



## Ethnic Heritage and New American Working Group

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### AGENDA

Friday, November 21, 2008

2:00 p.m.

Room: 100 Centennial Office Building

- I. Review/Approve Minutes from the September 18, 2008 meeting
- II. Overview of New Iowan Centers
  - Marco Adasme, Eastern Regional Supervisor, New Iowan Centers
  - Venus Vendoures Walsh, Western Regional Supervisor, New Iowan Centers
- III. Overview of Illinois Office of New Americans
  - Jose Luis Gutierrez, Director, Office of New Americans
  - Grace Hou, Assistant Director, Illinois Department of Human Services
  - Lisa Thakkar, New Americans Policy Project Coordinator, Illinois Coalition for Immigrant & Refugee Rights
- IV. Cultural Heritage Subcommittee Update
  - Representative Paul Gardner
- V. Statewide Meeting Subcommittee Update
  - Gloria Contreras Edin
- VI. Other business
- VII. Adjourn