

Latino UsCC - Meeting Minutes

Date: February 18, 2025



Attendees: *Adriana Carrillo*; Alice Noriega Torres; Amanda Macal; Amparo Ostojic; Angel Benitez; Angel Marin; Angelina Mendoza; Augusto Huerta-Minakata; Barbara Rabelo; Betty Mendoza; Blanca E. Watson; *Dr. Chiyah Lawrence*; Cirilo Garcia; *Claudia (interpreter)*; *Claudia Fierro*; Coach Afi G; Dayanna Covarrubias; Dr. Luis Guzman; Elsy Molina; Dr. Eric Hernandez; Ericka Bonilla; *Eugenia Cervantes*; *Dr. Evelyn E. Espinoza*; Gabriela Gonzalez; Idalia Gallardo; Irma Velasquez; Ismael Maldonado; *Dr. Jennifer Alquijay*; Jennyfer Ibarra-McMahon; Jorge Garcia; *Laura Iniguez Segura*; Lilia Morales Perez; *Losha (interpreter)*; Maria Elena Arauco; *Maria Guerra*; Maria Zamora; Marilu Garcia; *Martha Ortiz*; *Mirtala Parada Ward*; Sara Peral; Patricia Veliz Macal; *riKu Matsuda*; Sara Z Mijares; Susana Ascencion; *Tsu Yen Chen*; *Yailin Noriega*; Yanett Navarro; *Zuleima Molgado*

1. Attendance & Verification

- Check your Voting Eligibility
- If you want your Attendance to count towards Voting Privileges and/or CAF, please do the following:
 - With a translator – Tell the translator your name
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2. Land Acknowledgment

3. Love Without Violence

- **Presenter:** Dr. Nogales
- Discussion on the meaning of love, the distinction between love and violence, and the importance of respect, friendship, and commitment in relationships.
- Emphasis on the role of communication, compromise, and seeking professional support when needed.

4. *How is everyone feeling with the current climate, including immigration issues and impacted by wildfires?* –

Gabriela and Maria Elena (co-chairs)

5. Meeting Minutes –

- Approved by Barbara Rabelo & Irma Velasquez

6. Community Planning Meeting Updates – Maria Elena

- Summary of key points from the recent meeting at Saint Anne's, including discussions on five priorities and administrative elements of MHSA.
- Concern raised about equitable access to funding for community organizations.

7. Voting and Eligibility – Dr. Espinoza

- Review of the eligibility criteria for voting members.
- Members are encouraged to verify their status if they believe they were omitted.
- The voting process for capacity-building projects was initiated. Voting eligible members have until Friday, February 21 to vote and then the form will close.

8. 5 Priority Work Group Updates – Maria Elena and work group members

- **Youth and Families:** Addressing intergenerational challenges and emotional well-being through theater and educational initiatives.
- **Resource Development:** Proposal to create a comprehensive resource list for community support services.

9. DMH Updates – Mirtala Parada Ward

- Explanation of the funding process, including proposal submission, vendor selection, and contract awarding.
- Clarification on the role of DMH and ISD in selecting vendors.

- Concerns raised about transparency and accessibility of the funding process.

10. Open Discussion & Next Steps

- Recommendations for improving transparency in the funding process.
- Suggestion to hold training sessions for organizations interested in submitting proposals.
- Plans to upload key documents and updates to the Latino USCC website.