



COMMISSION ON IMMIGRANT AFFAIRS

Monday, April 5, 2021 5:30 PM

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Meeting Minutes

Board Members in Attendance:

<i>Karen Crawford, Chair</i>	<i>Adrian De La Rosa</i>	<i>Joseph Ramirez-Hernandez</i>
<i>Krystal Gomez, Vice Chair</i>	<i>Montserrat Garibay</i>	<i>Rennison Lalgee</i>
<i>Samuel Adair</i>	<i>Kate Lincoln-Goldfinch</i>	<i>Nicole Merritt</i>

Board Members not in Attendance:

<i>Juan Vences-Benitez</i>	<i>Glenn Rosales</i>
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Staff in Attendance:

Sinying Chan, Staff Liaison & Health Equity Unit Program Coordinator/APH

CALL TO ORDER

1. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES – March 1, 2021

- Minutes not available; will table to next month

2. NEW BUSINESS: DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTIONS:

A. Update from Rocio Villalobos on her work with the Equity Office

- To put in motion in having naturalization ceremonies in Austin with assistance from Austin Public Library (APH) and Austin Public Health
- Immigrant Integration Mini Grant program pilot project – developing rubric for evaluation and fine-tuning the language of the proposal and application for easy understanding and completion; will translate in multiple languages as well; Commission on Immigrant Affairs will create a working group to help with application review
- Reimagining Public Safety, Equity Reinvestment Working Group – to propose to have mini hubs throughout the city focusing on communities that face the most challenges; allowing hubs to have funding to create programming based on the needs of the neighborhood



- New American Economy – in the process of finishing the COVID-19 impact survey and reviewing guidelines for local emergency management and preparedness
- Ongoing collaboration with APH in the communities of color, immigrant, and non-English speakers – presentation on public charge, COVID-19 vaccine registration and Q&A, APH/AISD focused vaccine POD without registration, and mass vaccine registration campaign
- Assisting United Way to review applications for COVID vaccination grant
- Media requests on anti-Asian racism
- Undoing racism training in Spanish
- No additional movement from community members on municipal ID as they worry about having personal information living with the City; having a community partner handling the ID project and utilizing the mini grant could be an option; there's still concern on if showing the municipal ID means they're undocumented immigrants as they don't have a state-issued ID

B. Elections for Chair and Vice Chair

- Krystal will run for the Chair position and Nicole will run for the Vice Chair position
- Karen moved to approve; Adrian seconded; all in favor

C. Vote on budget recommendations

- Nicole moved to approve the recommendation on the immigration integration mini grants; Krystal seconded; all in favor
- Sam moved to pass the recommendation on funding DACA clinics; Adrian seconded; all in favor

3. OLD BUSINESS

A. Compassion Contract

- Nothing to report

B. Report back from ISNA and the RST quarterly consultations

- Nothing to report

C. Joint Inclusion Committee meeting update – Karen

- JIC would not have a budget recommendation

D. Update of Texas Legislative session – Krystal

- Krystal was not able to attend the meeting; will get update from

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

ANNOUNCEMENT

ADJOURNMENT

- Kate moved to adjourn
- Sam seconded
- All in favor



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