

DOH Latino, Latina, and Latinx Community Partner Space Minutes

July 21st, 2022

I. Welcome & Introductions – Bella Mendez

- Meeting participants:
 - Aida Hidalgo, Latino Center for Health
 - Griselda Guevara-Cruz, OSPI
 - Ida Cortez, Sumner-Bonney Lake Family Resource Center
 - Miriam Pamatz, Chelan Douglas Health District
 - Olivia Ortiz, Northwest Justice Project
 - Pedro Bartes, Salem Media
 - Raul Sandoval, La Súper Deportiva
- Meeting support:
 - Bella Mendez, DOH
 - Fathiya Abdi, DOH
 - Irene Gering, DOH
 - Sydney Boothe, WithinReach

II. Updates from the group

- Northwest Justice Project – Power Up Your Life Legal Clinic
 - July 26, 2pm to 5pm at Cocoon House at the HUB (3530 Colby Ave, Everett, WA 98201)
 - This clinic will provide free civil legal advice for young people, including access to healthcare legal issues.
 - Find the full flyer [here](#)
- If partners have events that they want shared on the WA Portal, please send them to us at vax.collaborative@doh.wa.gov so we can post them on the Collaborative calendar.

III. Review of Latinx objectives

- Please see [the slides from this session](#) for detailed information
- Objective 1: Create data infographics that reflect the Latinx/Latino community and are simple to understand to share with community members.
- Objective 2: Create COVID-19 messaging for late summer/early fall in Spanish and Indigenous languages that can easily be shared in audio form.
- Objective 3: Work on a consent form for youth specifically tailored for the Hispanic community, youth and families
- Objective 4: Create a directory of interpreters/translators for Indigenous languages of Latin America that are spoken in Washington state.

IV. Feedback on graphs from DOH

- Please see [the slides from this session](#) for the graphs, charts, and infographics referred to in this section
- Graphs and infographics are still not easy to understand

- Bar graphs are better than line graphs. People don't need information from the past, they just need information on what is happening now so they can make informed decisions.
- Make infographics and charts more visual and use fewer numbers.
- Make the information more specific and targeted: Segment it into age groups rather than show data for all age groups at once.
- Death rate information is very impactful because it demonstrates the difference between deaths in vaccinated and unvaccinated people.
 - Break this data up into two different graphs to show this difference in a bar graph style by age group (similar to the chart on slide 17).
- What other graphs would be good to have?
 - Hospitalizations data
 - However, this rate may be lower than other ethnic groups. There may be another variable that explains why people may not be going to the hospital even if they need it (access to health care/insurance, cultural beliefs, etc.).
 - Comparing case numbers to hospitalization numbers vs comparing rates compared to other ethnic groups may be a better way to present this information.
 - Question from partner: *Is there a difference in any of this data between urban and rural areas?*

V. Wrap up and next meeting

- Next meeting: July 28th at 11am
- The next meeting will discuss messaging with the updated infographics. DOH will follow up with any updated graphics in the meantime.