



DCFS Latino Advisory Council

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1911 South Indiana Ave, Rm 1015

October 16, 2019

8:30am – 5:00pm

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Chair-Person:

Nancy Rodriguez

Past Chair-Person:

Juanita Calderon

Chair-Elect:

Julia Monzon

Scribe:

Maria Hernandez

DCFS Members:

**Vanessa Castro
Jose Garcia
Maria Hernandez
Sydnie Juarez
Evelyn Martinez
Azalea Mejia
Taylor Pierson
Beatriz Ramirez
Liliana Romero**

POS Members:

**Patricia Aguilar
Jennifer Contreras
Lisa Marie Perez
Daizy Salgado**

Ex-officio Members:

Jose J. Lopez, OLS

Director's Liaison:

**Daniel Fitzgerald
Affirmative Action**

Committees:

**Child Safety and
Permanency**

**Community Risk
Reduction and
Staffing**

**Data validity and
Disproportionality**

**Strategic
Communications**

**Latino Family
Institute**

**Professional Development
Day**

POS (Ad Hoc)

Amended Minutes

Present: Patricia Aguilar, Maria B. Hernandez, Azalea Mejia, Nancy Rodriguez, Daizy Salgado, Jose Lopez, Daniel Fitzgerald

By-Phone: Juanita Calderon, Jose Garcia, Sydnie Juarez, Julia Monzon, Beatriz Ramirez, Lilliana Romero,

Excused: Vanessa Castro, Evelyn Martinez, Lisa Marie Perez, Taylor Pierson, Jennifer Contreras

Guest: Coty E Corcoles

Nancy Rodriguez opened the meeting with positive remarks about 31st Annual Latino Advisory Family Institute Day. Guests and members had an opportunity to comment. Members and guests read the Statement of Values out loud.

Review & Approval of September Minutes

The September minutes were tabled.

Committee Reports

Child Safety & Permanency - Patricia Aguilar

Patricia is a new Chair, she sent an email to previous Chair Person to get update.

Community Risk Reduction & Staffing - Jose Garcia

- The Committee is working on a report for the Director's meeting on November 13, 2019.
- Jose Garcia will be on vacation and Lilliana Romero will step in. The committee will meet on 10-23-19.

Data Validity & Disproportionality - Nancy Rodriguez

- It was discussed that the data report on retention may not be valid and some research is warranted.

Strategic Communications – Azalea Mejia

- Azalea Mejia reminded members about the working on bylaws changes for the next meeting in November. Jose Lopez will look through previous minutes to check when was the last time changes were made to the bylaws.

POS Sub-committee – Jose Lopez

- Jennifer Contreras & Jose J. Lopez had a POS Sub-committee meeting with POS Directors and their representatives in September 2019. The meeting was well attended. POS bilingual pay was discussed, some POS agency staff mentioned getting the pay at different times. He mentioned that these POS meeting will function much like former Latino Consortium.

Affirmative Action Reports -Jose Lopez

- Jose reported that there was a Safe Sleep event at Casa Central. The event was well attended.
- Communications is looking for future foster home recruitment events. The foster parent recruitment project is not completed yet. Nancy Rodriguez asked about posting the events for recruitment to the website.

Old Business

- Nancy Rodriguez reminded the members of Director's Meeting on November 13, 2019. We need to have an agenda ready to forward it to the Director.
- Mr. Fitzgerald stated that the last time he Looked into the interns position the were 8 interns in DR position State wide.
- Nancy Rodriguez remind members that there were some members that still need to take the OMA training by the dead line on 10-31-19.

New Business

- a. Open forum for members
- Azalea informed members that Pilsen Wellness Center has contract for counseling now.
 - Nancy Rodriguez reported that the next LAC Meeting will take place on November 20, 2019. She opened a discussion to change the December meeting date from December 18, 2019 to December 11, 2019 as members might be on vacation already by December 18 due to the holidays.

Scribe, Maria Hernandez