



Youth Engagement and Serving Organization (YESO) Committee Meeting Minutes

February 14, 2018

9:00 am to 10:30 am

1st Floor Conference Room, Easter Seals
22317 Dupont Blvd., Georgetown, DE 19947

Mission: The YESO Committee exists to positively impact and promote healthy outcomes for children/families through collaboration with key health community partners that empowers families to live healthy lifestyles.

Meeting Call to Order and Introductions by Sara Shultz. Motion to approve the minutes made by Mary Johnson, motion to second made by Patti Burke. Minutes were approved as presented.

Attendees: Joy Conway, Patti Burke, Mary Johnson, Kendra Harrold, Mallory Stratton, Sara Shultz, Jeshonda Dennis, Susan Ray, Lindsay Hughes, Sarah Moore, Catherine Lindroth, Cheryl Doucette, Mallory Stratton, Sarah Moore, Sara Shultz, Regina Sydney-Brown.

Action Items:

- Ask Amanda (SCHC) to resend the provider survey out on Latino Youth and Family Initiative, DONE
- Check with web master as to why some emails go to spam folder for provider, ongoing.
- Catherine to check on mandated ELOL.
- SCHC to look at possible funding for UNIQUE's April program, assistance with transportation.

Cheryl introduced Sarah Moore and Catherine Lindroth as guest speakers and advised the committee that today's meeting will focus on this issue. Sarah Moore is working with Catherine on a collaborative project with members of the community, collecting data, talking with members of the community/providers, holding focus groups to understand Latino community needs. On-going projects, everyone is invited to be involved. To be involved reach out to Sarah, Cat, Cheryl or Peggy. The focus group includes; funder support by Arsht Cannon Fund, community and private partnership working on these goals. SCHC sent out a survey to all providers earlier this week, please look for the survey, check your spam folder. Please complete the survey as quickly as possible. Ask Amanda to resend the survey to all providers.

Catherine recapped the Initiative's progress from early December up to the meeting held at SCHC office on 2/13. Catherine asked all committee partners to sit next to a person that your organization has not partner with in the past. She then asked the group to spend a couple of minutes discussing:

- What services does your organization currently provide to Latino youth and families?
She then asked the group to report on what services are provided and estimate what % is Latino.
- First State Community Action: After school help work home, bi-lingual tax returns, actively looking to increase involvement with Latino community. Serves: ages 8-17 with afterschool program; reaches ages 25-40 with tax returns preparation, estimated 30% of this group is Latino.
- Jefferson Awards: Education and after school programs (they do not collect data as of now). Estimated about 10%, (middle to high school ages 12-18 ages. At risk low income youth. Transportation is a big issue. Addressing the transportation issue is half the problem. Continue to reach at risk youth.
- La Esperanza: 97% Latino clients (0-60 ages), now have a Chinese client.
- Mental Health: Latino lacking services in the county. Public health; wide range of services that they offer. However, they have seen a decrease in the number of clients looking for services because of the current political environment. Estimated 40-45% are Latino. Public health is different than Social Services. Need more bi-lingual

benefits. Kids that come to their facility, have a higher need, maybe already in trouble with law, substance abuse issues. Child Mental Health (uninsured, under insured).

- Maternal Child Health: estimated about 15-20 %, their struggle is outreach.
- Delaware After School Network: k-12 before and after school. They work with direct service providers. Working to engage more of the Latino community around quality after school programs.
- Del State Intern: College and career readiness, (25% elementary, 25% middle school, no kids in high school).
- Botvin: after school programs. Teaches a science program with 4H. When working on program planning, need to reach all demographics.
- Communities in schools: mentoring, dropout prevention. Service the entire school population (one in five is Latino). After school participation is majority Latino. Could be more kids, need to have a bi-lingual teacher to reach out to more kids.

Catherine reviewed data with the committee, looking at identified gaps so far. Slides are not yet final and will not be shared with the committee until a later date.

By the time the kids get to high school, that where the issues are occurring? Support and resources for kids that turned 12. To help them make with the tough life decisions before they get to high school. Need for more bi-lingual counselors and teachers. What do you think the critical needs are for the Latino youth?

- Schools, classroom work/homework is in English, not Spanish. Schools have the expectations that someone at home will help child with homework/classwork.
- Schools don't have bi-lingual resources, to help the kids. These kids are smart, but don't have the resources to succeed.
- Mandated ELOL? Catherine will check on this issue. English as a second language, DEL ESO plan is not happening.
- What resources can we provide that are community based? Who in the community is willing to do some translating? Volunteers. Not mandated unless there is a proven dire need. Second language "learners" have a stigma attached. ELOL kids may not have the same needs as a child with a learning disability. More support is needed.
- Majority of Latino kids have gone through enormous trauma to get to the United States. They have an "Exit plan" ... what happens if they come home from school and mom and dad are not there. Kids are working all night, to help financially support their families. Multiple families live in one household. The parents are not comfortable seeking services i.e., food, help with utilities, health and mental health services.
- All flyers should be available in Spanish and Creole.

How big of a priority are these issues to your organization? Can your organization prioritize? Regina stated her organization has a strong commitment to reach more kids, especially the older youth. How to bridge the relationship with the school and the community? More bi-lingual development. Committee agreed this is a High Priority.

Patti Burke asked about Prenatal Care: the services are there, why do folks see this as a gap? Children with special health care needs.

- Need medical translators. Young children should not be expected to translate to the parents, especially with medical concerns and adult issues. Children do not understand the content of the medical discussion. There is whole population of Latino youth with special needs (small population that has no support.)

This round table format helped the committee identify real issues that can be addressed. If you want to continue to be involved with Latino Youth and Family Initiative, please provide your contact information on the signup sheet that Catherine and Sarah passed around. Monthly updates (10 minutes) will be provided to this committee by Catherine or Sarah.

Cat and Sarah are working on the identified issues. Accelerated action real time with real collaboration.

Cheryl recapped the brief discussion of agency goals earlier this year. There are some common themes, can partners collaborate on these common goals?

WIC Update: currently does not do development screening. Public Health is trying to identify how to work on this. People will not skip WIC appointment – the kids are normally with the parent at a WIC appointment. How does La Red feel about that since they are WIC center? All roads lead to the money.

Family fun cooking classes would be a good avenue, young children attend with parents, could development screenings take place as well?

Committee was informed of a virtual Dental office program in Hawaii, 2 traveling dentists. Portable dental office, dental hygienist. Connected to 12,000 kids in the last year. Coordination of services. Kids are no longer afraid of the dentist. Dentist don't have leave their offices, they can bill for the services. Extremely successful. We need to find a way to take the services to the community. Meet the parents where they are.

Partner Updates:

Regina: save the date: joint conference, building bridges conference, flyers handed out. Resources during the school day, that are not available after the school day ends. Partner with Prevention, April 25th. Share with Monday mailer, ELAT, Success. Looking for vendors. No Cost. Today is We Love After School. Why we love the afterschool community. Take pictures post. Call to action. Regina will share info. She is a staff of one. Has great partners and resources.

2/23/18: 7-9 pm Boys and Girls Club Baby Shower, Seaford, any information to hand out, please provide to Susan Ray.

First State: 2/24 hosting a stop the dating violence workshop, 10-noon, flyer, assisting with tax returns through April.

UNIQUE Stand Out Event, 4/14. Looking for financial assistance with Transportation to Morgan State University in Baltimore. Natasha is asking Peggy for transportation assistance.

Committee members were asked to send all flyers electronically to SCHC so they can be posted on the website and shared with other SCHC committee members.

Meeting Adjourned. Next Meeting will be: March 14, 9:00 am to 10:30 at Easter Seals.

**Save the Date: SCHC Quarterly Meeting -April 19, 2018
8:30 am to 11:00 am
CHEER Community Center -20520 Sand Hill Road
Georgetown, DE 19947**