**Meeting Minutes of the Illinois Hispanic Nurse Association**

**Held at Humboldt Park Vocational Center 1635 North California, Chicago, IL**

**November 21st, 2013**

1. **Call to Order**
   1. President Susana Gonzalez called the meeting to order at 6:10 p.m.
2. **Roll Call of the Executive Board**
   1. Wanda Monterrubio, Secretary, conducted a roll call. The following Executive Board members were present: Lupe Hernandez, Vice President, Nancy Garcia, Treasurer, Adriana Nava, Past President, Patricia Ramirez, Outreach Specialist, and Susana Gonzalez, President, were in attendance.
3. **Approval of Minutes from Last Meetings**
   1. October’s meeting minutes approved and posted on website.
4. **Introduction by President Susana Gonzalez**
   1. A) IHNA Mission Statement.
   2. Recognition of our facility host and past IHNA President, Ines Montero, Director of Nursing Program at Wright College. Recognition of our music sponsor and partner AARP.
   3. Past President Ines Montero, our gracious host, and the Director of Nursing Programs at Wright College, is actively searching for IHNA members with an MSN to run clinical programs with students as adjunct faculty. Please contact her at **773-489-8917**.
5. **Recent Events**
   1. Overview Illinois Organization of Nurse Leader programs and IHNA participants, Nancy Garcia and Rosa Castro, Aspiring Nurse Leader Program who took advantage of the free IONL membership from October’s meeting, and Susana Gonzalez, 1 of 20 in a year long IONL fellowship program.
   2. Acknowledgment of our IHNA member Karen Larimer, who was named as Chicago American Heart Association President of the Board of Directors for 2016-2018.
   3. Acknowledgment of HispanoCare Scholarship recipients, Lupe Hernandez and Ivelys Vega, and Latino Legislative Scholarship winner, Jennifer Rodriguez.
   4. Dr. Elizabeth Florez to chair the Red Dress Ball with Secretary Wanda Monterrubio to co-chair the February 6th, 2014 event.
6. **Committee Reports**
   1. AHA – Dr. Liz Florez, our partnership agreement with AHA has been renewed and approved by our Board for the coming year. Programs to be implemented: A Todo Corazon, FAST stroke awareness, grant writing, NAHN conference presentation with Fil Guipoco, Director at AHA, to be presented again at Illinois Minority Health Conference in March. A Todo Corazon is going to be led by IHNA VP Lupe Hernandez. Lupe is looking for a site, possibly Humboldt Park or Melrose Park. The program will include a cooking demonstration, skit on signs and symptoms of cardiovascular disease.
7. **Save the Date and Announcements**
   1. February Event is coming up. Planning committee is forming, please sign up. Dr. Liz Florez is chair. We will have a grand raffle prizes of two Southwest Airline Tickets, 1 Ipad Mini from our career page partner Professional Diversity Network as we did last year.
   2. Nurse’s Month in May we are planning a Comedy Night at Mikey O’s Productions.
8. **Affordable Care Act Presentation by IHNA Secretary Wanda Monterrubio, AARP Liaison**
   1. Focus on dissemination of information to Hispanic population of the availability of healthcare regardless of income, prevention of chronic disease by wellness visits, education and diagnostics, knowledge of locations for free health services.
9. **Brief Introduction of Raiza Mendoza from the Gift of Hope.**
   1. Brief introduction for future information and education presentation on the Gift of Hope organization and the needs within the Hispanic community. Ms. Mendoza also offered one scholarship for our members. More to follow.

**IV.** **Meeting Adjourned by President Susana Gonzalez at 7:30 pm.**