



Latino Advisory Council Monthly Meeting  
Online WebEx Meeting  
**October 19, 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 Molina Lassalle, Evelyn Martínez, Jose Lopez, Coty Corcoles, Liliana Romero, Beatriz Ramirez, Juan Maldonado, Jose Garcia, Beatriz Ramirez, Jose Alex Medina, Azalea Mejia, Lourdes Rodriguez, Miriam Mojica, Nancy Rodriguez, Noemi Feliciano, Daisy Salgado, Sara Castillo, Greishen Rodriguez

**Excused:** Moises Jimenez

**Guests:** Guadalupe Toledo, Damaris Acevedo, Tarcisio Ornelas, Zuleima Ocampo and Erika Morales, Kara Hamilton

**A. Welcome**

Participants were welcomed and introductions were completed.

**B. Positive Vibes**

Members were able to share positive experiences.

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

Tabled 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 –Melissa Martinez provided report. The committee continues 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 reported they have not met due to data reports not being available. The data was requested 3 months ago. Nancy Rodriguez provided report about staffing issues.
- c. Strategic Communications – Julia Monzon Reported the committee is requesting information for Noticias for the Family Institute Day. All Noticias articles are available on D-Net for review.



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- d. POS Collaboration Committee– Melissa Martinez & 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. Some 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.
- E. **Office of Diversity, Equality and Inclusion Report by Jose Lopez.**  
Tabled it
- 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 members 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
- 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  
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**  
Miriam Mojica discussed Foster Parent protocol, explained the dynamic of foster parent trainings, to follow with Dene Spires for the Cook Family Support Specialist position.

**Next General In-Person meeting on November 16, 2022, At Association House**

Adjourned 11:47 am