

**Hispanic Social Services Committee Meeting – Minutes**  
**Date: July 11, 2007**

**Location: Nueva Luz Urban Resource Center, 2226 W.89<sup>th</sup>, Cleveland**

**Attendees: Max Rodas (Chair), Jesús Laboy, Gloria Freire, Alexander Moore, Jenna Peyton, Vimarie Pérez, Lydia Fernández**

1. Welcome and Introductions.
2. Minutes from last meeting were reviewed. Max Rodas gave an overview of the up-coming La Convención 2007.
3. We continued deliberations about the committee's decision to focus on the immigration discussion, regarding the immigration reform advocacy and Cleveland as an immigrant-friendly city.
4. Jenna Peyton gave an overview of the issues facing immigrants particularly from 9/11:
  - a. The use of the warrants previously done, for persecution and deportation.
  - b. The possibility that the government plans to propose as an option, the services of the immigrants at the ARMY.
5. Max Rodas address the importance of advocacy for hiring bilingual staff by social services agencies and organizations.
6. Vimarie Pérez suggests that a possible way to recruit bilingual staff by social services agencies and organizations is to contact the different universities at Puerto Rico.
7. As a committee we are going to continue to support the mission of the Domestic Violence Center.
8. The total amount requested to the Executive Committee of La Convención from the Social Service Committee is \$5,000 budget.
9. Max discusses the options of bringing Emma Lozano or Luis Gutierrez.
10. Next meeting: 8/8, at 2:00pm.