



Co- Chairs: Linette Escobar & Eva Iraheta
Secretary: Cristy Dieterich

SF-CAIRS Meeting

Wednesday, January 9th 2013 – 12:15 pm– 1:45pm

Host: SF Foundation

Welcome & Introductions –*Eva Iraheta (HSA-WDD), Cristy Dieterich (SF-DPH), Linette Escobar (College of Marin), Daisy Reyes (LEN Institute), Zalina Bagaeva (LEN Institute), Clarisa Sanchez (Catholic Charities), Alejandra Guillen (Mission Asset Fund), Ingrid Olevar (IRC), Audra Brown (IRC).*

Highlights from November 14, 2012 meeting: Eva and the other members who presented talked about SF-CAIRS highlights, including presentations by many guest speakers and regular members, as well as the delicious pot-luck lunch.

Special Topic Presentations:

***The Lending Circles for Dreamers – Mission Asset Fund**

Alejandra Guillen

1470 Valencia Street San Francisco, Ca 94110

415.373.6014 MissionAssetFund.org

Alejandra Guillen community organizer, of Mission Assets Fund presented various 0 fee, 0% interest loan programs, including the Lending Circles for Dreamers program, which provides a loan to cover the DACA application fee. The Cesta Populares program and Credit 101 workshop provide loans and education. All programs are for low income and immigrant communities that help build, improve, and understand credit. Loans average \$1200 each and they have less than 1% default rate! Bay Area wide, with offices in SF and Redwood City.

Requirements: Attend an orientation, Photo ID, checking account, Bay Area resident, proof of income. See program info for specific requirements: <http://missionassetfund.org/programs>.

***New Immigration Laws, services and workshops at CCCYO**

Clarisa A. Sanchez - Catholic Charities CYO Refugee & Immigrant Services

180 Howard Street, Suite #100 San Francisco, CA 94105

415.972.1309 www.cccyo.org

Clarisa Sanchez, Catholic Charities CYO Refugee & Immigrant Services, presented on Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA). Ms. Sanchez explained what DACA is about including eligibility requirements, disqualifying factors, -necessary documents needed, and how to find more information. Catholic Charities CYO Refugee & Immigrant Services conducts application screenings and many workshops to help potential applicants understand the process and requirements and makes referrals to lawyers or accredited representatives when needed. See website for program and workshop info:

www.cccyo.org

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Discussion Items:

- * Leadership for 2013 – Congratulations!! co-chairs for the year of 2013 were chosen: Eva Iraheta (HSA- WDD) and Clarisa Sanchez (CCCYO)
Cristy Dieterich (SF- DPH) will remain as secretary.
- **Meeting location update:** San Francisco Foundation has provided the free meeting space for SF-CAIRS but they will be moving this spring . The March SF-CAIRS meeting will be held at SFF, but a temporary meeting location will be needed for May 8 and July 10. Please let Cristy know if you can host the either of these SF-CAIRS meetings in a central/easy to access by public transportation location. cristy.dieterich@sfdph.org
- Please see SF-CAIRS website updates www.sf-cairs.org .Review your agency information and contact Cristy for any updates: cristy.dieterich@sfdph.org

To send an email to the listserv: sf-cairs@googlegroups.com

**** Agency updates, current initiatives, events, announcements etc.**

- Linette Escobar announced a new job opening to a position she previously held: Program Director of Sunset Russian Tobacco Project. The job announcement was sent to the SF-CAIRS list.
- Linette Escobar will be teaching a 12 week ESL health literacy class at SF General Hospital to make it easier for patients to communicate with doctors. Class starts February 6, 2013, every Wednesdays from 1:30 to 4:30, and they ask participants to commit and complete the 12 week class. Flyer will be sent to the listserv.
- Ingrid and Audra (IRC) were happy to announce that they are receiving funding from the County of Alameda. They are offering free ESL classes and employment services in their Oakland location. Contact Amir Music 510-452-8222 x 216 for many other immigration services including family reunification, travel documents, LPR, and citizenship services.

Eva Iraheta (HSA- WDD) has been sharing various refugee/immigrant webinars via the listserv. Anyone interested to attend in a large group please let her know: Eva.Iraheta@sfgov.org

2013 Plans:

- Continue the “theme/topic” meeting style.
- Survey members for topics and guests, use list from evaluations
- establish action committees
- Delve into what are the challenges and possible links for collaborations
- More participating member for Refugee Awareness Month
- And More!

Next meeting: Wednesday, March 13 2012 – 12:15pm– 1:45pm – Host: SF Foundation

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