

MHAAB Meeting Minutes

January 10, 2017

Location: Room 3C - City Hall

Meeting called to order at 8:27am

Members in attendance: Elizabeth Pantoja, Marivi Wright, Jenny Silva, Mario Decunto, Cristina Echeverry and Alicia Burst

COJ representatives present: Julio Lacayo, stated no change to fiscal report.

Motion to approve minutes by C. Echeverry, seconded by E. Pantoja. Motion approved unanimously.

Committee Reports:

Health and Public Safety:

E. Pantoja reported:

1. The unveiling of the Hispanic Health Report has been rescheduled for Thursday, March 9th at 6:00 PM at Havana Jax., per Jocelyn Turner.
2. There will be a Symposium surrounding Women and Heart Disease (Closing the Gap) on Saturday, January 21, 2017. The event is being sponsored by UF- Health and the efforts of Cardiologist, Dr. Gladys Velarde. It will be held at One Ocean Resort from 8:00 AM -4:00 PM. Registration is required. Please see attached flyer. The link to register is: <http://womensheart.cme.ufl.edu/>
3. The Hispanic Mayo Employee Resource Group at Mayo Clinic AKA ALMA, donated several gift baskets full of baby items during the Christmas Holidays to help the Way Clinic and their program. Many of those patients that seek care there, are migrant workers. We will be doing this again next year and hopefully for many years to come.

M. Decunto reported:

M. Decunto met with Times Union Editorial Board to discuss increasing awareness of Mental Health. Provided discussion on effects of PTSD, Depression, in our student population. Informed board of Duval County Public School Superintendent Nikoli Vitti's need for increased funding in mental health due to recent increase in behavioral concerns, depression, and suicidal ideation in the high school population.

J. Silva recommended to look into Sheriff's office funding recently received for mental health.

M. Wright discussed interest to assist in seeking mental health support to help address MH services to Hispanic Community.

Education:

M. Wright reported:

1. Interview for the Spanish Speaking TV channel Univision. The interview was aired during the “Contigo en la Comunidad” TV show I believe December 10th. During this interview, the community was introduced to the importance of access to health care, Florida Kidcare, and the services the center provides to families in need of health coverage. Contact- Lisandra Alvarez
2. Newspaper article for Hola Noticias! The topic is Safe Sleep. Reportedly, Hispanic families have higher deaths during sleep than other ethnic counterparts. Contact- Angie Gamboa. Class is available to educate families on healthy sleep habits at Player’s Center for child health at Wolfson’s Children’s Hospital. Class is held 1xmonth.
3. Health Literacy and Safety Presentation at the Center for Language and Culture – January 26th - Contact Hind Chahed
4. On January 27, M. Wright will have meeting with up to 75 Hispanic Churches to inform of Wolfson’s Children Hospital’s services to the community.

J. Silva reported:

Meredith Moore ESOL Program Director plans to reach out to MHAAB member J. Cuetos to engage in a seminar of a bilingual seminar on housing.

Met to discuss Housing Workshops by MHAAB Board Member Jose Cuetos to include a recurring program offered at the FSCJ Downtown Campus and South Campus for those individuals that live closer to the beach area. The workshop would be included in part of the ESOL program as a way for the students to converse in English and Spanish, ask questions and learn about their house options.

Students are not required to attend but the intention is to promote social interaction, economic understanding and learning potential. Creating the first Legislative Internship Program to offer students hands-on training in offices of elected officials. Once the curriculum committee approves the course description and outline, the scholarship committee will assign a monetary amount for students that want to study in Washington, DC for one semester. Students will also continue their studies with the ability to take 2 online courses at the same time. The full credited program is expected to launch in Fall 2017.

Signed up to begin the TESOL/TESL/TEFL certificate course through Oxford Seminars, usually given at UNF. The course will begin January 21 st 9 a.m. -6 p.m. for three consecutive weekends plus 40 hours of online courses and a teaching practicum that occurs during class time. This will allow me the opportunity

to teach English as a second language for any age level here in Jacksonville.C. Echeverry reported having space for at Webster Univ for presentations or lunch and learn.

Economic and Faith Based Communities:

T. Jimenez reported providing assistance to a Cuban family close on a new dental. On San Jose Blvd. "Beauclerc Dental." The office provides 6 operatory rooms and orthodontic services. Dr. Yunior Molina.

J. Cuetos reported having a home buying seminar on 1/21 from 10-12pm at Webster Univ.

Old Business:

Chair Burst reported on HLA: Board is currently awaiting a date from the city that Mayor can attend. J. Cuetos reported defending

Julio Lacayo reported plans to check last email regarding interaction with Mayor's special assistant regarding status of Mayor's availability to attend HLA.

New Business:

J. Cuetos reported interest in creating a Google acct to share information on a calendar to inform others of community events. A. Burst discussed plans to inform the city on the idea. Julio Lacayo reported plans to work with J. Cuetos to provide a link on COJ website of MHAAB community events calendar.

9:42am Chair Burst began Annual planning meeting.

1. Chair Burst discussed WONC 3/3-3/5 at Metropolitan Park.
 - J. Lacayo reported plans make a stamp for MHAAB
 - J. Lacayo plans to provide MHAAB with parking passes and arm bands.
 - M. Wright discussed plans to bring materials and prize wheel to bring to table.
 - J. Lacayo stated MHAAB can hand out any materials at the event.
 - T. Jimenez discussed interest in creating shirts for MHAAB members with logo.
2. Chair Burst introduced discussing new print of La Guia for 2018.
 - a. Discussed plans to start seeking new advertisers.
 - b. Checking current phone numbers on La Guia.
3. A. Burst discussed changing time of meeting to 8:30 and continue to meet on 2nd Tuesday of the month. Members agreed to meet at 8:30am to future meetings.
4. A. Burst read from Sunshine Laws to discuss creating Sub Committee meetings and announcing meetings. J. Lacayo reported openness to inform the community of the meetings.

Meeting adjourned at 10:45am.