

COMMISSION ON HISPANIC AFFAIRS

MINUTES 11-30-01

Present: Francisca Leyva-Johnson, Dovie Trevino, Jason Leon, Trini Ortiz, Lucy Veliz and Gabe Silva.

Absent: Diego Castellanoz, Amanda Vallejo, Nita Werner, Senator Castillo

Guest(s): Rigoberto Hernandez, Director of Flor y Canto

Note: Information in italics is action items.

Welcome and Introductions: All present, including the visitors listed above, introduced themselves for our meeting.

Presentations:

Because there was a small number of commission members physically present at the meeting, Rigoberto and his assistant decided to return to make their slide presentation for the next Commission meeting.

Minutes: Minutes for the October 5, 2001 meeting were approved and signed as presented.

Commission Budget:

A quarterly projected budget and an actual budget of expenditures was presented to the Commissioners. The total allotment for the first quarter of 2001 was \$15,177. The total of expenditures was \$5,994 for that quarter leaving a balance that was forwarded to the 2nd quarter in the amount of \$9,183. The budget was accepted as presented.

Commission Business Plan and Commission Goals:

The final copy of the Commission Business Plan was reviewed by the Commission membership. This plan will now be placed in folders and passed out to community members and legislators.

Council for Medical Interpreters:

Gabe mentioned that he has applied to become a committee member of this council and is waiting confirmation by the Governor's Office.

HB 2519 Waiver Application Steering Committee:

Gabe informed the commission members about a letter he wrote and forwarded to this steering committee. Basically, the letter was in support of increased access to basic health care services for low-income Oregonians and uninsured children and families.

Commission Inventory:

The Commissioners were provided a copy of the Commission's updated inventory list. Gabe will be tagging all of the items (many are not marked) currently in storage and at the Commission office.

Mark Sanchez:

The Commissioners were provided a copy of a letter sent to the Commission by Mark Sanchez, previously of KOIN TV, thanking us for contacting KOIN TV on his behalf. Mr. Sanchez was fired due to a cutback in staff. Mr. Sanchez also provided a resume for future reference.

Commissioner Participation in Committee/Functions and/or Invitations Form:

Gabe provided a listing of the committees and functions he has participated in recently. The rest of the membership (official members confirmed by the Governor) did not forward their activity reports leaving the previous listing as the final count.

Gabe reminded everyone how important the completion of these forms is so that he can add that information to the **Impacts and Outreach** document where he will keep running totals of all the events the Commissioners participate in, the committee meetings attended, number of contacts per month, etc.

Spanish Class Update:

The Spanish classes have dwindled to only one class and Gabe informed that we have generated about \$4,500 (not counting state agencies) in revenue thus far. Unfortunately, the last class started right after the 911 terrorist attack and that may have had an impact on the attendance. Everyone was informed that Marcia Dagnall of Chemeketa Community College has drafted up a flyer that will be passed around to state, county, and city organizations along with other business entities.

Jason asked to receive copies of the flyers so he can pass them out to the county commissioners. Our Commission members also asked to see the Spanish class syllabus and the student evaluations of the current instructor, Ramon Gonzalez.

Dovie mentioned she might be willing to teach a Spanish class at no charge to the Commission. We will discuss this possibility further once we have reviewed the contract more closely.

Meetings at Chemeketa:

The membership was informed that Chemeketa Community College has invited our Commission to hold our meetings in their new boardroom facility. The facility has a state of the art sound system, court room style benches and tables.

The Commissioners decided to continue meeting at our current Labor and Industries conference room and to take advantage of the Chemeketa boardroom facility for larger community forums.

Storage Facility:

We now have a new storage facility located at Mid-town storage, 889 Liberty St. NE, Salem, Oregon. Linda is the contact at this facility and the telephone number is (503) 364-6776. The reason for the change is that the previous facility charged about \$60 per month versus the \$35 we are now being charged. Attempts were made to locate storage within the state facilities but none was available (This new storage facility also rents out space to other state agencies).

Commissioner Training:

Gabe provided a copy of a flyer from the Governor's Office showing that a half-day training session for board members and commissioners will be held on March 12 in Portland and on September 10 in Salem. Please contact Lisa Howard if you would like more information at: (503) 378-8471.

Bimonthly Meetings:

The Commissioners were asked if they would like to continue meeting monthly or if meetings should be held on a bi-monthly schedule. Because our next meeting would not be held until January of 2002 anyway (holidays), we tabled this discussion until our next meeting.

Spanish Brochure:

Gabe presented the Commission brochures that just came back from the printer. Everyone apparently liked them and the colors were pleasing. However, a typo was noticed on the word "Comisión". The flyer incorrectly shows this word in Spanish with two "m's". This change will be made when we reorder more flyers in the future.

Best Care Services:

Trini mentioned that Best Care Services is trying to open a drug and alcohol treatment center in the Madras area. There are currently 33 treatment centers in Oregon. The Commission Executive Committee may go for a presentation about this center.

Great News about Dovie !

Our own Dovie was designated Latina of the Year for 2001 and El Hispanic News recorded her smiling face on the front cover of their newspaper. Congratulations to Dovie !

Cultural Competency:

Francisca mentioned that there were some big headlines recently about cultural competency and mentioned that this would be very important training for police officers to take. Dave Fidinsky of ACLU and the Human Rights Commission provided some information about this. *Francisca will try to provide us with a copy.*

Commission Roster:

A new Commission Roster was provided to the committee members and various errors were pointed out. *Gabe will make the corrections and update the roster accordingly.*

Immigration and Naturalization Service:

Jason mentioned that Ed Sail, Information Officer for INS, will be making a presentation at the upcoming Hispanic Services Roundtable and encourages us to connect with him as well.

Meeting Adjourned at 5:00 PM.

Next Meeting Date: January 25, 2002 from 3:00 PM to 5:00 PM.

The next meeting of the Commission on Hispanic Affairs will be held on Friday, January the 25th, 2002, from 3:00 PM to 4:30 PM at the Labor and Industries Building, Room 200; 350 Winter St. NE, Salem.

Please note: If you are not able to attend this meeting, please let Gabe know if you will need to participate via telephone conference call.

Gabe Silva, Executive Director

Francisca Leyva-Johnson, Chair