

LCDA CBLC May 29, 2003 Meeting Notes

The meeting started on 3:15 pm.

I. Welcome

Cynthia welcome the attendees and introduced two new staff members. Ceasar Armenta, the new Youth Trainer, and D. J. Thomson, a returning staff member who will be working on media projects.

II. CBLC Recommendations

Cynthia discussed the recommendations of CBLC subcommittee meeting in April and asked the Council to endorse the subcommittee's recommendations.

Giovanni Perry presented the recommendations of Immigration/Legal Sub-Committee.

(Please see April 23, 2003 CBLC Subcommittee meeting notes)

Claudia Brajas presented the recommendations of Cultural Sensitivity/Creating & Marketing IPV/SV Educational Awareness Tools Sub-Committee.

(Please see April 23, 2003 CBLC Subcommittee meeting notes)

Bonnie Bellah presented the recommendations of Family Issues/Culturally Sensitive Employment Readiness/Training Sub-Committee.

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Cynthia: Did you have any specific risk factors?

Response: There are some.

Cynthia: Where can we get those (risk factors)?

Response: The Coalition office may have some, if not, then some of us can call local programs.

Cynthia asked if there were any questions regarding the proposed recommendations. There weren't any questions and the recommendations were adapted unanimously

III. Upcoming CBLC Speaker

Ruth talked about Julia Perilla who has worked with Hispanic/Latino victims and perpetrators of domestic violence. Julia will be speaking at LCDA next month. She is based in Atlanta, GA. Ruth invited the CBLC members to attend her presentation during

next month's CBLC meeting on Thursday, June 26 at 3 pm. Julia is fluent in both English and Spanish.

Question: Can she speak to the general public?

Ruth: We may not have enough time for that.

Cynthia: May be that is something that we can do in the future.

Recommendation: It is also important to contact press about this.

Cynthia also announced that LCDA has hired a translator for the VAWA grant.

IV. Proyecto Cambio Update

Leah: LCDA held an event to inform public about the Sexual Assault/Violence on Saturday, May 17. Information was provided to families attending the event. About 75 children and 50 adults attended the first annual event.

Comment: The event was covered by Channel 4.

Comment: I was very impressed how your group has made the community come together. You guys did a good job.

Comment: We need to change the name of the activity from "violence" to "family activity" but still provide the information on sexual assault and violence.

Comment: We also need to check with the community as to what events are going on in the community because the event might clash with other activities.

Ruth announced that Cynthia has been working hard to put together a manual. June 1st will be the first day to implement the program.

Cynthia said that we have the CDC's blessings to move forward. OU will be involved in measuring the outcome.

V. Announcements

The Coalition will be having its annual conference in Oklahoma City this month.

Catholic Charities is conducting training in Houston, TX entitled "Legal remedies for Battered Immigrants."

Immigrant battered women cases rise in Atlanta due to improved outreach efforts.

Health Department will be conducting a "Train the trainer" workshop on providing sexual assault prevention training to males.

Cynthia will be going to be new board member for YWCA.

Migrant Coalition in order to serve the migrant farm workers to obtain their driving licenses will be getting a grant to get to machines that can provide testing in Spanish to all testing sites across the state.

OU was asked about posting the Driver's Manual in Spanish on the web. Due to lack of space it was suggested that a link be made on the webpage to connect the viewers to the website that has posted the Driver's Manual in Spanish.

Pastor Zamarron was asked to contact other pastors in the community to attend Julia's presentation.

VI. Close

The meeting adjourned at 4:15 pm.