



Latino Elder Outreach Network

Our mission is to recognize and meet the needs of the elder Latinos in Santa Barbara County

Meeting Agenda
Thursday April 23, 2020
9:00 AM -10:30 AM

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Facilitator

Adriana Marroquin

Welcome – Adriana Marroquin

- Introduction of attendees – see attached roster

COVID-19 and Long Term Care Facilities Update – Marco Quintanar

- Less than 11 Care Facilities have tested positive for COVID-19 and 54 health care workers have tested positive. Infections have not been traced to the facility; rather infections have occurred in the community.
- The stay-home order from March 16 through April 21, 2020 to prevent infections. Change is now effective until May 31, 2020. FSA website has posted these orders.
- There is currently protection from eviction of a nursing facility. No one can be evicted and they can stay in the facility for 60 days.
- Many family members are requesting to take residents out of LTCF, at this time if this occurs, the facility will not be able to take them back.
- Currently no in person visitors, family members are being asked to contact loved ones via technology so as to reduce isolation. Facilities are working on providing devices to residents.
- Trend observed is that family members are concerned about loved ones. Family members are taking residents home. LTCF are asking if they can take care of their loved one. At this point in time if they leave AMA, the facility cannot take them

back. Family members are given option of tech contact so that the residents are not isolated. LTCO is working on providing devices to residents in facilities.

Funneling COVID-19 Information to Latino Community - Adriana Marroquin

- How do we support organizations to get information out? Best solution is to work through the existing networks such as LEON, Promotoras, LISTOS, FRC, etc to reach the community. Then closing the loop to understand if the resources are working.
- This group is starting to get together to develop a system to compile data and to make a more streamlined system. LEON members will begin receiving emails. This project is for long haul. Looking at how information gathering is happening and getting it out to the right people.
- Liliana has been a partner on this. There has been interest from the media. The percentage of highest reported cases has been with Latinos, per the media. The message and the resources are out there but it is too overwhelming. People need a more digestible way of accessing information and/or resources. Having a landing page may ease anxiety and to reach the gap of our Latino community.

Adriana invited partners to ask questions.

Member Announcements

Jackie Valencia, Food Bank

- Food Distribution continue with social distancing and masks. Volunteers bring their own masks. High numbers of volunteers have been showing up and this has been helpful.
- For seniors, program has transitioned to home delivery service. They have made between 3,000 to 4,000 deliveries from mid-March through mid-April.
- Currently planning for a summer feeding program, Picnic in the Park. Summer program may look different this year because they are looking for any gaps that may be present. Working with school district to continue supporting them.

Liliana, SB City Fire Dept.

- Gap is not lack of resource, rather its how the community seeks the information. There is an overload of information for families.
- Will continue conducting radio show with Jose Fieros twice per day to get information out to the end user
- Tune into Radio Bronco 107.7 & La Musical 105.5 anytime from 10 a.m. to 12 noon and an evening version after 7:00 p.m. Morning portion covers resources with guests. Evening is a recap of press conferences and information re COVID-19.
- Need help from partners to share radio show for folks to tune in. Shows are also recorded and on Listos website where they may be accessed.

Vicki, DA Office

- Information is coming in daily about scams. Mi Vida Mi Voz will tailor or “fix” the message so that the message will be received via the cultural lens.
- Ruth Corona speaks Spanish and does outreach from DA’s office in Spanish. Contact liencinas@santabarbara.ca.gov to be highlighted on radio.
- Folks are being scammed daily, it is frustrating to find ways to get information out because they are unable to make a presentation.

Jeanne West, Hospice of SB

- Participates on AM 1290 radio station (primarily senior audience) at 7am every morning to get information out on resources. Email Jeannie jwest@hospiceofsb.org program info to spotlight on radio show. Unsure if these segments are recorded, messaging is only in English
- Hospice of SB will resume their Learn at Lunch sessions via zoom.

Brianna, Braille Institute

- Briana is the Orientation and Mobility Specialist, COVID has highlighted the need for service as folks have had a hard time getting essentials from the store. Folks are also trying to filter through all of the information. Radio has been helpful since some students do not have a device.
- If anyone knows of resource of how to get a smart device, that information is helpful.

Amad, SB Library

- Continuing to ship books and DVDs via USPS in the community. If someone needs books, etc., & does not have online access, they can call library to get service done over the phone.
- Delivery service has been popular. There is a huge discrepancy between English and Spanish books. There is plenty of Spanish material but it has not been going out. Some folks have nothing & they may benefit.
- Looking to get mobile hotspots out. Currently have a grant for mobile outreach program to get library resources out to most vulnerable

Dina, Coast Caregiver Resource Center

- CCRC is offering unlimited respite for unpaid caregivers. They offer help with shopping and running errands for families both in English and Spanish

Joyce Ellen Lipman, Area Agency on Aging

- Received funding from the first bill for nutrition services, CAC has the preponderance of the delivery program.
- AAA has signed contract w/Santa Maria Wisdom Center for 100 meals per day for blue plate special and are currently in talks with other food vendors to meet the

needs of seniors. SB catering services or restaurants needed for south county to contract and provide meals to seniors

- CARES bill will be giving funds for meals and for other services funded through Older Americans Act. Call or email Joyce if you know of anyone, looking for service providers to provide funding.

Mary Robles, Senior Fund of Santa Barbara

- Due to the urgent need, Senior Fund will grant six award to organizations helping seniors who are sheltered in place.

Olivia, Future Leaders of America

- A lot of people struggling with paying rent, FLA is developing a new policy to help - Rent Forgiveness Policy. The goal is that when everything goes back to normal no one will owe back rent.
- On 5/1/2020, FLA will have a car- march (families in cars) to advocate for students in the SB school district. SB Unified is proposing credit or no-credit for grades. This is very unequal due to most Latino students not having the tools needed for distance learning (most do not have computer, space, internet access, etc.) If grades are based on what they have or do not have, it will set back students when they attempt to apply for college. Support is needed to challenge the school district decision. You can add a public comment on school district website for today's meeting.
- 805UndocuFund is still financially helping undocumented families. Families will need to apply and go through an interview process. Call Olivia for questions – 805-698-9909

DeAnn, Family Service Agency

- FSA received an anonymous donation to help coordinate senior services countywide (Santa Maria, Santa Ynez, Lompoc, & South County) to link them with food, medical supplies, paper products, reduce isolation, etc.
- All materials are in English & Spanish. Would like suggestions on how to collaborate. They have also reached out to faith communities as some seniors only connection is through their faith community.

To share resources send to Yolie or Adriana AMarroquin@hospiceofsb.org

Next Meeting
May 28, 2020
9:00-10:30
Eastside Library
1102 E. Montecito Street