



**Latino Advisory Council Monthly and Join Meeting  
Online WebEx Meeting  
June 15, 2022  
9:00am – 12:00pm**

## Amended Minutes

**Chair-Person:**

Yeni Rojas

**Past Chair-Person:**

Julia Monzon

**Chair-Elect:**

Jennifer Contreras

**Co-Scribes:**

Rosa Molina Lassalle

**DCFS Members:**

Coty Corcoles  
Jose Garcia  
Juan Maldonado  
Evelyn Martinez  
Melissa Martinez  
Beatriz Ramirez  
Liliana Romero  
Moises Jimenez  
Azalea Mejia

**POS Members:**

Jennifer Contreras

**Director's Liason:**

Jose J. Lopez  
Latino Services

**Committees:**

Child Safety, Risk  
Reduction and  
Permanency

Data Analysis,  
Disproportionality  
and Staffing

Strategic  
Communications

POS Collaboration

Latino Family  
Institute

Professional  
Development Day

Attendance: Jennifer Contreras, Coty Corcoles, Jose Garcia, Moises Jimenez, Jose Lopez, Juan Maldonado, Melissa Martinez., Julia Monzon,  
Excused: Lilliana Romero, Evelyn Martinez, Rosamaria Molina Lasalle, Yeni Rojas  
Guests: Zuliema Ocampo, Child Interviewer, Chicago GAL.

**A. Welcome**

All members were welcome and introduced themselves. Our guest introduced herself.

**B. Positive Vibes (Team building Activity)**

Members were able to share positive vibes at work and outside of work.

**C. Review & Approval of March and May Minutes**

March Minutes reviewed and approved. May minutes were tabled.

**D. Committee Written Reports (Send Written Reports if available)**

- a. Child Safety, Risk Reduction and Permanency – Moises Jimenez  
Moises reported on their latest activities. They are awaiting data reports for assessment.
- b. Data Analysis, Disproportionality and Staffing – Jose Garcia  
Jose Garcia formally requested data reports including staffing, bilingual workers and caseload sizes. Juan Maldonado joined the Data Analysis, Disproportionality and Staffing Committee.
- c. Strategic Communications – Julia Monzon  
The Office of Communications moved during the publication time of Noticias and it was a short edition, Julia proposed a Special Print Edition copy for the upcoming Latino Family Institute Day that would include highlights from the past two years.
- d. POS Collaboration – Jennifer Contreras & Jose J. Lopez  
Jennifer and Jose announced the next meeting date and ongoing recruitment efforts.

**E. Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Report – Jose J. Lopez**

Jose reported that many data reports will be available July 1<sup>st</sup> as this is the beginning of the new fiscal year. Jose will request permission to share the data reports with Jose Garcia. Jose also reported that hiring will be done under the new Success Factors system



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and suggested inviting Ivia Ortega to the next LAC meeting to explain the new system if possible, if not in August.

**F. Old Business**

- a. Open Meeting Act Training <https://foiapac.ilag.gov/createaccount.aspx>  
Julia reminded those members who haven't yet taken the training that this is a requirement.
- b. POS and DCFS LAC new members recruitment  
This is ongoing. Recruitment is taking place in the community at various events and in churches.

**G. New Business**

- a. OMA-Required Committee date, time and Agenda to be posted 48 hours in advance. This was announced at the meeting.
- b. LAC-Professional Development Day Feedback  
Jennifer needs the evaluation results from Alix Young to report on this at the next meeting.

**H. Open Forum**

Melissa spoke of the need to do an assessment of need regarding overweight minors in care who are on psychotropic medication. Melissa states that she has noticed that there are no organized activities for youth to be active. The data can help us be creative as there is a shortage of mental health providers. We may need to look at other avenues to service children. Exercise helps release endorphins and should be coupled with medication and can aid with mental health disorders. Melissa has spoken to assistant Guardian, Ron Remolina and will send him and Julia an email. Melissa will also communicate with Jose Garcia and discuss for further for clinical input.

- I. LAC Institute Day Planning Committee  
(Tentative date 10-14-22) ..... 1:00pm-2:00pm  
(All LAC members attend)

**J. Next General Meeting July 20, 2022**

Please see the planned list of actives where DCFS will be participating with an eye towards employee and foster care recruitment. Volunteers are also needed for these events.

**June 2022**

- 40<sup>th</sup> Annual Puerto Rican Festival.....June 16-19<sup>th</sup> ....Division and California
- 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Michelada Festival....June 24<sup>th</sup> -26<sup>th</sup> ....Harrison Park
- 29<sup>th</sup> Annual Don Zuixote Gala.....June 23<sup>rd</sup> .....Artifact Events ...4325 N. Ravenswood
- 39<sup>th</sup> Annual NALEO Annual National Conference.....June 23<sup>rd</sup> -25<sup>th</sup>....Swissotel...323 W. Wacker Dr
- Little Village Taste of Chicago.....June 25<sup>th</sup> ....3000 S. Lawndale
- Schaumburg Career Fair....June 27<sup>th</sup> ....Embassy Suites, Schaumburg
- Oak Brook Center Fair....June 29<sup>th</sup> ....Embassy Suites, Oak Brook
- Tinley Park Career Fair....June 30<sup>th</sup> ....Convention Center, Tinley Park



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**July 2022**

Taste of Chicago.....July 8-10<sup>th</sup> ...Grant Park

Mobile Mexican Consulate & Information Fair .....July 9-10<sup>th</sup> ....Fairmont City

Tacos and Tamales Festival.....July 15-17<sup>th</sup> ....16<sup>th</sup> Street at Peoria

Mas Flow Chicago Music Festival...July 15-17<sup>th</sup> ....Calumet Park

10<sup>th</sup> Annual Festival Peruvian....July 16-17<sup>th</sup> ....Saint Pauls Woods. 6594 Oakton St , Morton Grove

Colombian Festival.....July 22-24<sup>th</sup> ..... Humboldt Park

50<sup>th</sup> Annual Fiesta del Sol Festival and Job Fair....July 28-31<sup>st</sup> ..... Cermak Rd and Loomis

Fiesta del Rio....July (TBA)....Peoria Riverfront , Peoria

Fiesta de Sol 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary .....July 28<sup>th</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup> ...Chicago

50<sup>th</sup> Annual Puerto Rican Festival.....Aurora.....July 31<sup>st</sup> ....Water Street Square, Aurora