

DCFS Latino Advisory Council

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Lisa Marie Perez
Yeni Rojas

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

Attendance: Nancy Rodriguez, Jose Lopez, Beatriz Ramirez, Maria Hernandez Hernandez, Azalea Mejia and Liliana Romero.

Excused: Yvonne Cordero, Lourdes Rodriguez, Lisa Marie Perez, Vanessa Castro, Juanita Calderon, Dulce Patron, Julia Camacho de Monzon

Guest: Jose R. Garcia

A. Welcome/Team Building/Vision Casting

Discussion took place regarding members' interests.

B. Review and Approval of June & July minutes:

Tabled for next meeting. Maria Hernandez raised concerns with lack of quorum due to some members not attending. This will be brought up in next Executive meeting.

C. Review of Bob's Rule of Order:

Tabled

D. Office of Latino Services:

Jose Lopez reported that he conducted 6 job fairs in 2 weeks to recruit employees and foster-parents. Fuentes de Esperanza which is part of Holton Organization in Belleville, Illinois is one of the sites.

The Mexican Consulate / Memorandum of Understanding has not been revised in 2 years and needs revision / updating.

The DCFS bilingual test has a point system which scores language in both English and Spanish.

E. Burgos Coordinator

The Burgos report was tabled. Nancy reported on behalf of Lourdes that Lourdes will send the report by email. There are forth-coming changes in coding of Latino families. There are forth-coming changes in how we gather Interpreter information.

F. Committee Reports

Child Safety & Permanency

Nancy distributed report on behalf of Yeni Rojas. The report included the committee's goals.

Community Risk Reduction & Staffing

Tabled

Data Validity & Disproportionality

Nancy presented power-point presentation of Social Service Program Planner statewide data. This presentation will be expanded with more

information and presented in next LAC meeting. Azalea will help with the project.

Strategic Communications

Tabled

G. Old/New Business

New members/voting: tabled due to not receiving any nominations.

Director's Meeting update

Lourdes will follow up on meeting with the DCFS Director

Joint Committee Meeting update

Joint committee meeting is scheduled for 8-30-18.

Status of Immigration Paper submitted to Janet Ahern

The document is still pending for feed-back.

Status of Intact Paper

Nancy Rodriguez reported that she met with Juanita to discuss the paper but the rest of the members were not available. The next meeting is scheduled for today, 8-15-18, 3:00pm.

Status of Historical Outcomes Document

Nancy and Lourdes are scheduled to review 2 boxes which include LAC documents.

New Announcements

Jose announced that the IAHSE Conference is scheduled for 9-28-18.

Minutes submitted by Nancy Rodriguez