



Latino Advisory Council Monthly Meeting  
Online WebEx Meeting  
**August 17, 2022**  
**9:00am – 12:00pm**

## Approved Minutes

**Chairperson:**

Yeni Rojas

**Past Chairperson:**

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

**Started at 9:10 am**

**Present:**

Jose Garcia, Yeni Rojas, Julia Monzon, Jennifer Contreras, Melissa Martínez, Rosa María De Molina-Lasalle

**Excused:** Moisés Jimenez, Evelyn Martínez, Jose Lopez

**Un-excuse:** Coty Corcoles, Liliana Romero, Beatriz Ramirez, Juan Maldonado,

**Guests:** Guadalupe Toledo, Greishen Rodriguez, Nancy Rodriguez, Zuleima Garcia

**A. Welcome**

Participants were welcomed and introductions were complete.

**B. Positive Vibes**

Members were able to share positive experiences.

**C. Review & Approval of July 2022 Minutes**

Table minutes due no quorum and no minutes available

**D. Committee Written Reports (Review of retreat and committee annual goals**

- a. Child Safety, Risk Reduction and Permanency – Moises Jimenez-absent - Melissa Martinez provided report. The committee continue meeting with Jose Lopez. The Youth Latino advisory board with Be Strong families, had a retreat for youth in care.
- b. Data Analysis, Disproportionality and Staffing –Jose Garcia and Nancy Rodriguez. Jose Garcia stated they have not met due to data reports not being available. The data was requested 3 months ago. Nancy provided report about staffing issues.
- c. Strategic Communications – Julia Monzon- Melissa Martinez, Evelyn Martinez and Jennifer Contreras are part of the committee. The committee is requesting information for Noticias for the Family Institute Day. Due date for article submission is 9-06-22. Be Strong Families will be asked to submit an article. POS collaboration articles requested. Anniversary Milestones to be included in Noticias. All Noticias articles are available on D-Net for review.



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- d. POS Collaboration– Jennifer Contreras & Jose J. Lopez – Professional Development Day (PDD) report was reviewed. There was a total of 80 participants who participated in this event. Positive feedback was received. Participants reported technical difficulties when attempting to log into the workshops. Participants provided feedback that they preferred the PDD to be in person. Organizers were praised for their work. Feedback included requests for more cultural presentations.

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**E. Office of Diversity, Equality and Inclusion Report by Jose Lopez.**

Tabled

**F. Old Business**

Discussed Open Meeting Act Training

<https://foiapac.ilag.gov/createaccount.aspx>- Thank you to all LAC members who have completed and sent certificate of completion. LAC member who did not complete the training were asked to complete it as soon as possible.

POS and DCFS LAC new members recruitment. It was recommended to continue with efforts and to invite POS agency staff to join.

LAC presentation for new DCFS employees to be posted on D-net -Yeni will follow up with updated information and will sent to Julia

**G. New Business**

LAC-Professional Development Day Feedback. Expressed concerns for not receiving registration information and earning CEUs from St. Augustine College.

LAC Meeting Moving to Teams platform. This will be discussed with Kara Hamilton

Reviewed updated LAC goals/tasks to prepare for meeting with the Director. Meeting with the Director has a tentative date in November 2022.

Conference theme and volunteers- Family Institute Day Conference theme was approved by majority of voting member present.

Volunteers/assignments were discussed for the upcoming Family Institute Day Conference.

**H. Open Forum** No reports

LAC Institute Day Planning Committee (Tentative date 10-14-22)

**Next General Meeting September 21, 2022**