

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

### **2018 Annual Report**

#### **NCERA 216 Meeting Wednesday June 6, 2018**

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

Ness Sandoval, Gerardo Martinez, Athena Ramos, Ricardo Diaz, Steve Jeanetta, Alejandra Gudiño, Anna Melugin, Kathy Tegtmeier Pak, Clara Irazabal, Pedro Ruiz, Pedro Guerrero, Alejandro Cabero, Maria Rodriguez-Alcala, Jordan Shipley, and Debra Bolton.

##### **Reports**

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

No report was given. Pablo informed NCERA that he moved to Florida and the other co-chair was on sabbatical.

###### **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 year.

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

Gerardo Martinez gave the report for the committee. Ruben Martinez, noted several publications: "Hicimos el camino: Latino Business Owners in Michigan" in the latest issue of Dialogo; a report on "Farmworkers in Michigan" in the JSRI E-Publication Series; and an in progress report on the "Raise the Age" report that assesses the effects of raising the age in Michigan from 17 to 18 for automatically prosecuting youth as adults.

## **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. Ness Sandoval reported that he will give a demographic presentation on Latinos in Missouri to the new governor of Missouri on June 13, 2018

## **NCERA 216 Webpage**

The chair reported that NCERA 216 has a new webpage.

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

All content for JSRI must be move to the new NCERA site.

## **Renewal of NCERA**

Ness Sandoval reported that NCERA will expired. He opened the discussion to see the interest of the committee. The membership suggest that NCERA be renewal. It was decided to devote time at Thursday's meeting to discuss new topical areas.

## **Elections of New Officers**

It was suggest that new officers be selected for NCERA. Ness Sandoval has served as chair for 4 years. Ricardo Diaz and Alejandra Gudiño wanted to have a stronger role in shaping the renewal of NCERA. A new slate of officers was selected for the 2018-2019. It was determined that an official vote will take place at the June 7 meeting.

## NCERA 216 Meeting Thursday June 7, 2018

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

NCERA 216  
Latinos and Immigrants in Midwestern Communities  
Executive Board and Topical Working Groups  
6/07/2018

#### **Officers**

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#### **Executive Board Members**

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#### **Topical Group Co-Chairs**

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

Co-Chairs: Corinne Valdivia [valdiviac@missouri.edu](mailto:valdiviac@missouri.edu)

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

Co-Chairs: Debra Bolton [dbolton@ksu.edu](mailto:dbolton@ksu.edu)  
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##### **Building Latinx and Immigrant-Friendly Communities**

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

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##### **Demographics and Change**

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## Moving forward with Research and Collaboration projects

- Ness Sandoval pointed to the NCERA 216 website hosted by the Cambio Center. NCERA will buy a domain name so that web searches will go to our name, and be directed to the site hosted by MU.
- NCERA 216 will expire in 2019, so the group voted to renew NCERA. The new slate of officers will be lead the renewal efforts.
  - Irazabel noted to accept the sub-committees if we added “Latinx” to the description of “Building Immigrant Friendly Communities. The adjustment was made, and the group added several “possible” topics on which to focus for this group.
    - Possible Themes:
      - Positive Youth Development and other Prosocial Behaviors
      - Cultural Capital
      - Language Development
      - Advocacy and Policy
- Ness Sandoval offered the slate of officers for NCERA 216 for a vote. The slate is attached to the minutes for inspection. Clara Inszbal moved to accept the slate of officers. Pedro Ruiz seconded the motion. The vote passes unanimously without further discussion.
- The group discussed activities of NCERA 216, which included webinars and collaborative studies. The group agreed that, at least, four webinars would be presented. The list will follow at a later time before September, 2018.
  - Pedro Ruiz will give a seminar in Fall 2018
  - Debra Boltan will give a seminar in Spring 2019