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, 10:00 a.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**

**Presentation of Award to**
   **Lily E. Waterston**
   **Leadership in International Capacity Building in Health Professions**

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