



STATE OF WASHINGTON
COMMISSION ON HISPANIC AFFAIRS
COMISIÓN DE ASUNTOS HISPANOS

CHA Monthly Conference Call
Friday, April 09, 2021
10:00AM – 11:00AM

Meeting called to order at 10:02 AM.

Roll Call:

Name	Title	Organization	Present
Bernal Baca	Chair	CHA	YES
Brian Moreno	Vice Chair	CHA	YES
Candice Garza	Commissioner	CHA	YES
Jessica Hernandez	Commissioner	CHA	YES
Lili Navarrete	Commissioner	CHA	YES
Lina Alvarez	Vice Chair	CHA	YES
Lola Flores	Commissioner	CHA	YES
Randy Nuñez	Commissioner	CHA	YES
Rodrigo Renteria	Commissioner	CHA	YES
Eric Gonzalez	Commissioner	CHA	YES
STAFF			
María Sigüenza	Executive Director	CHA	YES
Nancy Rocha Aguilar	Communications and External Relations Manager	CHA	YES
Myra Hernandez	Operations and Special Projects Manager	CHA	NO
GUESTS			
Dr. Karen Johnson, Equity Office Jan Yoshiwara, Executive Director SBCTC Alejandro Sanchez, Governor's Office			

Agenda Approval

Chair Baca asked for any changes to the agenda. With no further discussion, the agenda was approved.

Minutes

Chair Baca asked for any changes to the minutes for March 6, 2021. Minutes were approved as read.

Dr. Karen Johnson – Inaugural Director, Office of Equity

- Dr. Johnson offered her perspective on:
 - o Current statewide operations, policies & procedure for contracting, hiring and pay.

- Data that is being collected is not representative of the diverse communities in WA. This data is being used to make important decisions.
- Dr. Johnson shared that she is starting a five-year statewide equity plan that will be developed and centered on race.
- Commissioner Nuñez asked about looking deeper into the categorizing of race for Hispanics and Latinos.

Jan Yoshiwara, Executive Director State Board of Community and Technical Colleges

- Provided an overview of the SBCTC System; the mission statement; and equity statement. Also went over the Completion Strategy.
 - College students: 50%, are students of color | 16% are Latino,
 - Currently focusing in on dual credit; financial aid outreach.
- System is poised to close in on equity gaps. It's projected that students of color are going to be the majority in the CTC systems.
 - Requested feedback from Commissioners
- Commission will reengage with SBCTC for feedback.

Vaccine Update Provided by Commissioner Garza

- Meeting with Governor Inslee in Yakima with Chair Baca and Dr. Shaw.
- Communications
 - Working with equity team to ensure that the messaging is clear about the vaccine and what is required to take the vaccine.
 - Additional funding being allotted for Telemundo/Univision.
- As of April 16, everyone over 16 can get vaccinated.

Gang Solutions Roundtable: Update

- Executive Director Sigüenza shared about meetings she is having with community members on support services for gang-involved youth. More to come as conversations develop.