

Cultural and Ethnic Communities Leadership Council (CECLC) Meeting Minutes
August 15, 2014 from 11:30 until 2:00, Wilder Foundation
<http://www.dhs.state.mn.us/CulturalEthnicLeadershipCouncil>

Members Present: Pam Cosby, Anna Mazig, Bauz Nengchu, Dave Haley, Hector Garcia, Kamala Puram, Kamaludin Hassan, Maria Sarabia, Nathan Moracco, Pa H. Lor, Pahoua Yang, Paula Haywood, Saciido Shaie, Sarita Ennis

Members Absent: Yende Andersen, Mitchell Davis Jr., Muriel Gubasta, Sia Her, Ann Hill, Rev. Janet Johnson, Edward McDonald, Vayong Moua, LaJuana Whitmore, Titilayo Bediako, Jose Gonzalez, LaRone Greer, Annamarie Hill, Rep. Jim Abeler, Rep. Tom Huntley, Rep. Tina Liebling, Rep. Tara Mack, Sen. Michelle Benson, Sen. Tony Lourey, Sen. Julie Rosen, Sen. Kathy Sheran

DHS Staff: Antonia Wilcoxon, Denise Flock

Guests: Brian Balk (DHS), Chelsea Magadance (Sen. Sheran's office)

1. Welcome

- a. Discussion around how we as a council could make others aware of our recognition of the incident taking place in Missouri.
- b. Put on our web page: We as a council recognize the incident taking place in Missouri. We are conscious of it and we try to move forward and be in harmony with one another and be supportive of all communities.

2. Review Minutes from July 18, 2014

- a. Change absentee list to include: Paula Haywood and Anna Mazig
Change attendance list to include: Ann Hill
- b. Motion to approve minutes with changes made by Pahoua Yang
Seconded by: Saciido Shaie
- c. Motion passed

3. Review Proposed Agenda for August 15, 2014

- a. Motion to include additional item on agenda. Add #5 Review of Bylaws.
Motion made by Dave Haley
Seconded by: Kamala Puram
- b. Motion passed
- c. Note: Nothing has been removed from agenda even though numbers are not in sequence. Error in creating minutes.

4. Convening on Racial Equity (August 5-6)

- a. We should think of a way as a council to convey ideas to those who are planning conferences so the same ideas are not repeated time after time.
- b. As a council we can teach and provide valuable information.
- c. There seems to be a disconnect. We should be saying "what are we trying to accomplish, what measures are we using"? If conferences are saying "we are doing a

good job” there is a feeling amongst the council that these words are conveying a wrong message.

- d. This council is sitting in a good place to give suggestions; we are here hammering out the new challenges.
- e. We should possibly be more selective about conferences; we do have control over which ones to attend.
- f. It states in the conference information that there are follow-up meetings. We as a council could attend and share our reflections.
- g. There are so many councils. How do we decide what ones we get behind?
 - i. Survey what’s out there and try to figure out where we want to influence.
 - ii. We could be involved in a letter and give our reflections.
 - iii. Let others know the council is here and we can help.
- h. Paula Hayward made a motion that we gather the reflections from the participants who attended the conference and submit those reflections to the next planning committee in hopes they contact us for input on their next conference.
 - i. Motion made by Paula Hayward
 - ii. Seconded by Dave Haley
 - iii. Motion passed
 - iv. Turn reflections in by early September – to Antonia Wilcoxon, or Denise Flock

5. Hector Garcia, Chicano Latino Affairs Council (CLAC)

6. Review of Bylaws

- a. Discussion around adding verbiage stating “13 must be present for a quorum”.
 - i. Everyone felt strongly that we should have a quorum at every meeting
 - ii. It was stated that perhaps the statement currently in the bylaws stating 50% attendance for a quorum is allowing for growth or shrinking of a council and therefore the number of voting members changes. If you put an exact number in, you are restricted to that number.
 - iii. There are 25 voting members and then additional members (legislative/Ethnic Councils)
 - iv. If there are members resigning will they be refilled, so the number of the council will always remain at 25?
 - 1. There is a process to replacing a member so the 25 is the base number for the quorum regardless of how many active bodies there are.
 - v. Motion made to table this discussion until language is created regarding resignations, attendance, dismissal from council, etc. (see 5.b)
 - 1. Motion made by Anna Mazig
 - 2. Seconded by Dave Haley
 - 3. Motion passed
- b. Discussion around attendance and resignations
 - i. Suggestions were made as to how the wording would be written.

1. Add to Part 4 – Code of Conduct: If a council member misses three meetings or more consecutively, the council will so note it and have a discussion. DHS staff should notify the council of who is absent three times consecutively.
2. Antonia, Anna Mazig, Pam Cosby and Bauz Nengchu will develop language to bring back to the council for discussion.
3. Suggested wording from Bauz Nengchu: If a council member misses 3 unexcused meetings consecutively, that person will be requested to resign.
 - ii. There was concern regarding attendance of the legislatures.
 - iii. Motion to prepare language and return to council: Paula Haywood
 - iv. Seconded by: Pahoua Yang
 - v. Motion passed

7. Hector Garcia, Council on Chicano Latino Affairs Council (CLAC)

- a. **Handouts: Steps a Bill Goes Through to Become Law from MN State Legislature
CLAC Statute (Council On Affairs of Chicano/Latino People)**
- b. **Discussed the importance of the council's relationship with legislators and the positive effect it can have, for all cultures, in making sure legislators are all aware of what our (CECLC) mission/goals are.**

8. Antonia Wilcoxon – Community Relations Update

- a. Antonia is meeting with AC's one on one and reviewing form which will uniform input and give us something to put in our next legislative report.
- b. End of September all AC's and Antonia will come together with a progress update.
- c. Suggestions from the council.
 - i. What is the name of the initiative?
 - ii. Add some type of projected timeframe for each project, i.e. with a year...

9. Open Forum

- a. Pam asked how we should move things outside of this council.
 - i. What about issues happening right now? What can we do?
 - ii. How do we come together as a council and address them?
 1. Suggested: If there isn't one particular person who wants to take on a particular issue – then it goes to a subcommittee?
 2. Suggested: Discuss with the council, bring it up and see if there is support from the council.
- b. Discussion around one of the subcommittee's recommendation for a Rec center.
 - i. DHS is not the sector of building rec centers
 - ii. Antonia can prepare the language and then bring it back to the council and we can talk with some of the legislators who serve on this council to see if they want to sponsor this proposal.
- c. Discussion around Latino Community not being able to take advantage of the ACA if they have emergency services.
 - i. Some immigrants do not have documentation to make them eligible.

- ii. What can we do now?
- iii. Nathan and Maria Sarabia can help if the council is interested in pursuing this.
- iv. In Maria's area there are non-citizen experts representing all various levels of access of health care.
 - 1. Would that be helpful to be presented?
 - 2. Maria would help in bringing the staff in.
- v. What coverage is available for visitors/tourists?
- d. One council member emphasized - would like to see someone of color in the Medicaid Director position at DHS.
- e. Housing – medical assistance – Sarita would like some information from Steele County.

10. Adjournment

- a. Motion to adjourn by Dave Haley
- b. Seconded by Pahoua Yang
- c. Motion passed

11. Next meeting to be held on September 19, 2014