



**COMMISSION ON IMMIGRANT AFFAIRS
MINUTES**

**REGULAR MEETING
Wednesday, February 8th, 2012, 6:30PM**

The Commission on Immigrant Affairs convened in a regular meeting on Wednesday, February 8th, 2012, at City Hall, 301 West 2nd Street, Executive Session, Room #1027, Austin, Texas.

Members in Attendance

Tom Esparza, Chair
Donald Krupens
Sunny Ogunro
Laura Hernandez, Vice Chair
Syed Rahman
James Kuhr

Members Absent

Miguel Ancira

Presenters:

Jill Stone, Refugee Screening Health
Clinic
Esther Reyes, Austin Immigrant Rights
Coalition

Staff

Natalie Cuccia, HHSD
Joe Barnes, HHSD

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Commissioner Esparza called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m.
2. **CITIZEN'S COMMUNICATION:** None
3. **PRESENTATION:** Jill Scott Stone of the Refugee Screening Health Clinic presented. A copy of the presentation is posted on the Boards and Commissions website. Questions followed.
4. **REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** The minutes from the regular meeting on January 11th, 2012 were approved on Commissioner Krupen's motion, Commissioner Ogunro's 2nd, on a 5-0 vote. Ancira and Kuhr absent.
5. **REPORT: Immigrant Services Network:** Commissioner Esparza briefed the members on current activities. ISNA will have a forum with the candidates for Travis County Sheriff during its regular March meeting. The meeting will be held at the St. John's Community Center.
6. **NEW BUSINESS:**
 - A. **Proposed Joint Hearing with Human Right's Commission regarding a resolution to remove Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) from the Travis County Jail**

Tom Davis, Chairman of the Human Right's Commission and Esther Reyes, Executive Director of the Austin Immigrant Rights Coalition presented a draft joint resolution opposing Travis County's enrollment in the Safe Communities Program (SCOMM). Ms. Reyes made a brief presentation on SCOMM and its effects on the Austin immigrant community and law enforcement resources. The Commission approved the formation of a work group to review and revise the Resolution on Commissioner's Krupen's motion, Commissioner Hernandez's 2nd on a 6-0. Ancira not present.

The Commission approved oint meeting with the Human Right's Commission on March 26th at 5:30pm to tentatively agree on final language of the resolution on Commissioner Hernandez's motion, Commissioner Krupen's 2nd on a 6-0 vote. Ancira not present.

7. OLD BUSINESS:

A. Emergency Contact Card for Residents with limited English proficiency.

Commissioner Hernandez presented the finalized cards. The Commission discussed a strategy for rolling out the cards, should approval be received from the Health and Human Services Department for printing. The plan is to present to the Human Right's Commission, the Public Safety Commission and having a press conference.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 7:58 p.m. without objection.