

MHAAB Meeting Minutes

June 13, 2017

Location: Room 2A - City Hall

Meeting called to order at 9:04am

Members in attendance: Marivi Wright, Mario Decunto, Jose Cuetos, Jen Silva, and Alicia Burst

Guest: Dr. Gaffney Director of Boards and Commission, Agustin Vautier, Richard Lamb with Jacksonville Public Library, Veronica Garcia Brown CPA and board member of Catholic Charities, Amaury Carrasco Project Dir. General Electric, and Eugenio Maslowski - SSG Consulting Services.

COJ representatives present: Rosario Lacayo, City Liaison

May Minutes: Motion created by Jen Silva, Seconded by Jose Cuetos approved unanimously.

Guest: Richard Lamb reported activities for E-Library services in English and Spanish. Free Computer classes that provide certificates. Registration and I.D. is not required. Mr. Lamb recommended for MHAAB to contact FedEx Varela Cuban American Assoc. Dr. Gaffney offered to connect Mr. Lamb with other boards to focus on women involvement, per the Mayor's initiative.

Committee Reports:

Health and Public Safety:

M. Decunto reported in May of Duval County Public School's Superintendent Vitti and the School Board Chairman, Paula Wright announcing that it is the policy of DCPS that ICE for immigration enforcement be not to be held on the sensitive location of schools, unless an exigent circumstance exists as defined by law.

M. Wright reported During the month of May there was a significant increase in the numbers of applications among the Hispanic population to receive access to health care. Additionally, M. Wright noticing an increase in the number of Hispanic parents scheduling appointments for car seats inspections. These inspections take place every Tuesday of the month at the Players Center for Child Health at Wolfson Children's Hospital. The center is located at 3563 Philips Highway, Building E, Suite 502, Jacksonville, 32207.

M. Wright reported teaching another safe sleep class in Spanish. This class took place at The Players Center for Child Health at Wolfson's Children's Hospital, Wednesday May 31st from 10 am to 12pm.

M. Wright reported plans to meet with Hind Chahed at the Center for Language and Culture. We will be scheduling the different health classes that will take place at the CLC during the next few months

M. Wright reported need for swimming classes due to having a recent Hispanic family inform her of recent drowning of twelve yr old child. Dr. Gaffney reported Jacksonville Journey is the cities resource for funding for swimming classes. Dr. Gaffney reported plans to create a training to explain the functioning of the local government. Dr. Gaffney. Guest Veronica reported plans to connect M. Wright with Cuban American club which has a pool that may be available to provide services.

E. Pantoja was not in attendance, however, Ms. Pantoja submitted weekly activities to the board in advance: "Led a third and final Genetics Focus Group at Jacksonville Hispanic Church of God. There were a total of 24 Hispanic individuals who participated in this health dialogue. This project is geared to help minority communities learn more about the area of basic Genetics and the impact that Genetic testing will continue to have on their individual medical treatment options in the future."

Education

J. Silva reported starting new employment with Edward Waters College and reported plans to increase community outreach in her new capacity as Vice President for Institutional Advancement.

Economic and Faith Based Communities:

J. Cuetos reported meeting with R. Lacayo and COJ Public Communications Officer, Lauren Spencer to discuss city interaction with Facebook page. J. Cuetos reported uploading the copyrighted fotos and brochure on google page for members to utilize without conflict.

T. Jimenez was not in attendance, however, Mr. Jimenez submitted weekly activities to the board in advance: "Worked with local churches and my rotary club to send relief and aid to Venezuelan citizens who were injured as a result of the protests and aggression from the Venezuelan government. However, once begun the drive and arrangements were made for delivery - the Venezuelan government banned all aid entering the country and deemed aid to be acts in furtherance of terrorism against the Venezuelan government. Unfortunately, significant efforts were made but the project was stopped in its tracks.

"Met privately with Sheriff Mike Williams on May 30 to discuss the current crime in our community. Part of the conversation was regarding Hispanics and the crime in the community and how to increase the reporting of crime."

Old Business

Chair Burst reported having met with HLA committee to finalize tasks leading to the event in October.

Chair Burst reported plans to meet with Health Council Jocelyn Turner at 5:30 at Regency Panera Bread to discuss the reprinting of La Guia.

Dr. Gaffney recommended to request statistics from Ms. Turner to learn about statistics to report in the yearly report to show the Mayor of the needs and changes occurring in the community.

Chair Burst reported attending the Arlington Republican Party meeting and reported meeting briefly with Rep. Clay Yarborough and City Councilman Al Ferraro.

Dr. Gaffney reported importance of the entire board meeting with City Councilman and City Council President to bring concerns of the board. Dr. Gaffney reported plans to send a report with statistics utilized by the city to recognize the issues in the Hispanic Community.

New Business:

Board plans to meet to create committees for HLA.

Guest Eugenio Maslowski reported LULA USA 2017 Afro Venezuelen group playing at the Ritz or MOCA on Sept 7, 2017. Mr. Maslowski requested support from board to promote the event and possible assistance to confirm the venue.

Guest Agustin Vautier discussed Wells Fargo financial education through Teresa Sheehan which will provide classes on site to businesses interested in financial literacy.

Meeting adjourned 10:24am