Members:

Jose J. Lopez, OLS
Lourdes Rodriguez,
Burgos Coordinator

Committees:

Child Safety and
Permanency

Community Risk
Reduction and
Staffing

Data validity and
Disproportionality

Strategic
Communications

Latino Family
Institute

Amended Minutes

Present: Juanita Calderon, Lisa Marie Perez and Beatriz Ramirez

Ex-officio Members: Lourdes Rodriguez and Jose J. Lopez

Excused: Vanessa Castro, Yvonne Cordero, Sydnie Juarez, Maritza Lopez, Alex Medina, Dulce Patron, Nancy Rodriguez, Yeni Rojas and Karla Soriano; Julia Monzon

Guests: Liliana Romero, Maria Loayza, Jose Garcia, Maria Hernandez and Daniel Fitzgerald

- A. Welcome/introductions/Vision Casting Activity- Meeting began at 9:15am
Lourdes presented us with some information on Trauma, Brain and Relationship in Helping Children by Bruce Perry.
- B. February minutes were tabled to next meeting as we did not have quorum.
- C. Office of Latino Services
- Jose J. Lopez reported that the Office of Latino Services is busy with recruitment at Universities- Dominican and Bradley. He mentioned upcoming community activities: 1) Dia Del Nino 4/21 and parade on 4/28 and 2) Health Fair in Aurora on 4/14.
 - Jose reported that he'll be attending Latinos in Higher Education (ILACHE) event and that since many students attend he should be able to recruit for DCFS. There are currently eight universities providing CWEL curriculum and he is contacting for hiring. He is continuously working on retention with Marjorie Moore. A survey was sent out and is completed but they are still working on the data.
 - Jose is working on a report that identifies children from different Latino countries. Lourdes mentioned meeting with APT monitors for assistance in identifying children listed as ethnicity "unknown". The fields of "not identified" and "unknown" still need to be eliminated in SACWIS options.
 - Jose stated that we need another means to meet with the director via quarterly report. Lourdes mentioned that we currently have standing meeting dates with the director. Juanita provided the following dates to meet with the Director: 5/23/18, 8/22/18 and 11/28/18.
- D. Burgos Coordinator
- Lourdes Rodriguez reported that she continues to screen Freedom of Information Act requests (FOIA's). She would like LAC to consider doing a project with the Birth Parent Council so that more Latino families participate and possibly host a mini Latino Birth Parent summit at the conference by reserving one workshop specifically for birth parents.
 - Lourdes stated that she has completed 8-9 bilingual certifications for CWS- High Risk Intact/Intake and placement positions. A question was

asked regarding the sex abuse coordinator position. Daniel Fitzgerald stated that OES was asked for that position and it is approved and waiting for posting.

- Lourdes will be asking for an intern to be assigned to her for purposes of uploading all information pertaining to the Burgos Office.
- Lourdes reported that the Director instructed the group working on the Bilingual Staffing Policy to give to Chief Deputy Director Debra Dyer Webster for review.

E. Committee Reports

- a. Child Safety & Permanency- Tabled
- b. Community Risk Reduction & Staffing- Tabled
- c. Data Validity & Disproportionality- Tabled
- d. Strategic Communications
 - Discussed briefly upcoming "Noticias" Newsletter for the Professional Development Day and brochure corrections

F. Old/New Business

- a. Task updates from previous meeting
 1. OMA/ 2018 Ethics forms- Tabled
 2. Membership vacancies/vote- Tabled/ No quorum.
 3. Meet and Greet- Tabled to the afternoon session.

Meeting Adjourned 10:55am

Scribe

Dulce Patron