

Mayor's Hispanic American Advisory Board Meeting

Minutes

Date: Tuesday, February 14, 2017

Board Members Present: A. Burst, C. Echeverry, E. Pantoja, J. Silva, M. Wright

Absent Board Members (excused): J. Lacayo (staff), T. Jimenez, J. Cuetos, M. Decunto

Staff Present: N/A

Guests: N/A

Welcome: 9:15AM Meeting was called to order by Alicia Burst. A quorum was not present.

Minutes Approval – N/A (no quorum).

Fiscal and Executive Updates

N/A

Committee Reports

Education

J. Siliva invited MHAAB to attend the ESOL Advisory Board Meeting:

Friday, FEB 24 at 10:00-11:00am in the A bldg. Admin conference room, A-1170. 101 West State Street and the corner of Laura Street. On the first floor of Building A, at the far left is the location of the conference room.

- Please reserve these dates for our quarterly meetings the rest of 2017: May 26, August 4 and October 6. Each meeting is on a Friday at the same time and location.

J. Siliva reported FSCJ Promise Launch and Press Conference with Mayor Lenny Curry

- Thursday, March 2nd 10:00am-11:00am @ 501 West State Street, College Administrative Office Building. Room 405 Board Room (4th Floor)

College Promise Goals

- Help local students create financial sustainability while removing economic barriers and providing an accessible and affordable pathway to degree completion
- Build broad public support in creating a college-going culture while increasing student persistence and degree completion for transfer or gainful employment
- Fully fund the first two years of community college (tuition, fees, and books) leading to a successful associate degree for local eligible students

Program Eligibility

- Must be a Duval or Nassau county resident who graduated from a Duval or Nassau county public high school
- Are first time in college and eligible for a Federal Pell Grant (for each term enrolled)
- Enrolled full-time (minimum of 12 hours per term) in a college credit program of study that leads to an associate degree
- Must meet with a Student Success Advisor and develop an Academic Degree Plan prior to the first term of enrollment at FSCJ

Program Continuation:

- Maintain a 2.0 GPA and be continuously enrolled
- Serve 100 hours of community service either in conjunction with the Office of Student Engagement or the Center for Civic Engagement

Funding:

- Funding for FSCJ Promise comes through innovative management to combine student aid (Federal and State), Bright Futures, student employment, and private scholarships
- Approximately 1,000 new first time in college students will be served annually

Guns on Campuses/universities/K-12 schools (J. Siliva reported):

SB 140, Open Carry in Florida (Senator Greg Steube)

- Expands where firearms can be carried and allows open carry in K-12 schools and career centers; removes the prohibition of concealed carry of firearms and other weapons on any college or university campus
- Permits concealed weapons holders to openly carry firearms in dorms, classrooms, administrative buildings and offices, university hospitals, counseling centers, libraries, offices of professors and staff, restaurants, child care centers, and university/college stadiums and arenas (except during athletic events). Other large events are not exempt
- Over the past week, the Student Government Association (SGA) surveyed 278 students: 59 percent voted in opposition, 30 percent voted in favor and 11 percent voted neutral

HB 6005, Concealed carry on campus (Representative Scott Plakon)

- Deletes the provision prohibiting concealed carry licensees from openly carrying a handgun, concealed weapon or firearm into a college or university facility. Athletic events and career centers are still exempt
- Current law states that any college or university facility is exempt unless the licensee is a registered student, employee, or faculty member of such college or university. The bill removes this exemption and allows for guns on campus
- Student Government Association (SGA) survey results: 58 percent voted in opposition, 32 percent voted in favor and 10 percent voted neutral
- In 2016, the College System SGA voted 72 percent in opposition to open carry and 69 percent in opposition to concealed carry

C. Echeverry attended the School Choice Program for Duval County on January 21st. She met with various school officials including all that offered dual language programs. She distributed La Guillas to several school officials for distribution among attendees and informed them about MHAAB.

Health and Public Safety

On January 21st, E. Pantoja attended the Women's Health Conference that was held at One Ocean Resort. It was sponsored by UF- Health under the direction of cardiologist, Dr. Gladys Velarde. As you may aware, she is very interested in working with the Jacksonville Hispanic Leadership to help our community.

On January 28th E. Pantoja volunteered at the Wellness Rx. Kickoff. This is a new collaboration effort between Mayo Clinic and the New Town Success Zone. This organization focuses on health education, social well-being and community sustainability. It is open to everyone. This collaboration effort is a 3 year commitment. There will be weekly events planned throughout this time to provide the community with the tools that it needs in order to sustain a healthier lifestyle. Mayor Curry was there and embraced the collaborative effort.

Background: The reason why they decided to concentrate their efforts in Health Zone 1 is simply because this is where the worst health disparities are found. The poverty rate is among the highest in Duval County. Residents of Health Zone 1 have the highest mortality rate in the entire City as a result of their increase risks for diabetes, stroke, heart disease, infant mortality and homicide. However, this is our pilot program. If it proves to be successful, we plan to work with other underserved communities using this Model of Care.

There will be a Jacksonville Hispanic Leadership meeting on March 9th, 6:00 PM at Havana Jax. The Hispanic Health Report will be presented by Dr. Kelly Wells, Medical Director of Duval County Health Department. Please feel free to attend or to invite others that may be interested in attending (E. Pantoja).

January 26th- M. Wright provided fire safety education and access to health care education at the Center for Language and Culture. The presentation was very well attended and 90% of the attendees were Spanish speakers only.

This same month, M. Wright also published an article in Hola Noticias! The article provided safe sleep education to Spanish speaking families in the Northeast Florida area.

Economic and Faith Based

January 27th- M. Wright met with Spanish speaking faith leaders to introduce them to services provided to the community. Some of the pastors have already refer some families to those services.

Hispanic Leadership Awards

N/A

World of Nations

A. Burst will follow-up regarding obtaining parking passes for WON. MHAAB members were encouraged to sign up for their shift on either March 4th or March 5th through the link that was created and sent via email. The stamp was ordered and the tablecloth will be brought for the event. M. Wright volunteered to bring several games to draw people to the MHAAB table for the event.

Old Business

N/A

New Business

N/A

Public Comments

N/A

Meeting Adjourned by A. Burst at: 10:00AM.

Meeting Minutes Draft Submitted by: C. Echeverry 2/17/2017. The next meeting will be on March 14th at City Hall, (room TBD, length TBD).