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Sent:	Wednesday, October 31, 2012 8:56 PM
To:	Lavin, Jack <Jack.Lavin@illinois.gov>; Irving, Toni <Toni.Irving@Illinois.gov>
Subject:	RE: NRI/SNW Press Conference POSTPONED/CANCELED

I am not sure who exactly is heading the collaborative, but I can look into it. Those who have approached me represent different communities (of those in my email) and different organizations, so I am not sure if there is one particular organization leading the charge. As to their awareness of the GA cuts, I understand that one of the legislators they are in communications with is Rep. Arroyo, who I am sure is most aware of the NRI cuts. I do not think that representation of Latino communities in the program is the sole concern, it is also representation and funding of Latino-led organizations.

More information would be helpful, and please let me know what message you are sharing with CBO around this so that I can echo your message if and when they approach me again.

Thanks,

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From: Lavin, Jack
Sent: Wednesday, October 31, 2012 3:31 PM
To: Martinez, Denise; Irving, Toni
Subject: RE: NRI/SNW Press Conference POSTPONED/CANCELED

The budget for NRI was cut by 60% by the GA including an Approp Chair that is part of the Latino Caucus. The five areas were funded initially when we started NRI. Due to the 60% cut, NRI can no longer fund those five areas. Toni can give you the details. Of the communities that were in the original roll out of NRI, there was representation of Latino communities. Once again, Toni can give you those details. Who is leading the charge on this? Do they know about the cuts? Please let me know. Thanks.

From: Martinez, Denise
Sent: Wednesday, October 31, 2012 2:56 PM
To: Irving, Toni
Cc: Lavin, Jack
Subject: RE: NRI/SNW Press Conference POSTPONED/CANCELED

Toni,

I just wanted to follow up on this, because I was approached again this week about Latino inclusion in NRI. Cicero, SW Chicago, Melrose Park/Maywood, Little Village and Pilsen, were all mentioned as areas of concern. Furthermore, I learned that the CBO collaborative around this effort is working with state legislators, with talks of a press conference around Latino youth

At your convenience, would you please email me the breakdown of NRI lead and sub-grantee organizations by region? Are Latino organizations funded and at what level by each respective community? It may be most useful to get a breakdown of the organizations funded to operate each respective category? My understanding is that there are a total of five: (1)Lead Agency, (2)Mentoring plus jobs, (3)Parent leadership, (4)Reentry, and (5) School based counseling.

I do not think this is getting better, please let me know how I can help or what other information would be most useful for you.

Best Regards,

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From: Irving, Toni
Sent: Wednesday, October 24, 2012 11:39 PM
To: Martinez, Denise; Lavin, Jack
Subject: Re: NRI/SNW Press Conference POSTPONED/CANCELED

Ok, I met with Enlace. They were not cut, they were actually offered more funds to cover 2 areas instead of one. They just aren't a lead agency b/c they did not handle the Admin as well as the direct service.

Toni Irving
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From: Martinez, Denise
Sent: Wednesday, October 24, 2012 11:13 PM
To: Irving, Toni; Lavin, Jack
Subject: RE: NRI/SNW Press Conference POSTPONED/CANCELED

Jack and Toni,

My understanding is that this group is working in collaboration with Youth violence prevention organizations serving the north and south side Latino communities (I believe I provided you notice of their newly formed collaborative a few weeks ago). They are upset that Latino-led and Latino-serving organizations (like Enlace) were either defunded or cut at what they consider was a disproportional level. Communities they are looking closely into include Cicero, SW Chicago, Pilsen/LV, and HP. Collaborating organizations represent all of those communities, so to answer your question I do not think that this is exclusive to Cicero, although Cicero is especially relevant with their rising youth violence. [Representative Hernandez did mention this a few weeks ago as well, not sure if you (Toni) have been in touch with her about it. I believe she and Arroyo chatted about this a little before she and I met...just FYI].

As to who they are working with from the Governor's Office, I was under the impression they were working with you Toni. If they are not "working on it" with you, I do not know who they are communicating with on this. I do not work on NRI, but am more than happy to assist in any way that I can, just let me know what you need.

Thanks,

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From: Irving, Toni
Sent: Wednesday, October 24, 2012 6:56 PM

To: Lavin, Jack; Martinez, Denise
Subject: Re: NRI/SNW Press Conference POSTPONED/CANCELED

I'm not sure. I also don't know what they are referring to when they say the Gov's office is working on it.

Toni Irving
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From: Lavin, Jack
Sent: Wednesday, October 24, 2012 04:56 PM
To: Martinez, Denise; Irving, Toni
Subject: RE: NRI/SNW Press Conference POSTPONED/CANCELED

Is this about Cicero not getting any money or about the GA cutting the NRI funding so they have been cut ptoportionately?

From: Martinez, Denise
Sent: Wednesday, October 24, 2012 3:30 PM
To: Irving, Toni
Cc: Lavin, Jack
Subject: FW: NRI/SNW Press Conference POSTPONED/CANCELED

Toni,

I am sure you are aware of this already, but thought I'd forward either way.

Best Regards,

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From: CYTF Secretary [mailto:cytfsecretary@gmail.com]
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Subject: NRI/SNW Press Conference POSTPONED/CANCELED

Please see the email from **Mary Johnson** mjohnson@corazoncs.org

> Good Morning All,

I am writing to inform you that at this time, we are postponing/canceling the press conference scheduled for tomorrow afternoon. This is fortunately on a POSITIVE note. There are multiple entities advocating for Cicero

NRI/SNW in the Governor's Office and it seems that some progress is being made. As such, it is not an appropriate time to advocate for movement from the Governor's Office if they are already working on this.

I say postponed/canceled because there are two possible outcomes- Should our community have some funding restored, we can cancel finally; however, there are no guarantees so should the current advocacy efforts result in zero restored funds, we will schedule a press conference for a later date.

Thank you all SO much for your attentiveness to all of this and for working to pull groups together for the conference.... I apologize for the short notice on this cancelation, but lets hope that this results in a positive outcome.

Have a great day,

Mary

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