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CENTRO CULTURAL CHICANO

PROGRAM PLANNING COMMITTEE NEEDS

ASSESSMENT SURVEY SEPT.18-NOV.16,1976

Submitted November 29,1976

I. Committee Members: Frances Zamora, Ramon Almeida, Antonio Zaragoza, Alma Samels, Linda Samels.

II. Period survey conducted: September 18, 1976-November 16, 1976.

III. Size and location of the survey sample: The size of the survey was twenty-two(22) and was conducted in North and South Minneapolis. The names of those families surveyed will not be divulged in this report, but are on file in the Committee records.

The survey was conducted by a committee that did all their interviewing in their spare time. The survey sample was originally larger but had to be scaled down because the time involved in the interview process conflicted with the jobs of the committee members.

The survey is not a complete sampling of the community. A great majority of the sample was from North Minneapolis, with only three (3) interviews done on the South side. The planning phase of the survey took place at the beginning of September. The survey used was the same survey used by the Latino Social Service Needs Assessment Committee in Saint Paul. A copy of the survey is included in this report.

Key latino neighborhoods, or at least areas of the city where there were larger concentrations of latinos, were identified. The committee then divided up the names of the sample and then assigned the families to three interview groups within the committee.

The sample was picked totally at random from the mailing list of Centro Cultural Chicano. The strategy was to begin with the North side because that was where Centro had the majority of its membership.

It was hoped that the South side could be surveyed at a later date. The three South side families that were surveyed were picked at random from Centro Cultural Chicano's mailing list. All but two interviews were conducted in English. They were conducted in a verbal question and answer fashion with a spokesperson for the family.

IV. Major Findings:

It was found that an overwhelming majority of the families surveyed felt that a Senior Citizens Program for spanish-speaking latinos was needed. Even the young people surveyed felt that the elderly did not have a central place they could go to for cultural enrichment or bilingual service. They felt that this was a top priority.

Another interesting development in the survey was that even though the majority of the sample said they made over eight thousand dollars a year, employment and education were services they said they needed now. This indicates that those people who said they were making over eight thousand dollars a year were at that level rather uncertainly. Those surveyed also felt that employment and education were the biggest problem areas for latinos.

A majority of those surveyed felt that there was a need for a community health clinic. They would use it because of its proximity and its low cost. Another important trend observed was that the children of the parents interviewed were losing thier ability to speak spanish and were losing a lot of their Mexican culture. The parents were very concerned about this trend and they hoped that Centro could find a way to combat this.

Every one of the families interviewed said that they had lived in Minnesota more than ten years. A great majority were born and raised in Minneapolis. This indicates a very well established population in Minnesota.

V. Recommendations:

- a.) that a more extensive survey of the South side as well as the North side be conducted. We would encourage the Director of Centro Cultural Chicano to appoint a new survey committee so that the process of conducting a needs assessment of the Minneapolis latino community can continue.
- b.) that contacts be made with key South side latino representatives so that more families can be identified for the survey.
- c.) that a way be found to pay the interviewers for the gas they may need to buy in the process of getting to the various homes.
- d.) that knowledgeable people with expertise in developing a senior citizens program be contacted and utilized in developing Centro's program.
- e.) that contacts with South side latinos be made so that they can contribute to the organizing and planning of the Centro program.
- f.) that a volunteer recruitment and training campaign be initiated by the director of Centro Cultural Chicano.
- g.) that the senior citizens program concentrates its efforts in the area of referral and advocacy.

SUMMARY OF SURVEY DATA

* The numbers beside each question reflect the numbers of families answering in that particular way.

Record #

Date _____

Interviewer

[illegible]

1. In what language would you like the interview?

- 1 Spanish - 2
- 2 English = 17
- 3 No Answer - 3

2. How long have you lived in Minnesota?

- 1 Less than five years
- 2 5 to 10 years
- 3 More than 10 years - 22
- 4 No Answer

3. Where is your home town?

- 1 Texas: Encinal, Cisco, Dallas; Topeka, Kansas; Detroit, Michigan; Minnesota: Winthrop, Minneapolis-16
- 2 No. Answer

4. In what income range is your family?

- 1 Less than 5,000 -6
- 2 5,000 to 8,000 -1
- 3 More than 8,000 -13
- 4 No Answer -2

5. Which language do you as parents use at home?

- 1 Spanish -5
- 2 English -7
- 3 Bilingual Combination -10
- 4 No Answer

6. Which language do your children prefer to use?

- 1 Spanish -1
- 2 English -12
- 3 Bilingual Combination -8
- 4 No Answer

7. In what area of social services have you looked for help and been unable to find it?

None-14; emergency relief-2; day care-1; social activity-2; health-2; waiting-1; unemployment-3; food stamps-1; educational service-1.

None
No Answer

Interviewer's comments - question # _____

8. What services have you used in the last five years?

| | | |
|--------------------------|---------|--|
| a.1 Housing | specify | 5 |
| 2 Education | specify | 8 |
| 4 Employment | specify | 8 |
| 8 Welfare | specify | 7 |
| | | |
| b.1 Counseling | specify | 4 |
| 2 Legal | specify | 4 |
| 4 Day Care | specify | 1 |
| 8 Other | specify | social security-1; tools-1; medical-1. |
| | | |
| c.1 Emergency Assistance | specify | 3 |
| 2 None | | -6 |
| 3 No Answer | | |

9. Which service agencies have you used in the past five years?

ESSA-1; City Attorney-1; WIN Program-2; Manpower-1; Board of education-1;
MLK-1; Pilot City-2; Phillis Wheatley-1; food stamps-2; Legal Aide-2;

Employment Office-3; HRA-1; University of Minnesota-1; Welfare dept.-3;
St. Paul radio-1; North Memorial-1; YMCA-1; Minneapolis Vocational-2;

DVR-1; General Hospital-1; PPL-1; FHA-1; St. Paul Urban League-1;
Private Attorney-1.

No Answer -1
 None -6

10. What factors influenced your selection of this agency or agencies?

| | |
|--------------------------------|---------------|
| a.1 Bilingual/Bicultural Staff | -2 |
| 2 Previous experience | -5 |
| 4 Cost | -6 |
| 8 Transportation | -8 |
| | |
| b.1 Immediate needs | -3 |
| 2 Other | specify _____ |
| 4 No Answer | -7 |

11. How did you find out about these services?

| | |
|---------------------------|---------------|
| 1 Advertisement | -5 |
| 2 Friend or relative | -8 |
| 4 Another agency/referral | -7 |
| 8 Other | specify _____ |
| 16 No Answer | -7 |

12. Were you satisfied with the services you received?

| | | |
|-------------|-----|-----------------------|
| 1 Yes | -11 | If no, why not? _____ |
| 2 No | -3 | _____ |
| 3 No Answer | -8 | _____ |

Interviewer's comments - question # _____

13. Are there any services that you have not used in the last five years because there was no bilingual/bicultural person available?

1 Yes -3
2 No -16
3 No Answer -3

Please explain: _____

14. What kinds of problems were you not able to get assistance with?

Volunteers-1; Waiting-1; don't follow through-1; dental-1; food stamps-2;
employment-2; day care-1; education-1;

None -16
No Answer

15. Which of the following areas would you like assistance with now?

a1 Housing specify 6
2 Education specify 12
4 Employment specify 8
8 Welfare specify 4

b1 Counseling specify 4
2 Health specify 8
4 Other specify
8 None specify 3
16 No Answer 2

16. Which would you consider to be the most significant problem area for Latinos?

a1 Housing specify 8
2 Education specify 11
4 Employment specify 12
8 Welfare specify 4

b1 Counseling specify 5
2 Health specify 3
4 Other specify 1: understanding with MPLS police, somewhere to go during racial disputes.

8 No Answer

17. Which of the following areas would you consider as being the least significant problem areas for Latinos?

a1 Housing -5
2 Education -1
4 Employment -3
8 Welfare -3

b1 Counseling -4
2 Health -2
4 Other specify day care-1
8 No Answer -5
None -2

Interviewer's comments, question # _____

23. Which of the following areas would you like assistance with now?

- a.1 Hospital Admission
- 2 Hospital outpatient -1
- 4 Hospital emergency -1
- 8 Community clinic -8

- b.1 Private physician -4
- 2 Prepaid health plan -5
- 4 Clinic sponsored by city-county health department -2
- 8 None -8

- c.1 Other
- 2 No Answer -2

24. Have you ever been a migrant farmworker?

- 1 Yes -8
- 2 No -13
- 3 No Answer -1

25. Have your parents ever been migrant workers?

- 1 Yes -15
- 2 No -6
- 3 No Answer -1

Interviewer's comments, question # _____

CENTRO CULTURAL CHICANO

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

BUILDING, RESEARCH, DEVELOPMENT & PROGRAMS COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSON-
JOB DESCRIPTION

OBJECTIVE: To provide resources and economic development that lead to implementation of Centro Cultural Chicano's services.

RESPONSIBLE TO: The Board Chairperson of Centro Cultural Chicano.

RESPONSIBILITIES:

1. Be knowledgeable of all levels of Centro Cultural Chicano.
2. Recruit committee members and chairpersons for the necessary tasks.
3. Work cooperatively with program staff person (Executive Director) in preparation of committee agenda.
4. Conduct the committee meetings in an appropriate way and productively:
 - A. See that committee minutes are maintained and submitted to the office in time to be included in the Board packet.
 - B. Provide committee with leadership and a sense of direction compatible with the objectives of Centro Cultural Chicano.
5. Attend Board meetings regularly and keep up on business, concerns, and issues of Centro Cultural Chicano.
6. Act as a liaison between the Board and the Building, Research, Development and Programs Committee.
7. Keep informed of community and other agency developments similar to or affecting our role and our constituency.
8. In all aspects of committee activities, work closely with the staff. Strive to do all that you are capable of doing and rely on staff to share ideas, discuss concerns and alternatives and to provide leadership.
9. Work with Building, Research, Development and Programs Committee in setting yearly goals and objectives and establishing time lines for implementation of goals and objectives.
10. Participate with staff in the evaluation of all on-going programs. Bring in and implement new and creative programming to replace outdated or ineffective programs.
11. Keep updated, work performance data on members of the committee.
12. Other duties as assigned by the Board Chairperson.

CENTRO CULTURAL CHICANO
BUILDING USE PERMIT

NAME _____

SIGNATURE _____

DATE _____

ACTIVITY _____

AREA TO BE USED (Check those needed) --

- Kitchen ☒
- Restrooms ☒
- Conference Room (first floor) ☒
- Conference Room (basement) ☒
- Maintenance Service (Additional Charge) ☒

APPROVED ☒

DENIED ☒

SIGNED BY _____

NOTE: For non-public use there is a rental charge of \$50.00 deposit, \$25.00 returned upon completion of inspection. If staff is required to be present, there will be a charge of \$5.00 per hour.

Centro Cultural Chicano reserves the right to deny the use of the building to individuals or organizations at our discretion.

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