**KHLAAC COMMISSION MEETING**

**February 9th, 2022**

**11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.**

**APPROVED MINUTES**

1. Call to Order

Ernestor De La Rosa called the meeting to order.

1. Roll Call of Commissioners, Staff, and Guests
2. Commissioners – Monica Vargas, Veronica Padilla, Enrique Rodriguez Franz, Mary Lou Jaramillo, Berta Mendoza Excused – Arely Navarrete Aude Negrete, Executive Director
3. Technical Advisors and Stakeholders - Names were placed in the Chat
4. Guests – Dr. Ximena Garcia
5. Establish Quorum - Established
6. Guests (3 minutes or less per presenter)
7. COVID-19 Vaccine Equity Update, *Dr. Ximena Garcia*

Dr. Garcia provided updates on vaccination rates and current equity rates.

Presentation slides will be distributed at the conclusion of the meeting.

1. Review and Approval of Agenda

Motion: Veronica Padilla 2nd Monica Vargas APPROVED

1. Approval of January 2022 minutes

Motion: Ernestor De La Rosa 2nd Enrique Rodriguez Franz APPROVED

1. Unfinished Business
2. Legislative Agenda Update

Richard Martinez reported that Aude Negrete prepared a matrix of KHLAAC’s legislative priorities that tracks legislation. Legislation moves quickly and when possible, contact local legislators and advocacy groups to show support. KHLAAC’s top priorities may take a couple years to gather support. For example, the **driver's license bill** did not meet the deadline for sponsored bills to be brought up by committee.

Commission Vargas reported that a group of community stakeholders has been meeting in Wichita is developing a plan to gather broad support of a driver's license bill, Kansas. Potential allies include Allie Devine, a lobbyist for several business groups, a coalition of community colleges & the Farm Bureau.

**Victims of Violent Crimes legislation** will need support of police departments and many stakeholders. Aude reported that Representative Pam Curtis in KCK & Jarred Owsley representative of parts of Marriam & Overland Park are campions for these bills. Strategies for advancing is bill will need to be developed.

Commissioner Padilla noted that the Sheriffs Association and the Fraternal Order of Police (FOP) are key to advancing this type of legislation. Both organizations have lobbyists. Commissioner Padilla offer to acquire a list from the FOP.

**Language Access legislation**

Representative Susan Ruiz’ article about language access legislation appeared in the Shawnee Mission Post.

1. New Business
2. Latina Leaders Summit

Commissioner Jaramillo reported that progress is needed for the event to occur on May 21. At this time a virtual 5-hour event is planned that includes several presentations. There is concern about a 5-hour event being too long to hold participants’ attention. Originally Wichita State University was to host. Another concern or question is regarding the REACH grant of $3,500. The committee does not know how the grant is to be used and if the funds are available after June 30, the state’s fiscal year-end. Aude is to check if funds can be earmarked for use after June 30. Commissioners showed consensus for an in-person event.

1. Executive Director Report.
2. Upcoming KOMA Training

Here are some links to the AG’s webpage on KOMA that has a good FAQ section KOMA FAQ - Kansas Attorney General Derek Schmidt and some training slides <https://ag.ks.gov/docs/default-source/publications/koma-kora-training-slides.pdf?sfvrsn=343d6c58_28> (ks.gov)

1. Latino Advocacy Day -

Virtual event to be held Feb. 10, 9 a.m. - 12:30.

1. Process update and facilitated discussion update -

Commissioner Vargas requested KHLAAC current budget and expenditures, as well as budget request for next fiscal year. Aude meets weekly with Will and will ask about both.

1. Announcements from Commissioners and Technical Advisors/ Public Comment

Chairman De La Rosa - The State has two funding (grant) initiatives: 1) State Fiscal Recovery funds - over $700m available for communities across Kansas in our communities; 2) Department of Commerce $100m - Building A Strong Economy.

Chairman De La Rosa noted that KHLAAC By-laws were not on the website. Aude reported that the website’s technology is out of date and at times not responsive and some information gets dropped. Aude has asked repeatedly for updates.

Commissioner Vargas announced that UFCW2 opened covid testing site in Dodge City where 500 tests can be administered. Open 3 days / week and FREE for residents in SW KS communities.

1. Motion to Adjourn Motion: Commissioner Rodriguez Franz 2nd: Commissioner Vargas APPROVED