



Latino Advisory Council Monthly Meeting  
Online WebEx Meeting  
**September 21, 2022**  
**9:00am – 2:00pm**

## Approved 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

**Present:** Jose Garcia, Julia Monzon, Jose Lopez, Rosa Maria Molina Lassalle, Evelyn Martinez, Melissa Martinez, Yeni Rojas, Moises Jimenez, and Juan Maldonado, Coty Corcoles, Jennifer Contreras, and Nancy Rodriguez.

**Excused:** Beatriz Ramirez, Liliana Romero

**Guests:** Guadalupe Toledo, Greishen Rodriguez

### **A. Welcome**

Participants were welcomed and introductions were complete.

### **B. Positive Vibes**

Members were able to share positive experiences.

### **C. Review & Approval of August and past Minutes**

August Minutes not completed yet, tabled and reviewed next meeting

### **D. Committee Written Reports**

(Send Written Reports if available)

- a. Child Safety, Risk Reduction and Permanency – Moises Jimenez reported working on committee goals and Director's meeting tasks.
- b. Data Analysis, Disproportionality and Staffing – Jose Garcia acting Committee Chair-no updated reports.
- c. Strategic Communications – Julia Monzon  
The Strategic Communications committee is working on upcoming Noticias Newsletter for the Professional Development Day and working in collaboration with the data analysis. "Soy DCFS" campaign to recruit bilingual staff.
- d. POS Collaboration Committee – Jennifer Contreras is stepping down as the Chair of this committee.

Lopez, Jose reported, the MU is the memorandum of understanding that we have with the Mexican consulate where the agreement is with the DCFS and mix and consulate that we notify them whenever a child is taken into protection so that they are advised and are able to assist the parents. If the parents need



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assistance and identifying and how do we get their kids back or what was the reason why the child was taken in the 1st place. Many of the families that come here and not aware of our laws here in the state of the United States. So that's the purpose of the MLU. So that the families.

Don't if private agencies are aware that they have access to this language line.

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

Jose Lopez reported, different recruitment community events are coming and asked for volunteers. Bilingual position need to be posted so SS employee can apply for it. Notify Jose when SS/Mexican cases arrives to send the MOU and advise the Mexican consulate

**F. Old Business**

Discussed Open Meeting Act Training link under construction

<https://foiapac.ilag.gov/createaccount.aspx>

Continue with ongoing POS and DCFS LAC new members recruitment.

It was discussed that the training only needs to be taken once but that training now includes a virtual component, LAC presentation for new DCFS employees to be posted on D-net The revised PowerPoint needs to be reviewed. POS and DCFS LAC new members recruitment, Recruitment is ongoing everyone needs to do their part.

Member Participation and Commitment.

All members need to participate in the process.

Three areas have been identified,

Coding in SACWIS

Memorandums of Understanding with additional Consuls

Bilingual Pay Contract Language/Uniformity

**G. New Business**

Keep the Discussion of OMA-Required Committee date, time and Agenda to be posted 48 hours in advance

Birth Parent Advisory Council-Kim Willis presentation

Individual committee Goals, Member participation and commitment, hiring more SS positions.

Conference Participation and volunteers needed.

Discussed, the need of Identify Hispanic from which country they are from.

**H. Open Forum**

Conference Workshops were discussed, the committee will reconvene at 1:30pm for Latino Institute Conference Planning,

**Next General Meeting– October 19, 2022**