

## Mayor's Hispanic American Advisory Board

Tuesday, October 20, 2020

### Minutes\*

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Marivi Wright, Jen Silva, Jose Morales, Demika Jackson, Aida Seeraj and Miguel Dipierri

**DISABLED SERVICES STAFF PRESENT:** Kara Tucker and Jennifer Wolf

**GUESTS PRESENT:** Tamico Spears

#### 1. Welcome and Introduction

#### 2. Presentation: Tamico Spears – Community Outreach Coordinator “Uninsured Children in Duval County and the State of Florida”

- a. 1 in 9 children are uninsured; 179,000 kids are eligible for free or low-cost health coverage
- b. Florida Kidcare
  - i. Health insurance program for eligible children under the age of 19
  - ii. 3-tiered affordable health insurance
    1. 2 subsidized \$15-\$20
    2. Full pay starting at \$187; low out of pocket costs \$10
  - iii. Family must be employed or jeopardize losing coverage. However, the family may qualify for Medicaid.
- c. Uninsured population at highest risk
  - i. children are represented within working families, college students, the working poor, working mothers, and absentee parents
  - ii. highest areas zip codes 32208 and 32209
  - iii. Only 4% of the population are accessing primary healthcare
- d. Increase in uninsured rates
  - i. Over the 3-year period increase of 55,000 uninsured children
  - ii. Largest coverage loss among white and Latino children; rate of Latino children 7.9% to 9.2%
- e. Benefits of Kidcare
  - i. Check-ups, immunizations, surgeries, doctors' visits. Prescriptions, dental, vision, hearing, emergencies, and behavioral health

#### 3. Notes:

- a. Jacksonville Public Education Fund provides education on Florida Kidcare through outreach within the communities and back to school initiatives (Jen Silva). Florida is not a Medicaid expansion state. Recommendations to go into

the high schools for continued outreach efforts, Public Service Announcements, and changing the reading level for better understanding of the information.

- b. Discussed election of 2021 Chairman and Vice-Chairman; Jen Silva recommended keeping the current Chairman (Marivi Wright) and Vice-Chairman (Jorge Lopez) due to the pandemic year and unable to fully perform their duties. Clarification was provided by Jennifer Wolf; Officers can serve until replace or refuse nomination.
  - i. Motion was given by Jen Silva to nominate Marivi Wright as Chairman for 2021; Jose Morales second the motion; quorum met for agreement of motion. Marivi accepted the nomination
  - ii. Motion was given by Marivi Wright to nominate Jorge Lopez as Vice-Chairman for 2021; Jose Morales second the motion; quorum met for agreement of motion. Jorge not present to accept/reject nomination
- c. Currently three applications for vacant board seats pending

### **Old Business**

- a. Final report due soon, need Committee reports by November 16, 2020 to discuss during the next meeting. All committees start to think about 2021 goals and events for the Hispanic community.
  - i. Email reminder will be sent out weekly by Jennifer Wolf; previous report will be sent to Board as a reference
- b. Board Member Aida Seeraj update – Inspire to Rise, Inc provides Community access to food pantry on Thursdays, non-perishables in partnership with Community Health Outreach. Narcan kits and tutorials for family members and individuals struggling with addiction. Over the past few months during the pandemic there has been 3 overdoses (2 single mothers, 1 married man whose wife was able to administer Narcan and save his life. An additional service is Dispose Rx which is used to safely dispose of unused or expired prescriptions. Free testing and condoms are available monthly to include tobacco cessation, health, and wellness classes. Volunteers in Medicine assists with medical services for families working at least 20 hours per week.
- c. Board Member Demika Jackson update – announced work with veteran organization in Washington, D.C. in bring the first Veteran Chamber of Commerce to Northeast Florida as a collaborative of all branches of the military
- d. Board Member Jose Morales update – announced Taskforce public meeting on November 4, 2020 @2:00pm discussing affordable, accessible housing
- e. Kara Tucker - information on the Military Affairs and Disabled Services

collaboration providing free tickets for the military appreciation Jaguars game on November 8, 2020 @1:00pm contact (904) 255-5466. Early voting started on yesterday; individuals can inquire at [duvalelections.com](http://duvalelections.com) scroll to early voting see information in English and Spanish.

- f. Board Member Miguel Dipierri update -
  - g. New Board Members is still a priority: Manny Velasquez, Dina Boscio, and
- Adjourn at 10:05a**

*\*Minutes transcribed by Demika Jackson*