

## **Latinos and Immigrants in Midwestern Communities NCERA 216**

### **2016 Annual Report**

#### **NCERA 216 Meeting Wednesday June 8, 2016**

##### **In attendance:**

Ness Sandoval, Gerardo Martinez, Daisy Collins, Athena Ramos, Teresa Curtis, Pablo Arroyo, John Dulles, Megan Straus, Sara Halterston, Kim Greider, Ruben Martinez, Ricardo Diaz, Steve Jeanetta, and Alejandra Gudiño, Julia Albarracin.

##### **Reports**

###### **Entrepreneurship and Business**

The Entrepreneurship and Business group gave a report on activities related to the programs for 4-groups. Gerardo Martinez gave out a handout on the Hispanic Economic Development Corporation (HEDC). A similar program is currently underway in Saint Louis. HEDC created 12 new businesses in Kansas City MO.

###### **Families and Education**

The Families and Education committed reported a \$5000 grant to get a program started like JUNTOS. Iowa State and Nebraska have hired a person for Latino engagement. Several publications and grants were submitted. In Iowa, interviews with done with Latino mothers and researchers are expanding the project. Jill, Alejandra and Debra Bolten are working on a grant.

###### **Building Immigrant-Friendly Communities**

The Building Immigrant-Friendly Communities wrote several proposals called, Integration of Latinos. Athena spoke about her program – Understanding sense of the Hispanic community in rural Nebraska. Ruben reported that Julia Albarracin finished a new book called “At the Core and in the Margins. Incorporation of immigrations in Illinois.” University of Wisconsin Extension has been doing a series of focus groups. It was reported that on August 3rd, PNAE is launching our *Reason for Reform* campaign with a national day of action. Partnership for a New Economy.

### **Building Diversity-Competent Organizations**

The Building Diversity-Competent Organizations committee reported on several project: Latinos farmers project – building Latino farmer competency. Researchers designed their own program based on JUNTOS – Exitos de Educative is the name of the program. This program may be used for other communities. Researchers reported on the results of the survey of extension educators. The report will give a sense of the needs on July 25 at the state wide summit.

### **Demographics and Change**

The Demographics and Change committee reported several activities: (1) Mapping Immigrant Populations workshop, (2) Mosaic Project, (3) Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, and (4) Mapping workshop at Wisconsin. The workshops focused on communities of high need and points of social determination.

### **NCERA 216 Webpage**

It was reported that NCERA 216 needs a new home for the webpage. The Cambio Center will host the NCERA 216 webpage

### **NCERA 216 Webinars/Webinar Coordinator**

It was reported that NCERA 216 needed a new webinar coordinator. Julia Albarracin has tentatively agreed to be the webinar coordinator. She agreed to give the first webinar. Ruben Martinez- agreed to give a webinar and Kim Greider – agreed to give a webinar.

### **SERA 37**

SERA 37 came to meeting to do work with NCERA 216. There is tremendous opportunity for collaboration for future projects.

## NCERA 216 Meeting Thursday June 9, 2016

### NCERA 216 New Officers Succession was adopted at this meeting

NCERA 216  
Latinos and Immigrants in Midwestern Communities  
Executive Board and Topical Working Groups  
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### **Moving forward with Research and Collaboration projects**

NCERA 216 members talked about several possible research projects that unite research efforts across different states agencies. Member said it was difficult to foster these research activities since there is little money to go conferences. It was suggested to try to host a mid-year NCERA 216 conference via Skype. It was also suggested that NCERA 216 members should continue to work on grants together to foster the relationships.

### **Action Items**

1. Executive Board: Make arrangements for the skype conference call
2. Executive Board: Plan agenda for the summer meeting
3. All members: Look for grants for NCERA 216 activities
4. Executive Board: Continue our conversation with SERA 37