

review meeting time for next year
12:00 or 12:30

AGENDA
CULTURAL RELATIONS ADVISORY BOARD
FRIDAY, November 13, 2015 – 12:30 pm
Dodge City Public Library – 1001 N. Second Ave.

CALL TO ORDER

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF September 11, 2015 meetings

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Discussion of Building Welcoming Communities Campaign Survey that was completed and submitted at the September meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Discussion of Board to facilitate a one-day multi-cultural event at DCCC.
2. Discussion of December meeting. Hold a regular meeting, a social event for the Board, or cancellation. *late February 5:30 pm at DCCC*

*4th Tuesday
23rd*

Jane bring lunch

BOARD PROGRAMS/DATES (keep in mind)

1. Community Engagement Partnership Program.
2. National Welcoming Week – program recommendation
3. Racial Profiling/Bias Based Policing – Board representation..
4. Multicultural Park Festival – partnership with Chamber representative.
5. Welcoming Cities Initiative–
6. Black History Month – February
7. Race Relations Day – February 14
8. Cinco de Mayo - May
9. May 21 is World Day for Cultural Diversity for Dialogue and Development
10. National Hispanic Heritage Month begins Sept. 15-Oct. 15
11. Human Rights Day – December 10

*begin planting seed.
wrap up explaining the mentoring program. Invitation*

COMMENTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS/STAFF –

ADJOURNMENT

2015 Meeting: December 11

Jane - create invitation

Robert & Mary - send alternate?

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MINUTES
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The meeting was called to order by Chairman Greta Clark.

Members present: Greta Clark, Debra Muylaert, Oliver Bland, Elva Dominguez, Kate Baughman, Lado Ladoka. Staff: Jane Longmeyer. Absent Mary Marquez, Robert Vinton, Melissa Espinoza, Sergio Garcia.

Introductions were made for new Cargill representative Kate Baughman.

The minutes of the August 14, 2015 meeting were approved on a motion by Oliver, seconded by Debra.

Unfinished Business: Discussion on the upcoming National Welcoming Week event on Saturday, Sept. 19. A speaker from Cuba is secured to make a presentation from 2:00 – 3:00 at the Public Library. National Welcoming Week t-shirts were distributed for those who will be attending the presentation. A display on Cuba and National Welcoming Week is set up in the inside display case of the Public Library.

New Business: The survey (included in agenda packet) for Building Welcoming Community Campaign was reviewed and completed by the Board and submitted to the Welcoming America and the White House Task Force on New Americans. The selections of the Cultural Relations Advisory Board submitted for assistance are:

Tier 3: Taking Action and Demonstrating Progress

Technical Assistance Needs and the top five priorities as they relate to helping meet the goals in Tier 3:

Strategic Planning & Developing Infrastructure: Assess and better understand the community by improved data collection, setting priorities, and identifying local resources.

Promoting Equitable Access & Building Trust: Enhancing trust between communities and law enforcement through hiring practices, relationship building, public education, and other mechanisms.

Strengthening Existing Pathways to Naturalization & Civic Engagement: 1) Encouraging civic engagement among all residents by promoting volunteer service; and 2) Connecting communities by bringing people from across the community together through dialogues, events, mentoring projects, and other opportunities.

Expanding Opportunities for Linguistic Education & Integration: Investing in young leaders so that young people of all backgrounds can contribute to a positive vision of their community.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jane Longmeyer".

Jane Longmeyer

Building Welcoming Communities Survey Selections for Dodge City

Tier 3: Taking Action and Demonstrating Progress. These welcoming communities commit to serving as national models by demonstrating exceptional progress along the Campaign roadmap and in one or more of three key action areas:

Civic: Encouraging immigrants and refugees to fully participate in civic life by building bridges with longtime residents, educating newcomers on their rights, promoting awareness of the importance of citizenship, preparing those eligible for naturalization, and encouraging all residents to give back to their communities.

Economic: Harnessing the full potential of all residents by ensuring that workforce systems are able to leverage the skills, education, and talents of immigrants and refugees, empowering newcomers with the tools to build and grow small businesses and pursue professional opportunities, and building the financial capability for newcomers through financial education and access to safe, affordable products and services, unlocking the doors to homeownership.

Linguistic: Supporting English language learning for new Americans by strengthening and expanding dual-language learning, providing pathways to postsecondary education and career training and development, creating welcoming schools, engaging parents and families, and investing in young leaders.

Technical Assistance Needs Identified

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From: FN-WHO-NewAmericans <NewAmericans@who.eop.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, November 03, 2015 10:43 AM
Cc: Noor, Fatima
Subject: November Update - Building Welcoming Communities Campaign

Dear Welcoming Community Leader:

Thank you again for your commitment to the *Building Welcoming Communities Campaign* (BWCC).

As many of you know, last month the White House hosted a national Building Welcoming Communities Convening. The convening provided a meaningful opportunity for local municipal governments to learn from each other, federal agencies to offer technical assistance, and national experts to share insights on emerging best practices. We would like to thank those of you that attended and made this convening a success.

This Month, as part of the monthly BWCC Webinar Series, we will host a conversation with the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services to discuss immigration/refugee issues related to the **Affordable Healthcare Act (ACA) and 2016 Open Enrollment**. This webinar will take place on **the week of November 16th**. Please stay tuned for more details on how to sign-up for this webinar and to learn more about the Affordable Care Act and how it is working to increase access to affordable, quality healthcare in communities across the country.

Below are additional updates and resources.

2016 BWCC TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PRIORITIES

We would like to thank all those who completed the BWCC [Enrollment Form](#). Based on BWCC submissions, we have identified top areas for technical assistance needs. We will work with federal agencies and national partners to explore opportunities to provide technical assistance in each of these areas throughout 2016. Additionally, we will be setting up one-on-one conversations with participating BWCC cities and counties to get a better sense of immediate resources and tools we can provide.

The top eight (8) areas of need identified:

1. Expanding access to resources through language access policies, programs and practices.
- ② Enhancing trust between communities and law enforcement through hiring practices, relationship building, public education and other mechanisms.
3. Harness immigrant professional talent through career ladder, credentialing, international student retention and other efforts focused on highly skilled immigrants.
- ④ Connecting communities by bringing people from across the community together through dialogues, events, mentoring projects and other opportunities.
- ⑤ Assess and better understand the community by improved data collection, setting priorities and identifying local resources.
6. Promoting citizenship awareness so that immigrants understand the benefits of naturalization and receiving communities welcome their newest citizens.
7. Adapt workforce systems by convening key workforce, education and immigrant stakeholders to identify areas of opportunity as well as for improvements
8. Support entrepreneurship by strengthening local ecosystems and networks, accelerating business development and positive communications.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding the enrollment form, please let us know or contact Cynthia at Cynthia@welcomingamerica.org.

UPDATES & RESOURCES

Connecting Refugees to Workforce Development Opportunities: Promising Partnerships and the New Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) - On [November 4, 2015, 1:00-2:30PM](#), the Office of Refugee Resettlement (ORR), U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) will host a webinar with the Department of Labor to highlight the opportunities for refugee organizations to enhance services and develop new partnerships with workforce development agencies with the new Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act. To register for this webinar, please click [HERE](#).

Investing Deeply in Young Leaders – On [November 19, 2015, 2:00-3:00PM](#), ED will host a webinar. In this webinar, panelists will explore the different models for investing in immigrant youth leaders from a variety of different backgrounds. To register, please visit the [Educational and Linguistic Integration Webinar Series](#) webpage.

Pathways to Postsecondary Education and Career Training – On [December 17, 2015, 2:00-3:00PM](#), ED will host a webinar. In this webinar, panelists will share current research on how to create accessible pathways to postsecondary education and career training for immigrants. To register, please visit the [Educational and Linguistic Integration Webinar Series](#) webpage.

ED Releases New Resource Guide on Supporting Undocumented Youth - In an effort to ensure that all students have access to a world-class education that prepares them for college and careers, the Department of Education (ED), in collaboration with USCIS, released a resource guide to help educators, school leaders, and community organizations better support undocumented youth in secondary and postsecondary school, including Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) recipients.

USCIS Updates Welcome Guide for New Immigrants: On November 2, USCIS published an updated [Welcome to the United States: A Guide for New Immigrants](#). The guide contains practical information to help new immigrants settle into everyday life in the United States, including how to find a place to live, how to get a Social Security number and how the U.S. system of government works. It is now available in 14 languages, including:

- Arabic
- Chinese (traditional)
- Chinese (simplified)
- English
- French
- Haitian Creole
- Korean
- Portuguese
- Russian
- Somali
- Spanish
- Tagalog
- Urdu
- Vietnamese

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