

Latinos and Immigrants in Midwestern Communities NCERA 216

2017 Annual Report

NCERA 216 Meeting Wednesday June 14, 2017

In attendance:

Ness Sandoval, Gerardo Martinez, Athena Ramos, Ruben Martinez, Ricardo Diaz, Steve Jeanetta, and Alejandra Gudiño, Julia Albarracin, John-Paul, Norma Dorado-Robles, Juan Coronado, Jackie Guzman, Corrine Valdez, Deborah Bolton, Ricardo Diaz, and Alejandra Gudiño

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. Ness talked some opportunities with the other Hispanic Chamber of Commerce in the U.S. (e.g., Dallas).

Families and Education

Member of The Families and Education committee were not able to attend. They did send an email on some activities which were a continuation of the activities from last. The co-chairs informed the group that they want to resign as chairs due to other activities. Members agreed and accepted the request and asked people to consider the opportunity to be chair and co-chair.

Building Immigrant-Friendly Communities

Gerardo Martinez talked about his work in Kanas City. In September his group launched a big campaign to reach out to Latinos. They conducted open dialogues with police chiefs, lawyers, and families to reduce fear in Latino families in Branson, Monat, Springfield, etc. regarding potential changes in how law enforcement treat immigrants. They reported that they reached out to Missouri Catholic Dioceses. They are working with law firm that wants to collaborate with Alianzas.

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. Ruben Martinez gave an updated on the survey that was done in collaboration with Chuck. The report is now online with over 700 respondents that completed the survey

Demographics and Change

The Demographics and Change committee reported several activities: (1) Mapping Immigrant Populations workshop, (2) Mosaic Project, and (3) Hispanic Chamber of Commerce. The workshops focused on communities of high need and points of social determination. The chair of the group received a grant to study immigrant occupations to determine if they are using their credentials in their current jobs. A final report will be published in fall 2017.

NCERA 216 Webpage

The chair reported that NCERA 216 has a new webpage.

<http://www.cambio.missouri.edu/ncera/index.html>

NCERA 216 Webinars/Webinar Coordinator

Julia Albarracin has stepped down. We agreed to have two webinars in the fall and two in the spring. Alejandra will coordinate the date and time with potential speakers

Epsilon Sigma Phi (ESP)

Ricardo gave a report on the efforts to coordinate with ESP. This is something that members thought was a good idea. Ricardo will continue to work on this effort and share his progress with the group.

NCERA 216 Meeting Thursday June 15, 2017

NCERA 216 New Officers Succession was adopted at this meeting

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Executive Board and Topical Working Groups
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Moving forward with Research and Collaboration projects

NCERA 216 members talked about several research projects that would unite research efforts across different states agencies. Member continued to report that 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 skype fall/spring meetings
3. All members: Look for grants for NCERA 216 activities
4. Executive Board: Continue our conversation with SERA 37 and other Latino/a research groups
5. With the new webpage, NCERA members are encouraged to created spaces to promote their work, papers, and grants.
6. NCERA will take a more proactive role in helping members identify opportunities to educate different communities about the resources that immigrants can use to navigate the changes in immigrant law under the new administration.