

La Mesa Redonda de Kitsap  
Meeting Minutes  
August 13, 2008

Meeting called to order by April Borbon at 8:35.

April Borbon: Immigration Assistance Center

IAC Continues to serve the community. IAC has applied for grants for assistance and is currently waiting to hear whether or not the grants have been approved. There is a free day at the County Fair on Wednesday, August 20<sup>th</sup> from 10-Noon and Lorene will be taking those who want to attend.

Alma Pavlik and Lynn Agne: YWCA advocates

The YWCA is celebrating their 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary at the Puget Sound Navy Shipyard Museum on Thursday, August 14<sup>th</sup> from 5:30 to 8:30. The community is invited to attend this celebration.

Rebekah Dalby: Reference Librarian from the Kitsap Regional Library

Stated that there will be a Talk Time every Wednesday starting September 17<sup>th</sup> from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome to attend the program. There are library brochures in Spanish now and there is a new web page that informs those in the community about all the services the library provides for Spanish speaking individuals. The library is continuing to work on increasing the Spanish language materials provided to those individuals in the community.

Elizabeth Blandin and J.D. Sweet: Teachers at CKHS/Cultural Proficiency Trainers

They are continuing to work on cultural proficiency and networking to inform teachers that there is a cultural world out there. They are continuing to provide training to teachers as well as students.

Jane Bradley: DSHS

Reported that there is currently a hiring freeze for all state agencies and currently each worker has approximately 900 cases. Jane stated that the state is currently doing outreach services and have a couple of new services going on. On August 27<sup>th</sup> from 12 p.m. to 3 p.m. Washington Apple Health for Kids will be giving information on free or low cost healthcare for children at Lion's Field Park in Bremerton. Jane also reported that effective October 1<sup>st</sup> the income limits for the Basic Food Assistance program is going from 130% to 200% and the media campaign begins on Friday. Anyone who wants assistance can call 1-800-514-Food (3663), the phone lines are open 5 days a week from 8-5p.m. they can get the application sent to them by calling this phone number.

Heather Carrell: NKSD

Reported that there are dual language kindergartens occurring and that there are GLAD trainings being done with teachers.

Florrie : Reported that the Fair Housing Center in Tacoma provides services in this area still, and any individual with questions or concerns should still continue to contact them. She is not sure exactly what she will be doing in the future in regards to employment and she is currently looking for part time work, however she would be willing to volunteer some time to agencies. She would also like to get involved in helping individuals who have been incarcerated or those with a criminal record getting fair housing.

Alisha Freeman and Lori Denton: Kitsap Legal Services

Reported that there are different clinics that are provided to low-income individuals. Four times a month there are legal advice clinics as well as clinics regarding family law issues and bankruptcy. One must call CLEAR in order to receive an appointment, however there are circumstances where this can be avoided (emergency issues). Alisha also volunteered to be on the Steering Committee for La Mesa Redonda.

Carlos de la Torre and Roger Bumpas: Navy Keyport

Carlos reported that the Diversity Day was a success and approximately 500-600 people attended. The event could be a little different next year due to a new Captain coming in.

Chris Borrego: Crime Victim Assistance Center

Reported that the Center will be adding new outreach to underserved communities and will be working on a non-english speaking brochure.

Barbara Krystal: Goodwill

Reported that Goodwill has partnered with AARP and there are a plethora of programs that those who are 40 years of age and older can access. Goodwill continues to provide ESL classes, computer classes and high school diploma programs. Barbara also stated that her husband will be involved in a 3 mile open ocean swim fundraising event that helps the organization People for Puget Sound, this event will occur in Waikiki, Hawaii.

Johanna Hanssen-Keller: KCHD/El Centro de la Familia

July 14 we held a 'back to school' immunization clinic at El Centro de la Familia that was well attended, over 40 immunizations were given.

On July 28 we had Pat Degracia from the Kitsap Co Health District come in and do a women's health presentation, followed by Dr. Gill who presented on health and nutrition. Both were well received and clients stated that they would like more info on both topics. Aug 11, Silverdale Lutheran Church youth and families provided the annual summer picnic for El Centro families. Over 90 people participated, a beautiful afternoon filled with games and sharing of food.

Aug 20 will be the strategic planning mtg for community members and El Centro for the future, led by Larry Clark, CEO of the Comprehensive Health Education Foundation. Education sessions at El Centro: Sept 8, 1:00 pm, second hand smoking, Oct 21 flu clinic (details to be announced), and Oct 27, 1:00 pm, how to keep you children save.