



**Meeting Minutes of the Illinois Hispanic Nurse Association
Held at Mount Sinai Health System
1500 South Fairfield, Chicago, IL May 15th, 2014**

I. Call to Order

- a. President Susana Gonzalez called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

II. Meeting Business

- a. Acknowledgment of host, Ms. Roberta Rakove, Senior VP Government Affairs.
- b. IHNA Mission read by IHNA Member Bianca Maldonado.
- c. Advocacy news – there is a new position being officially called a medical technician that will work in nursing homes to pass meds but with one nurse on duty. For APNs, we are moving to try to allow APNs to sign off on life sustaining orders just like physicians. The bill is called the Life Sustaining Bill. In order that nurses have a say in the shaping of the health system, we must know who our legislators are, the senators, actively showing a presence in Springfield and offering to lend expertise and assistance to the legislator so that they view you as a resource.

III. Coming Up

- a. Review of Laughter Heals May 8th event at Vittum Theater. 150 guests attended, the location and performance was great and everyone had a great time. Per our treasurer we had a profit of \$2000.00 plus \$100.
- b. Discussion of website revamp in partnership with students from DeVry. We are actively seeking volunteers to work on a newsletter or blogging component to the website.
- c. AHA had the Go Red event at Soldier Field with 340 participants which was a great success. We celebrated with AHA at the Go Red Breakfast for volunteers. Pictures are on our Facebook home.
- d. VP Lupe Hernandez, A Todo Corazon update for our upcoming event on the 21st at Norwegian Hospital: partners and activities include New Life Church, presentation on Affordable Care, kickboxing demonstration, yoga demonstration.
- e. Treasurer Nancy Naranjo-Garcia is heading up the Muevete project. Update: date and location to be determined. Looking into a sports equipment grant. Partnerships with Coca-Cola to donate water and the Center for Lower Obesity in Chicago.
- f. Ask me for info to participate in Ventanas de Salud a training program for health care workers on May 30th
- g. We have the HispanoCare Health Fair on June 7th with our good friend Lucy Aquino from Advocate.
- h. June 28th is Vive Tu Vida presented by the Chicago Hispanic Health Coalition.
- i. NAHN Conference, July 15th-18th, 2014, Miami, Florida.
- j. Looking ahead we are formulating a university career fair for the community to take place this year.
- k. Please remember to go online and vote for our past president Adrianna Nava for the NAHN executive board. Head to the NAHN website to vote.

IV. Committees Actively Soliciting Member Participation

- a. IHNA-AHA – Dr. Liz Florez, Liaison
Contact Liz Florez at: eflorez1@depaul.edu
- b. “A Todo Corazon”- Lupe Hernandez, Vice President and Co-Chair of Event
Contact Lupe Hernandez at: lhernandezrn@gmail.com
- c. Muevete – Nancy Naranjo-Garcia, RN at: nnGarcia@luriechildrens.org

VI. Meeting Adjourned by President Susana Gonzalez at 8:00 pm.