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**Hispanic/Latino Commission of Michigan, Commission Meeting
Grand Valley State University
Daniel and Pamella Center for Interprofessional Health
333 Michigan St. NE Grand Rapids, MI 49503
September 16, 2022 6:00PM-8:00PM
Meeting Minutes No. 343**

Commissioners Present

Jesse Bernal Chair	Esperanza Cantu	Angelita Valdez
Monica Reyes, Secretary	Consuela Barber-Lopez	Aurora Saucedo
Florenio Hernandez, Treasurer	Abril Valdes Siewert	
Anthony Rubio	Celeste Sanchez Lloyd	

Staff Present:

Isabel Montemayor-Vazquez (Executive Director)
Francisca Garcia (Administrative Assistant)

Start Audio Recording: 6:00 PM

1) Call to Order:

Chair Jesse Bernal calls the meeting to order at 6:10 PM.

Introduction: Chair Bernal calls the meeting to order.

2) Roll Call:

Chair Jesse Bernal, Secretary Monica Reyes, Treasurer Florenio Hernandez, Commissioners Rubio, Cantu, Barber-Lopez, Siewert, Lloyd, Valdez and Saucedo were present.

3) Acknowledgement of Commissioner Absences:

Vice Chair Sonya Hernandez, Commissioners Jesus Hernandez, Morales and Sanchez were not present.

4) Approval of Agenda:

Agenda was distributed to Commissioners prior to meeting for review.

5) Approval of Minutes from August 13, 2022:

Minutes from the August 13th meeting were approved with prior review from Commissioners.

MOTION: Commissioner Monica Reyes moved to approve meeting minutes, with support from Commissioner Siewert and seconded by Commissioner Florenio Hernandez. The motion was passed.

6) Executive Report:

a) Chair Jesse Bernal

- a) Setting goals for the year that could make a big impact.
- b) Strengthening the Commission and the organizational support from Office of Global Michigan.

7) Executive Director Report:

Jesse Bernal, Chair
Sonya Hernandez, Vice Chair
Monica B. Reyes, Secretary
Florenio Hernandez, Treasurer
Anthony Rubio

Esperanza Cantu
Consuela Barber-Lopez
Abril Valdes Siewert
Jesus M Hernandez
Jose Sanchez, III

Celeste Sanchez Lloyd
Monteze Morales
Angelita Valdez
Aurora Saucedo

a) Dr. Isabel Montemayor-Vazquez

- a. LLEAD Partnerships
- b. REDI Grant update
- c. Michigan Nonprofit Association survey update
- d. Hispanic Heritage event has been moved to November 18, 2022.
- e. Health Equity Council update
- f. MSHDA stakeholder engagement meeting update
- g. Michigan Latino Legislative Day update
- h. State EIO's collaborations
- i. Meeting with Attorney Gregory Narsh
- j. Mobile Migrant Health Clinic
- k. Latino Census Panel at the LLEAD Statewide Conference
- l. Alzheimer's Association of Michigan collaboration

8) Committee Reports

a) Finance Report:

- a. 2022 budget is on track for being spent.

MOTION: Commissioner Florenio Hernandez motioned for approval of the finance report. Commissioner Reyes moved to accept the finance report with support from Commissioner Rubio. The motion was passed.

b) Special Ad Hoc Bylaws Committee:

- a. Commissioner Siewert gave an update on the bylaws and the recent meetings had to update them.
- b. Assistant Attorney General Tonya Jeter thanked the Commission for allowing her to work with the Commission on reviewing and updating the bylaws.

c) Special Ad Hoc-Personnel Evaluations:

- a. Chair Bernal along with Commissioners Cantu and Sanchez completed an evaluation on Executive Director.
- b. Chair will be working with OGM Executive Director, Poppy Hernandez on finalizing the evaluation and securing a merit increase for Executive Director.
- c. Salary increase for Administrative Assistant, Francisca Garcia.

9) Old Business:

a) Bylaws Amendments

MOTION: Commissioner Reyes motioned to approve the amended bylaws seconded by Commissioner Rubio. The motion was passed.

b) Hispanic Heritage Month Update

- a. As shared in Executive Director Report, the Hispanic Heritage Month event has been moved to November 18, 2022.

10) New Business:

a) 2023 Fiscal Year Budget

- a. Discussion was had on contractual staff pay increase.

MOTION: Commissioner Lloyd motioned to approve the proposed salary increase for contractual staff with the acknowledgement that research will be done on equitable pay for an Administrative Assistant within the State of Michigan. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Siewert. The motion was passed. Motion was made by Commissioner Florenio Hernandez to expend the remaining funds of the current budget for sponsorship requests, scholarships and/or office supplies. Motion was seconded by

Commissioner Reyes. Motion was passed.

b) 2023 Meeting Schedule

- a. Survey will be sent to Commissioners with 2023 Meeting dates.

11) Public Comment:

Limited to 2-3 minutes (Public comments will be received but will not be acted upon by the Commission. We will get back to you if a response is requested in written form, please share your email during sign-in.)

a) Julian Sanders, West Michigan Regional Coordinator for Senator Gary Peters

- a. Senator Gary Peters' office has collaborated with multiple community organizations in West Michigan that serve the Hispanic/Latino population.
- b. Senator Gary Peters has been a strong supporter of the TRiO program which provides support services for college students.

b) Reyna Garcia, Community Activist (presentation given in Spanish)

- a. Reyna works with Michigan Disability Rights Coalition.
- b. Reyna's work focuses on the immigrant population with disabilities; primarily Latino families who are primary Spanish speakers.
- c. Reyna shared that in Michigan there is a lack of resources for undocumented individuals with disabilities.

12) Announcements:

- a. Chair informed the Commission that he will be resigning as Chair.
- b. Next Commission meeting scheduled for October 7, 2022, at 6pm. Location TBD.

13) Adjournment

MOTION: Motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Barber-Lopez and supported by Commissioner Reyes. Motion passes and the meeting is adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Jesse Bernal, Chairperson Date

Monica B. Reyes, Secretary Date