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An International Culture of Health – A New Generation's Discourse: Dialogue on Diversity's Sixteenth Symposium on Health Care

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Washington, D.C. – May 14, 2016 Dialogue on Diversity presents its annual Health Care Symposium, the sixteenth in its series, exploring the past, present, and future of Health Care and Wellness in America – and the fortunes of the classic values of equality and full access, in both treatment and prevention – and that in the face of a society of ever growing inequalities in wealth and power, but matched with breathtaking technical advances.

- **What** – a day-long series of seminars on basic health care practice and policy topics – the state of the ACA, the place of pharmaceuticals in curative and preventive regimens, the role of information technology in all phases of health care, and an airing of the concerns confronted by policy over a cluster of serious barriers to access and treatment for the marginalized, migrants, and the economically disadvantaged of society. **Maria D. Burgos**, M.Ed, MC, Global Learning, Pr.Wm County .Schools.
- **Where** – Ronald Reagan Building & International Trade Center, Oceanic Suite, 1300 Pennsylvania Avenue N.W. Metro: Federal Triangle (Bl.Or), or Metro Center (Red)
- **When** – Wednesday, May 18, 2016,. 9:00 am – 4:00 pm Lunch 11:45 am

The program highlight, however, is the midday session, with moderator **Malcolm N. Joseph** of Medical Director of CareFirst. Key speaker, **Dr. Eliseo Pérez-Stable**, reviews his long career in the academic milieu of the University of California at San Francisco, with single-minded concentration on the disparities in access experienced by the country's Latino communities, and discussing prospects for his newly assumed position as Director of the Institute for Minority Health and Health Disparities, part of the National Institutes of Health – a post in which his unequalled information and insights on the problems of minority health disparities will produce advances in knowledge and technique of national and international influence. The midday session includes as well the presentation of the HEALTH LEADERSHIP AWARD to **Ysabel Durón**, founder and head of Latinas Contra Cancer, a nationwide organization she founded over a decade ago for advocacy and services to cancer patients. Previous awardees include **Rep. Judy Chu**, **Rep. Lucille Roybal-Allard**, and **Congresswoman. Donna M. Christensen**.

A roster of expert speakers, bringing together a singular constellation of skills in the varied aspects of this society's larger health care complex, deal in order with the prospects for the health care reform now approaching complete implementation, as discussed by **Karen Davenport** and **Jeanette Contreras**. In an account of the complexities of the pharmaceutical industry **Dr. Martin Mendoza** of the Office of Minority Health in the FDA, together with **Jason Resendez**, head of Latinos Against Alzheimer's Coalition, treat the questions of clinical trials and the costly pharmaceutical development processes.

The focus falls as well on the pervasive injection of information technology hardware and methods into all phases of medical care. A Symposium panel brings together **Scott Weinstein**, a Washington lawyer specializing in the regulatory and privacy-law dimensions of the IT/Privacy phenomenon, while another expert, **Dr. Adrian Groper**, Chief Technology Officer of the Patients' Privacy Rights organization, versed in the attitudes and anxieties of medical patients, especially with respect to their privacy interests, and in the technical potentialities of the IT systems now on offer – and those soon to come on line.

Among many other speakers are **Jessica Donze Black**, nutrition expert from Pew Charitable Trusts, **Jacqueline Watson**, Chief of Staff, D.C. Department of Health, **Dr. John Davies-Cole**, the State Epidemiologist for the District of Columbia, and **Julián Escutia Rodríguez** of the Mexican Embassy.

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