



Nomination for 2020 MANNA Board

Nominee's name: Kathy Arriola

Person making nomination: Hannah Randall

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Nominee Background and Skill Sets:

Kathy is a recent graduate of Lees-McCrae College, and is now the Executive Director for Centro Unido Latino-Americano (CULA). CULA is a MANNA partner agency whose mission is to promote the development of an inclusive, trained, and equipped healthy community to create a more just society through the participation of the Latinx community and the development of grassroots leadership capacity. CULA's services include:

- Immigration Services
- Food pantry
- Prediabetes / Diabetes Program
- Volunteer Program
- Cultural programs

How do you feel this nominee would be able to contribute by being on the MANNA board?

Kathy is a native of McDowell County who is serving in a leadership role in a front line human services non-profit focused on lifting up the greater community through Latinx voices and leadership. She has a unique perspective as a younger, Latinx leader who grew up in western North Carolina. Kathy also understands the systemic and personal reasons that lead people to face food insecurity.

Please comment on the candidate's current involvement with MANNA and/or their demonstrated commitment to the MANNA mission:

The organization Kathy leads is a partner with MANNA in distributing food the Marion community. CULA began its food pantry only in the last six months, so she understands what it takes to operate a pantry partner as well as the elements of building this service to help the people who need it. CULA is a non-profit that is still in the start-up phase with limited funding, so Kathy is interested in having a closer connection with MANNA both to learn about non-profit management and to access new resources.

Other information that might be helpful to the Membership & Governance committee: