



DIALOGUE ON DIVERSITY

Thirty Years of Service to America's Diverse Communities



2023 HEALTH CARE SYMPOSIUM
FUNDAMENTAL SOCIAL PRIORITIES IN MODERN HEALTH CARE
A NEW AGE OF HEALTH CARE: A WOMEN'S ENTERPRISE

THURSDAY, JUNE 15TH, 2023, 10:00A.M. – 4:00 P.M.

AWARDS & RECEPTION, 4:00 P.M. – 6:00 P.M.

UNIDOSUS, 1126 SIXTEENTH ST., N.W., WASHINGTON, DC



10:00AM REGISTRATION

11:00AM WELCOME AND INTRODUCTORY REMARKS

Ma. Cristina Caballero, President/CEO, Dialogue on Diversity

Karen Vallejos, Moderator, Executive Director, The Dream Project

Michael D. Brown, U.S. Shadow Senator from the District of Columbia

Franklin Garcia, President, D.C. Latino Leadership Council

11:10AM THE PRIORITIES OF PARENTS AND PROFESSIONALS

Melissa Rohan, Founder & President, Waterfront Academy

**AMPLIFYING THE VOICE OF OLDER LATINOS THROUGH IDENTIFYING
PRIORITIES AND ALIGNING CARE**

Melissa deCardi Hladek, PhD, CRNP, FNP-BC

Assistant Professor, Johns Hopkins School of Nursing

President, National Association of Hispanic Nurses, Washington, D.C.

12:15PM PRIORITIES OF A JUST SOCIETY

Alejandra Gepp, Senior Director for Health Programs, UnidosUS

- Overview of UnidosUS
- Health Equity strategy and program and advocacy policy efforts to advance the work
- Food security and food as medicine for a just society
- Call for action

12:30PM LUNCH

1:10PM Hector Rodriguez, President, National Coalition for D.C. Statehood

1:15PM IMMIGRATION "SAFETY VALVE"

Tania Calle, Special Assistant, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
Office of Intergovernmental and External Affairs

1:35PM WOMEN'S HEALTH EQUITY: THE ROLE OF LAW AND POLICY
Asha B. Scielzo, Director, Health Law and Policy Program
Adjunct Professor of Law, American University Washington College of Law

**2:00PM CAPACITY BUILDING OF HEALTH PROFESSIONALS:
AN ASHA-PAHO PARTNERSHIP IN CENTRAL AND SOUTH AMERICA**
Lily Waterston, Director, International Programs,
American Speech, Language, and Hearing Association

HEALTH ISSUES: HOW STROKE RESULTS IN COMMUNICATION ISSUES
Miguelina Zapata, PhD, Assistant Professor, Dept. of Communication
Sciences and Disorders, Howard University

2:30PM WHAT'S AHEAD: FOUR STORIES

Luz E. Nieves, PhD, MPH, RN, Professor of Public Health, Ana. G. Mendez University

Katerin Nicoll Quispe Coronel, Junior, Justice High School, Fairfax, Virginia

Maria Patricia Corrales, Entrepreneur, Manager, Capital Construction Enterprises

**AFFORDABLE CARE ACT, OPPORTUNITIES TO FIX DISPARITIES IN HEALTH
OUTCOMES, AND SERVING UNDERSERVED COMMUNITIES**
Mila Kofman, J.D., Executive Director, DC Health Benefit Exchange Authority

3:15PM THE SHAPE OF HEALTH CARE IN PROSPECT

Monica S. Ruiz, PhD, MPH, Associate Professor, Milken School of Public Health,
George Washington University

Ana Sierra, PhD, LCP, LCPC, Founder & Executive Director,
Ana Sierra Counseling/Consejeria, PLLC

4:00PM CLOSING REMARKS & ADJOURNMENT

RECEPTION 4:00PM – 6:00PM



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