

DOH Latino, Latina, and Latinx Community Partner Space Minutes

May 19th, 2022

I. Welcome & Introductions – Bella Mendez

- Meeting participants:
 - Aida Hidalgo
 - Mario Zavaleta, Latino Northwest Communications
 - Pedro Bartes, Salem Media Seattle
 - Griselda Guevara-Cruz, OSPI
 - Raul Sandoval, La Súper Deportiva
 - Ida Cortez, Sumner-Bonney Lake Family Resource Center
 - Chaune Fitzgerald, Women Of Wisdom Tri-Cities
 - Lupita Zamora, Lupita Zamora Consulting
 - Olivia Ortiz, Northwest Justice Project
 - Mary Jo Ybarra-Vega, Quincy Community Health Center
- Meeting support:
 - Bella Mendez, DOH
 - Fathiya Abdi, DOH
 - Sydney Boothe, WithinReach

II. WA Portal overview – Fathiya Abdi

- [Link to the Latinx Partner Space](#)
- WA Portal is a virtual engagement platform that can be used to connect with one another, access meeting materials and notes, and find resources from DOH and other partners.
- If you are new to WA Portal, you should have received an email from Sydney Boothe with instructions on how to access the Latinx Partner Space for the first time. If you already have a WA Portal account, you can use your current login to access it.
- Once you log in, under “My Portal” you can find “My Teams” on the right sidebar, which should show the Community Collaborative Latinx Partner Space.
- Partners have expressed difficulty with receiving the materials via email, so instead you can access everything in the [Meeting Materials folder](#). This includes meeting minutes and any slides that were shared in the partner space.
- Q: *Who has access to the WA Portal teams?* A: Only those who have expressed interest and participate in the LatinX workgroup.
- Partners would like any instructional pdfs for WA Portal that are available to be shared to the group.
- DOH can coordinate a TA/office hour session to learn more about WA Portal & navigation.
- [Collaborative WA Portal sections](#) include
 - [Community Resources](#) – Sorted by priority community, these COVID-19 materials and resources are created or produced by community partners

- ** Note: COVID-19 resources included are those developed by external partners including community-rooted organizations and community media outlets using funding provided by the WA State Department of Health and reflect different stages of the pandemic. Please only share resources that align with current public health guidance. If you have questions or concerns, please reach out to us!*

- [Additional COVID-19 Resources \(translations\)](#) – Department of Health's COVID-19 resources and webpages provided in 40 languages
- [Calendar](#) –Calendar invites and details for all upcoming Collaborative sessions. Additionally, the Partner Events Calendar will serve as a great way learn about upcoming partner events

III. Updates from the group

- Latino Center for Health will be launching a project that focuses on storytelling about members of different Latino communities in Washington state. It will launch on the [Mexican Consulate Facebook page](#).
- [Latino Northwest Communications](#) will be launching a bilingual video hub that will teach organizations how they can launch campaigns to serve the Latino community in different ways. The first wave of videos will be COVID-focused but will shift to other topics.
- A partner expressed surprise about vaccine hesitancy in the Latinx community when there are such big gatherings at soccer fields. *People have not had the chance to learn about the vaccine or even about the virus.*
 - The [Care-A-Van](#) may be a potential option to bring vaccines to community gatherings and share COVID-19 resources
- If there are other resources that you think would be helpful to share on the [Spanish DOH Facebook page](#) or you would like to showcase what work you are doing as a community partner, please contact Bella Mendez at bella.mendez@doh.wa.gov

IV. COVID-19 School-Based Programs and Resources – Bella Mendez

- *How might we continue to reach out to youth and families?*
- Only 43.5% of Hispanic Washington residents have received their COVID-19 booster shot. While older adults have a high rate of vaccination and having a booster, younger adults (such as the 18-34) also have low rates of those with a booster shot (43.1%).
- There are [new COVID-19 webpages](#) from DOH that include information on getting a COVID-19 vaccine, safety and effectiveness, vaccine requirements, school and childcare, life after the vaccine, and vaccine booster and additional doses. The pages also include links to other in-language resources. We will review and update the webpages regularly. The pages are easy to navigate and include visual tiles for different topics. Spanish is still available at VacunaDeCovidWA.org.

- There are also new print materials for parents/youth and general COVID-19 materials that are available in English and Spanish and many of them are available in additional languages.
- Links to DOH Vaccine Facts pages, which address common questions, myths, and facts about the COVID-19 vaccine in text and video format:
 - English: <https://doh.wa.gov/emergencies/covid-19/vaccine-information/vaccine-facts>
 - Spanish: <https://doh.wa.gov/es/emergencies-covid-19-vaccine-information/generar-confianza-y-derribar-mitos>
- Social media continues to be a key way to disseminate health information and materials are posted in both English and Spanish on their respective DOH Facebook pages.
- If there are materials or resources that you feel like would be beneficial for DOH to have, please send them to equity@doh.wa.gov
- Q: Does the [Care-A-Van](#) have vaccine providers that speak Spanish?
 - In the [Care-A-Van request form](#), you can list the type of resources you would like to have the event including primary language spoken
- Q: Is there a simplified version of the [COVID dashboard](#) for people who are not familiar with how to navigate and/or interpret the graphs and information?
 - The DOH COVID-19 Vaccine Planning and Response team is currently working on community specific impacts of COVID based on the COVID-19 data dashboard such as vaccination uptake. We can invite them to a future session to share impacts on LatinX population.
 - We may be able to have a graphic that is updated monthly that presents this data in an accessible way, but we need to check if DOH has the capacity for this.

v. What resources or information are missing?

- Fall would be a good time to re-launch COVID-19 resources or messaging we create. We can use the summer to create awareness before the cold weather in the fall comes.
- There is a definite need for resources in various Indigenous languages.
- Resource ideas:
 - A podcast with partners, at least in Spanish but possibly in Indigenous languages.
 - A directory of interpreters that can translate material into different Indigenous languages who would keep cultural appropriateness in mind when translating.
 - Resources targeted at youth (such as TikTok). They are the cultural brokers for their families.
 - Highlighting that youth do have the ability to consent to vaccination. Some youth want to get vaccinated but are unhoused and do not have a parent to give consent for that

vaccination. However, this topic needs to be approached with cultural sensitivity and nuance.

- Tomas Madrigal, DOH Equity & Social Strategist - working on creating a workspace for community partners who serve our Indigenous communities. We will invite him to our next meeting to share current efforts.

VI. Wrap up and next meeting

- *What specific messages do you hear? What information is missing? What information does the community need?*
 - Contemplate these questions and bring these ideas to the next meeting.
- Come up with three messages for fall and we can work on how to disseminate and share that information.
- You will have about 5 minutes to showcase any events, resources, or similar information to the group if you would like.
- If you have not completed the Vaccine Implementation Collaborative interest form and would like to join the listserv, please complete the form [here](#). We hold monthly sessions to connect with partners across the state, leverage resources and connect with DOH staff directly to address concerns and questions.
 - If you have any questions about the Collaborative - please contact Fathiya Abdi at fathiya.abdi@doh.wa.gov