## Issues/Response For Middlebury College WRMC, 91.1 Non-Commercial FM Station

(First Quarter 2022, January to March)

The radio station of Middlebury College in Middlebury, Vermont continues to serve the respective communities with quality programming 24 hours a day. A priority of the station is to provide our listening area with sufficient public service announcement coverage and programming.

## WRMC

WRMC, 91.1 serves the Lower Champlain Valley from Shelburne to Rutland Vermont and North Eastern Upstate New York on the SouthWestern shores of Lake Champlain.

Report form. During the previous quarter, WRMC identifies issues that have been significant to the campus and the greater communities. We ran/run the programs indicated to address them.

Through winter and continuing into early springr, WRMC played a significant educational role in communicating expectations and safety protocols for both the community at large and the college community. Our air and streaming presence offer the opportunity for continuous interaction with that community.

Issue: Area of coverage is heavily impacted by border crossing issues and farm labor issues for migrant community. CV-19 has placed an unprecedented bias against those deemed 'outsiders', WRMC is singular station in market addressing this topic and supporting the community. Continuing changes in administration at Federal levels has not lessened migrant and border issues.

To address this, we: Spanish language programming. In collaboration with el Red Hispana for the rebroadcast of Welcome to America on a weekly basis, rebroadcast rights for Es asi y Punto – Latin American Sports and social discussions on a daily schedule, DemocracyNow! En Espanol on a daily schedule, Contigo, weekly Spanish language religious guidance and social issue discussion. WRMC delivers Spanish language PSA's. WRMC is ongoing engaged in supplying health information to the vulnerable population regarding Covid-19, flu, measles an other health threatening communicable diseases in native language.

Additionally, BAA, Welcome to America, is carried live on Thursday @ 1400 HRS.

Date(s):	Continuous		Time of Day:	0400-0630	
Weekly: <u>Daily:</u>		•			
Issue: Natio	onal News is no l	longer progi	rammed by commerci	ial stations in listening environs.	
To address t	his, we: Schedu	ıle public na	tional news 4 minute	s every hour, from syndicated source	
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Issue: Public Awareness

To address this: Ad Council – Specific hourly campaigns focusing on the response and best practices surrounding Covid-19 and the pandemic with spots of Interest, Education and Well Being. We are continuing our increase in the volume of Spanish language PSA regarding the same information. When not available in audio files, WRMC has been self-producing Spanish language PSAs. We have seen a marked increase in Spanish language produced health and vaccine related productions. We weight these individually for our demographic and air appropriately. WRMC has increased it

commitment to indigenous communities and non-English speakers by airing appropriate language health and vaccine related productions at all hours of the day, not limited to a specific language genre time slot. We have, for the benefit of our student population and community at large to increase our public awareness campaigns concerning mental health issues.

Date(s):

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Time of Day:

Run 300×00:30 spots weekly at various

time loads

Issue: Large liberal (L) community searches for outlet of alternative news than standard in the region.

To address this, we: Program DemocracyNow! As the sole radio station in Vermont airing this show live in real-time allowing for call in active participation in the program. Additionally, WRMC is the sole provider of Spanish language Public Service Announcements on coronavirus and the pandemic. Our commitment to supply accurate information with a scientific background comes from a daily drop-in from Berkley College of Medicine (aka; The Lowdown).

Date(s):

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Time of Day: hourly: 0800 - 0901HRS

Weekly:

Daily:

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Continuous Date(s): Weekly: Daily: Time of Day: hourly: 0700 - 0800HRS

TUC, Time of Useful Conscienceness:

Date(s):

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Time of Day: hourly: 0900 – 0930HRS

Weekly: Tuesdays

Daily:

**Issue: Public Affairs** 

To address this: On average, fully 10% of WRMC's broadcasting day is dedicated to presenting a divergent voice from mainstream broadcasting. Hosts, students from a broad spectrum of regions and cultures, are allowed within good taste access to air. This can take the form of community centric Public Affairs Programming, interviews with local guests, current News and Commentary, issue of Cultural Events or Diversity Discussions.

Issue: News and Information specific to women's health and well being and WRMC commitment to various equity of representation issues on air

To address this: WRMC has added a weekly programming slot aimed specifically toward female health, growth, accomplishment and well being; produced by the NPR outlet at WAMC, Albany, NY. -51%.

Date(s):

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Time of Day: Wednesday @ 0900HRS

Weekly:

Daily:

Issue: THE PANDEMIC! Continuing reporting and information from all sources.

WRMC has to the best of its ability attempted to be responsive to the public and State government by providing news updates, switching scheduled airtime with public news conferences and creating localized voice-overs of public news bulletins received from the Governor's Office of Health.

Station: WRMC Date of Report: Signature of licensee/Ch.Op.: G. P. Savoie April 5, 2022

## Public file English description of BAA Weekly.

January 6

José López Zamorano and immigration attorney Rafael Borrás discuss current immigration topics. The lawyer also answers questions from the audience.

January 13

José López Zamorano and immigration attorney Rafael Borrás discuss how the COVID-19 pandemic is affecting court dates and immigration processes. The lawyer also answers questions from the audience.

January 20

José López Zamorano and immigration attorney Rafael Borrás discuss the future of the immigration reform in 2022. The lawyer also answers questions from the audience.

January 27

José López Zamorano and immigration attorney Rafael Borrás discuss the new rules that require all foreigners seeking to enter the United States through its land borders to be fully vaccinated against COVID-19 and show proof of vaccination to border agents. The lawyer also answers questions from the audience.

February 3

José López Zamorano and attorney Rafael Borras discuss the criticism of the Biden administration for Venezuelans deportations to other countries and speak with a foundation that helps Venezuelans in Florida. The lawyer also answers questions from the audience.

February 10

José López Zamorano and lawyer Rafael Borras talk about good news: asylum seekers and refugees will no longer have to renew their work permits every year, in order to alleviate bottlenecks in immigration procedures. The lawyer also answers questions in public.

February 17

José López Zamorano interviews Carlos Eduardo Espina, the young man who organized A Day Without Immigrants throughout the country. Lawyer Rafael Borras also answers questions from the public.

February 24

José López Zamorano and immigration attorney Rafael Borras talk about a study that showed that applicants for citizenship of color face a greater chance of not being accepted. In addition, Mexico launches a new service system in its 57 consulates in North America.

March 3

José López Zamorano and immigration attorney Rafael Borras analyze President Biden's proposal to legalize millions of Dreamers, essential workers and TPS. The attorney answers immigration questions from the audience.

March 10

José López Zamorano and immigration attorney Rafael Borras discuss the reports of immigration and customs authorities reviewing the content of the social media applicants for asylum seekers and other immigration procedures. The attorney answers immigration questions from the audience. March 17

José López Zamorano and immigration attorney Martha Arias discuss the Biden administration's decision to keep Title 42 to expel migrants due to the COVID pandemic, except for unaccompanied migrant children. And the lawyer answers migration questions from the audience.

March 24

José López Zamorano and attorney Rafael Borrás discuss President Biden's new plan to expedite asylum applications on the border with Mexico after criticism from legislators. The attorney also answers your migration questions.

March 31

José López Zamorano and attorney Rafael Borrás discuss the announcement that the Biden administration plans to eliminate the controversial Title 42 in May, expecting the arrival of a new wave of migrants. The attorney also answers immigration questions.