

**Hispanic Health Committee
Minutes
October 21, 2008**

- 1. Introduction** to MetroHealth's Long-term care facilities: Yvette Bozman. Metro has three 3 options: Old Brooklyn site, 14 beds for skilled, intermediate and long-term care; Elisabeth Severance Prentiss Center at Metro- 150 beds for skilled and long-term care; (hospice services available at these 2); and the Metro-Health Skilled Nursing Unit at the Medical center, for short-term intensive skilled nursing and rehab services. All open to all insurance, and staff will pursue insurance options with the uninsured. Bilingual staff at all facilities.
- 2. LifeBanc Presentation:** Dr. Toni Morton and LaBena Fleming. They have a need for and want to participate in activities that will educate the Hispanic community about organ/tissue donation. Hispanic and African-American communities have low rates of donation, but high rates of need, esp. due to hypertension and diabetes. They are also looking for volunteers, esp. bilingual, and Latinos who have had or on waiting lists for transplants. For info: Toni Morton,
- 3. Immigration Services Directory Presentation:** Dora Luz Harper. Funded by the Sisters of the Humility of Mary, to gather information on services and support for legal and undocumented immigrants. Dora will forward survey form to sec'y to go out to all HHC members. Please complete and return. For info: Dora Luz Harper, 330-405-6205. Directory subcommittee will coordinate their efforts with hers.
- 4. Minutes** from September were approved without corrections.
- 5. Report on Minorities Health Disparities Conversation:** Anamaria reported on this effort by the OH Commission on Minority Health to help minority communities identify resources, services, infrastructure and needs that exist in their communities and to identify and prioritize capacity-building strategies to meet unmet needs. Most frequently reported needs were bilingual staff and info for effective outreach/planning culturally appropriate services for the Hispanic community. Tim McCue reported that Ivanka Hall could come to HHC to report on progress/plans.
- 6. Report on Hispanic Community Forum:** Mary Jo Tadsen reported on event, which presented several opportunities our subcommittees could collaborate with other area teams.
- 7. Discussion on Regionalism:** Miriam Hernandez. Hispanic Round Table is looking for ways to expand La Convención Hispana 2010 to more communities.

Some concerns voiced were: many agencies that offered screenings/services at Convención have geographical funding limitations and could not participate if it was in Columbus; we don't want to offer services and have to turn people away because of where they live; regional efforts may make more sense for the Area Teams or for provider input than for attendees who are looking for local services. Andrés Gonzalez, Hispanic Round Table Chair, said that all avenues and consequences would be investigated and any decision that was reached would be by consensus.

8. **Mission Statement:** has been written, will be e-mailed to HHC and will be voted on at November meeting. (Anamaria Tejada, Tim McCue, Nicole McGee)
9. **YMCA Presentation:** Barb Clint, Tanichia Foster presented collaborative effort between the Y, the Diabetes Association of Greater Cleveland and the Cleveland City Recreation Department to offer free comprehensive screenings at selected rec centers. They need Spanish-speaking volunteers to help. They are contracting health facilities near each rec center for referral/follow-up. Part of the effort will be a 10 week diabetes management program. People who successfully complete program will receive a free 6 month membership in the Y. Info: Barb Clint,
10. **Announcements:**
 - a. **Voices of the Uninsured Workshop:** Laurel Domanski-Diaz. 11/22, 8:30-3:30. Free. Info for uninsured and those who provide services to them. Flyer to be e-mailed.
 - b. **Trunk or Treat:** Jessica Verbic. Proyecto Luz will have trick-or-treating in their parking lot 101/31, 6-8 pm, at Nueva Luz, 89th and Willard. Flyer to be e-mailed.
 - c. **Ladder to Leadership:** Mary Jo Tadsen. Robert Wood Johnson Foundation offering a 16 month leadership training for professionals from health agencies that serve minority and under-served populations. All expenses paid. Application to be e-mailed.
 - d. **Problems with immigrants and racism in Painesville:** Gil Pena. Info to be e-mailed.
 - e. **Immigrants' rights materials:** Melinda Silva. Available at ACLU. Info to be e-mailed.

Next meeting: Tuesday, November 18, 9:30, Employment and Family Services.