



## HISPNET QUARTERLY MEETING

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**Sub-Committee: Sylvia Hernandez, Mauricio Gutierrez,  
Violeta Ibarra, Valentino Correa & Jessika Meraz**

- 8:00 to 8:15 Welcome, Introductions and announcements
- 8:15 to 9:00 Sub-Committee
- 9:00 to 10:00 Foster Parent Advocate (Sharon Espinal)
- 10:00 to 10:15 Break
- 10:15 to 11:00 2013 Goals for Hispnet (Valentino Correa)
- 11:00 to 12:00 Compliance Specialist (Dolores Subia)
- 12:00 to 1:15 Lunch
- 1:15 to 2:00 Community resources (Jessika Meraz)
- 2:00 to 3:00 Diversity Conference DVD – Veterans in the Work Place
- 3:00 to 3:15 Break
- 3:30 to 4:30 Wrap up/Finished-Unfinished Business

***When: Thursday, February 14, 2013***

***8:00am to 4:30pm***

***Where: North Salem Self Sufficiency Office***

***4074 Winema Place, Suite 100***

***Salem, OR 97305***

The Hispanic Network's mission is to equalize the quality of services for Hispanic clients and the staff serving them.

Date 2-14-2013

Attendance: Dolores Subia, Lashanda Williams, Veronica Leon Balcazar, Maria B, Frank Miles, June S, Francisco Garcia, Carlos Guillen, Martin De La O, Lydia Casas, Eva Hinojosa, Robert Zapata, Valentino Correa, Sylvia Hernandez, Jessika Meraz, Kevin Aguirre, Laura Lopez

**Note taker** – Francisco Garcia, Oregon Employment Dept / DHS Employment Specialist

**Guest Speaker: Foster Parent Advocate (Sharon Espinal) Hillsboro Branch – Certifier:** If child State of Oregon would need to be foster home – Sharon E. – started by reading a story of La Cucarachita Martina story about how la cucarachita was proposed to by many different animals and she finally found one that was adequate for her. Looking for foster parents with right setting for placements – could be single, limited education, could have your own children. Foster Family – will have to be fingerprinted, attend an orientation for safety check at the home. Relatives did not have to be residents of the US but due to new law changes relatives must now be residents of the US.

**Most important reason to be a foster parent:** That foster parent wishes to be a foster parent, there are 30 hrs of training, other areas to consider; if there is enough space in an automobile (siblings some time come together), work status, time & energy to take care of child. Place of services whether family resides in rural vs city, medical, food, clothing. Another consideration is if parent has own child involved – that child could later have jealousy, frustrations, accepting of this child. Foster parents would need to be accepting of all ethnic / sexual orientation background of children.

**Training Materials hand outs:** Trece Pasos Para Lograr Que El Cuidado Sustito Sea Eficaz  
Normas de Certification – Derechos de Declaracion foster parents

**Books recommended for foster parents:**

**Slelaluna** - foster parent story on how different families learn from each other.

**The Measure Of Our Success** – Mary Edneback: within the book poem of Ena Hughes - **Qualities looking for in foster parents:** Take Responsibility. Realistic expectations would help –if you have a sense of humor, DHS employees can be foster parents.

**Reimbursement for foster parent** \$575/monthly for 0-5 year's old, amount increases per age.

**Pilot County** – Kevin - Portland Leadership foundation – Will need more Hispanic foster parents for children due to monolingual Spanish speaking. 20 families meet monthly.

**Q: high needs child** – therapeutic life works (only 4-5 homes in your area) can only handle so many.

**Q: Lack of knowledge of information** - Presentation for foster parents, diverse parent's explanation to match children for potential parenting. Somalia children – culture in the community.

**Q: What is present on marketing to Diversity of parents** A: Currently we have a recruiter from India. Provide assistance to foster parents in filling out applications.

**Q: State website** – can find local area connection who can speak with for being a foster parent

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**2013 Goals for Hispnet - Valentino Correa Chair:**

Asked attendees what topics they would be interested in having:

1. Immigration changes / policies - Catholic Services in Portland invitation for attorneys (bring boxes of business card)
2. Born abroad / Program for acceleration Citizenship
3. Domestic Violence
4. Marshal Agricultural Slavery - BOLI

5. Career Enhancement – Interviewing Skills

6. Child Welfare Relief– some changes, education,

7. Central Recruitment – in general for Bilingual Staff for State agency / private sector (Francisco – to request speakers) Bilingual job fair.

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### **Compliance Specialist Hearings Washington County (Dolores Subia)**

Dolores explained the time frames in the hearing requests.

Q: Are decisions made to benefit the client?

A: Have to find facts - Narratives are vital.

Q: Self employed wages – A: Is there own investigation for justification of decision made correct - if possible perform more investigative reports.

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### **Community resources Jessika Meraz -**

[www.starkeypro.com](http://www.starkeypro.com) – Hearing aids Care professionals

[www.azandme.com](http://www.azandme.com) - Patient prescription assistance programs

[www.neweyesforthe needy.org](http://www.neweyesforthe needy.org) – Is a program that assists people to purchase glasses. (Attached is the application)

**Oregon donated Dental Services** – Po Box 3710 Wilsonville, OR 97070

503-594-0837 or 800-767-6334 – This program provides low cost or free dental work. (Attached is the application)

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### **Diversity Training Military Veterans: DVD Tom Mann**

The military culture is different from civilian life:

At start attend a boot Camp – All start the same – then mold you, discipline motivation build you up to be mentally tough. If you do not adhere to the rules you are shipped out. The Military is about details, Believe in the mission. Anger is rewarded due to the culture. When Military Veterans returns home back from the mission Domestic Violence occurs. Veterans are protectors - have symbolic pride; plus are type A personality for aggressiveness. Veterans must have the mission / control – they rise to rank, are demanding of themselves and are demanding of others in their team, strong leadership. Uncomfortable with mistakes due to such mistakes could cost the teams lives. Do not have weak leaders. Military Veterans have a different sense of humor. Values are different from civilian world they believe in honor, professionalism, confidence, leadership and integrity.