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MINUTES

Oregon Commission on Hispanic Affairs

April 10, 2014

2:30pm – 4:30pm

Capitol Building, Room 257

900 Court St. NE

Salem, OR 97301

Attendees:

Chair: Alberto Moreno

Vice Chair: John Haroldson

Commissioners: Cynthia Gomez (phone), Judy Parker, Gilbert P. Carrasco, Santiago Ventura (phone), Representative Vega Pederson (phone); MaryAlecia Briggs, Legislative Aide to Senator Shields (phone)

Absent: Andrea Cano, Lupita Maurer, Carlos Perez

Guests: Gary Sims, Director of Diversity & Inclusion, Department of Corrections; Elizabeth Calixtro, Willamette University College of Law student; Judi Martin, HINT; Andrea Morgan, Oregon Department of Education (ODE)

Staff: Lucy Baker, Nancy Kramer

I. Call meeting to order and roll call

The meeting began at 2:38pm. Introductions were made and guests were welcomed. A quorum was established.

II. Adoption of the Agenda

MOTION (Parker/Haroldson): To adopt the agenda as written. CARRIED.

III. Approval of OCHA meeting Minutes from October 2013, December 2013, January 2014

The following corrections were noted for the October 2013 minutes:

Page 2, section IV, 2nd paragraph: Delete the last sentence of the second paragraph. Previous paragraph to read: Commissioner Parker will follow up with the Oregon State Bar and the Hispanic National Bar Association to see if they would support submitting an amicus brief that he has offered to write for this case.

Page 4, section V., first paragraph: change “Diver’s Card” to “Driver’s Card”.

The following correction was noted for the January 2014 Minutes: Page 2, section II, final bullet: change “Concern about Roe vs. Wade being overturned is a national issue.” To “Reproductive health care for women.”

MOTION (Parker/Carrasco): To amend the October 2013 Minutes on pages 2 and 4, accept the December 2013 as written and amend the January 2014 Minutes on page 2. CARRIED.

IV. OLD BUSINESS

A. OCHA Strategic Planning Session: Outcomes

The OCHA Commissioners agreed at the January 2014 Strategic Planning Session to form committees to create real policy change for Hispanics in Oregon, in 3 key areas, and chose their committee(s):

Health - Alberto (Lead), Cynthia

Education - Carlos (Lead), John, Cynthia

Immigration - Gil (Lead), Andrea, Judy

The office will send the Committee Chairs a hard copy of the Work Plan document, and assist in scheduling the initial committee meetings. Staff will also take and distribute notes for the initial meetings, and will always provide a call-in number.

B. Ratification of electronic votes for bills OCHA supported in 2014 Legislative session OCHA testified in support of 4 bills during the 2014 Legislative Session.

MOTION (Parker/Gomez): To ratify the bills OCHA supported during the 2014 Legislative session:

i. SB 4054A, Renaming Ballot Measure for Short-Term Drivers Card

ii. HB 4090A, Expanding School Lunch and Snacks

iii. HB 4116B, Community Colleges Offer 2-Year Scholarships

iv. SB 1569A, OHA to Establish a List of Chemicals Harmful to Children

CARRIED.

Commissioner Parker expressed deep disappointment that SB 4054A was not approved.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

A. Oregon Studies Project – Andrea Morgan, Oregon Department of Education presented to the Commission.

Andrea is coordinating the Oregon Studies project which was established by SB 739 during the 2013 Legislative Session, focused on creating inclusive history curricula for K-12 statewide. She began working on the project in September 2013. The bill requires that consultation with the OCAPIA, OCBA, and OCHA as ODE creates and reviews history curricula. Andrea has reached out to the Commissions for the materials she is seeking and she has visited some of the other Commissions already. The Oregon Studies Project seeks recommendations on historic events or individuals from the Hispanic community and any materials or links to existing Oregon-centric curricula. Part of the project includes building a web portal and making e-resources available to teachers. Andrea referred to a handout encouraging people to send resources to the Project, which is appended to these minutes.

The timeline is short and the budget is \$146,000, presenting a challenge to the districts – SB 739 requires Oregon Studies to be developed by July 1, 2014. She is working with Assistant Superintendent David Bautista at the ODE Office of Education Equity and also contracting with the Oregon Historical Society for vetting of materials and developing the website. They have previously created the Oregon Encyclopedia and the Oregon History Project which will be important resources to the Oregon Studies Project.

The Commissioners thanked Andrea for her good work and presentation. They gave Andrea suggestions on existing resources about the Oregon Hispanic community and Commissioner Parker will introduce her to the Deputy Consulate of Mexico for Oregon. Vice Chair Haroldson said that one reason it may be difficult to find existing Hispanic curriculum is because the community has been marginalized for decades and its information repressed. The Commissioners appreciate the outreach ODE is doing for the project and hope it will continue as a best practice beyond the Fall 2014 launch date. There is much more to be added about the diverse Latino community and its historical contributions in Oregon.

Lucy has also connected Andrea with former OCHA Commissioners Steve Bender and Marcela Mendoza who have written and published information on Chicanos in Oregon. Commissioner Perez could not attend today's meeting but may have some good connections to existing materials. Lucy will reach out to him specifically on Andrea's behalf.

The Commissioners thanked Andrea Morgan for her presentation.

B. Nominations for Chair and Vice Chair

Chair Moreno opened the floor for nominations for OCHA Chair and Vice Chair and called for nominations.

Commissioner Parker nominated Alberto Moreno for Chair and John Haroldson for Vice Chair. Chair Moreno called for any other nominations from the floor. Commissioner Ventura thanked Judy Parker for her nomination of Alberto Moreno for Chair. Chair Moreno called for any further nominations from the floor a third time.

Hearing no further nominations, the nominations for Chair and Vice Chair were closed.

Commissioners Moreno and Haroldson accepted their nominations.

C. Setting Regular OCHA Meeting Time

The Commissioners discussed options for regular meeting time and spoke of holding OCHA meetings in other parts of the state where there are large Hispanic communities, such as Fossil, Boardman, Nyssa, Ontario and the coast. It was agreed that a Doodle poll will be created by the office to poll Commissioners on their availability, taking into

consideration a preference for weekdays between 8am and 5pm. The Commissioners would like to establish the time and locations for the next 12 months of OCHA meetings.

Commissioner Ventura asked that information on Malheur county's demographics be sent to all Commissioners.

D. Request for OCHA to support 65th Infantry Regiment Congressional Gold Medal Initiative

The office took a call from Frank Medina, leader of the initiative to award a Congressional Gold Medal for the 65th Infantry Regiment (nicknamed the "Borinqueneers"), which was the only all-Puerto Rican unit in the United States. Mr. Medina provided a draft letter of support for OCHA to edit and submit to U.S. Senators Wyden and Merkley.

The Commission agreed by consensus that the staff will prepare the letter for Chair Moreno to sign on behalf of the OCHA. The Commissioners felt that Latinos contributions have long been overlooked in the United States, and securing this Congressional Gold Medal for the Borinqueneers would be a positive step to include them in the fabric of this nation.

E. Other Business

Gary Sims, Director of Diversity at Oregon Department of Corrections, introduced himself to the OCHA. He plans to attend OCHA meetings so he can be more connected to the Latino community.

Commissioner Parker suggested he view the archived annual reports, as they are a good resource. Common misperception that felons in Oregon cannot vote, but they can - wanted to spread the word that they are able to register to vote. She has been working with SOS Brown, and with Oregon Voice regarding naturalization ceremonies. Perhaps there is information on voting rights that can be developed for people re-entering society. Gary appreciated the information, and would like to follow up on this. Nancy will send Gary the link to the OCHA Annual Reports.

The Commission also suggested that Mr. Sims connect with Roy Jay about a best practice he helped begin called Operation CleanSlate. It is a program to give first offenders of color an opportunity to start down a new path. No Hispanics were involved in this program - perhaps Corrections can support an effort aimed at Latino men. They also noted the Community Healing Initiative which is part of Latino Network. Carmen Rubio is ED Latino Network. Commissioner Parker is also interested in hearing more about it.

The Commissioners thanked Gary Sims for his presentation.

Judi Martin from HINT introduced herself. The Clackamas County Hispanic/Latino Interagency Networking Team (HINT) is dedicated to working with private and public

agencies and the Hispanic/Latino community to coordinate and integrate social and educational services and promote the cultural heritage of Hispanic/Latinos within the community. She thanked OCHA for adding their website link to the OCHA website. She has interacted with Commissioner Ventura and Commissioner Cano and appreciates the work OCHA is doing.

The Commissioners thanked Judi for her good work and good words.

VII. Administrator's Report

A. Human Trafficking Public Policy Research Internship

Lucy Baker and Commissioner Parker introduced the internship, which is the first joint internship with the other Advocacy Commissions. It will also be the first OAC public policy internship to partner with the U.S. Attorney's office. The intern will be a Masters or PhD student, and will focus on statistical analysis of the pimps and johns involved in the trade of trafficking children for sex in Multnomah County. The description is appended to these minutes. Commissioner Ventura noted that trafficking minors for sex is an important issue in the immigrant Latino community as well in Hood River and elsewhere.

MOTION (Carrasco/Haroldson): To approve the sex trafficking internship. CARRIED.

Commissioner Carrasco will contact Professor Warren Binford, a fellow faculty member at Willamette University College of Law, who specializes in children's rights and connect her and Lucy, to develop an externship around children's rights.

Vice Chair Haroldson commented that the biggest hurdle in overcoming labor trafficking is creating an entry point with the vulnerable communities being trafficked. For immigrant laborers, life as a trafficked person may be better than in their home country, but the concerns about illegal immigration may limit their interest in speaking with anyone about the practice or drawing attention to themselves and their immigration status. The Commissioners agreed that this is an important issue that needs to be addressed.

B. OACO Budget 2013-15

Lucy explained that most state agencies are required to permanently reduce their current budgets, which for OACO amounts to \$2863. She recommended specific reductions.

MOTION (Carrasco/Haroldson): To accept the permanent budget reductions as presented:

\$749 reduction: In state travel

\$80 reduction: Out of state travel

\$180 reduction: Staff training

\$354 reduction: Office expenses

\$1500 reduction: Telecommunications/teleconferencing.

CARRIED.

C. OACO Staffing 2015-17

Lucy and Nancy explained the 3 Policy Option Packages (POPs) proposed for the Oregon Advocacy Commissions Office Agency Request budget for 2015 - 17:

1. Office Specialist 2 – this position will support the basic work of the Commissions in staffing meetings, which currently stands at 70 meetings per biennium. Some of the Commissions are moving to a committee structure, which will substantially increase the number of meetings, and thereby increase public meeting notices to be posted and minutes to be typed and posted.
2. Operations and Policy Analyst 3 would support policy research advocacy by taking on large portions of the legislative advocacy work of the commissions and the increasing number of public policy research internships at the Masters and PhD level and law externships.
3. Public Affairs Specialist 2 will be responsible for all community engagement at Commission level, and also serve as a press release writer;
4. Executive Support Specialist 2 would be a reclassification of the position Nancy currently holds (Executive Support Specialist 1, although she is working at the next level).

MOTION (Parker/Haroldson): To submit the three additional staffing options for the OACO. CARRIED.

VIII. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

IX. Adjourn

Meeting was adjourned at 4:33pm.

Appendix 1: ODE Oregon Studies Project Handout

**WE NEED YOUR HELP
The Oregon Studies Project**

The Oregon Department of Education is looking for resources that tell the story of minorities in Oregon. Partnering with the Oregon Historical Society and the Oregon Commissions on Asian and Pacific Islander Affairs, Black Affairs, Hispanic Affairs, and Indian Services, the department is seeking materials that more fully describe the history of all those who made Oregon what it is today.

Phase 1: Creating the infrastructure & framework Due: July 1, 2014

- √ Creating a website to house the materials. Educators can then browse the materials and choose what makes sense for their courses.
- √ Discovering well-vetted curriculum, lesson plans, publications, or other classroom-ready materials to place on the website.
- √ Materials can span pre-European settlement to the present day.
- √ Material can be for grades 4 through high school.
- √ Information on Native people, Spanish, Hispanic, African-Americans, Chinese, Japanese, Pacific Islanders, is our initial focus.
- √ Information should be **Oregon-focused**.
- √ Due to the short time line, we are primarily looking for existing resources that need little or no updating.

Curriculum/Lesson Plan Examples:

- The Chinese immigrant experience in Oregon
- Japanese relocation or exclusion zones in Oregon during WWII
- Oregon tribal histories
- Oregon's stance on slavery and how it treated African-Americans
- Spanish explorers and their influence on present-day Oregon

Phase 2: Enriching the website

Due: Dependent on additional funding

- √ Adding more resources as we become aware of them.
- √ Adding personal histories and materials that supplement and enrich basic, existing resources.
- √ The goal is that the Oregon Studies project continues to grow over the years.

Those who would like to share materials or information or who have questions about the Oregon Studies project should contact

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Appendix 2: Externship Description

OACO/Gov's Office/US Attorney Office/PSU:

Status of Perpetrators of Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children (CSEC) in Oregon: a review/analysis of perpetrator statistics and characteristics in Multnomah County

Joint public policy internship partners:

- Oregon Advocacy Commissions (OCAPIA, OCBA, OCHA, OCFW)
- Governor's Offices of Diversity & Inclusion and Public Safety
- Oregon US Attorney's Office
- Oregon Department of Justice (invited)
- Portland State University

Description: Public Policy Internship on researching characteristics of CSEC perpetrators, reporting and training in Oregon, review and analysis of policy considerations and propose areas for improvement.

Scope of work:

A Masters or PhD student will work with PSU Associate Professor Christopher Carey JD PhD and the internship partners to study the status of Human Trafficking in Oregon, specifically characteristics of CSEC perpetrators in Multnomah County. This will include a review of arrests and convictions of individual alleged perpetrators, and demographic information of the perpetrators. The intern will be responsible for writing a report to the internship partners and the Joint Commissions regarding the research and findings.

Internship partner roles:

PSU Associate Professor Christopher Carey JD PhD will serve as the field supervisor for the Intern, The Honorable Amanda Marshall, US Attorney for the District of Oregon, the Oregon Advocacy Commissions (OAC), Frank Garcia and Heidi Moawad will serve as advisors to the intern and assist in analysis and consideration of policy implications of the data and research for legislative or administrative responses. The Oregon Advocacy Commissions will provide mentoring for the student on the perspective of communities of color and human trafficking of children for sex. The final report will be included in the OAC's Annual Reports to the Legislature and Governor in 2014 with associated policy recommendations.

The OAC's are four Governor-appointed bodies of nine community members and two legislators each, which advise the Governor and legislature on issues of importance to communities of color and women.

Further information

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The OAC's public policy internships are unpaid, for credit experiences. Interested students please contact Lucy Baker, Administrator, Oregon Advocacy Commissions Office (OACO) at lucy.baker@state.or.us or Dr. Chris Carey, PSU at ccarey@pdx.edu.

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