

THE FIRST ANNUAL LATINO MENTAL HEALTH CONFERENCE
Saving Lives: Eliminating Mental Health Disparities in our Families and Communities

October 13, 2007

Preliminary Program

Morning Sessions:

8:00-9:00 AM Continental Breakfast and Registration

9:00-9:45 AM Opening Remarks and Keynote Plenary Conference

Mariano J Rey MD, Dean for Community Health New York University School of Medicine

Honorable Congressman Jose Serrano, United State Congress

Honorable Assemblyman Peter M Rivera, Chairman, NYS Assembly Mental Health Committee

Al Aviles Esq., President, New York City Health and Hospitals Corporation (Invited)

Key Note Speaker: Margarita Alegria MD, Harvard University

9:45-10:30 Plenary Session: Services and Cultural Competence in Latino Mental Health: Developing a Consensus in Cultural Competency. Manuel Trujillo MD, NYU School of Medicine, and Emilio Carrillo MD, Columbia University.

10:30-11:15 Plenary Session: Policy and Advocacy in Latino Mental Health. Moderators: Lillian Lopez-Rodriguez, President, Hispanic Federation, and Michael Friedman CSW, Director of Advocacy and Policy, Mental Health Associations of New York City and Westchester.

11.15- 11-30 Coffee Break

11.30- 12:30 Morning Workshops:

- Suicide Acts, Attempts and Ideas in the Latino Community, Rosa Gil DSW, President and CEO Comunilife, Inc., and Manuel Trujillo MD, NYU School of Medicine.
- Language and Mental Health Services for the Latino Community, Wilma Alvarado Little, Center for the Elimination of Disparities, and Luis R. Marcos MD, NYU School of Medicine.
- Spirituality, Complementary and Alternative Medicine and Mental Health in the Latino Community. Assemblyman Karim Camara, New York State Assembly Mental Health Committee.
- Bringing Recovery and Rehabilitation Approaches to the Latino Community. Ruth Gonzalez, New York Association of Psychiatric Rehabilitation Services Training Collective Coordinator

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Afternoon Sessions:

12:30-2:00 Lunch Break and Poster Session Presentation

2:00-3:00 PM Workshops:

- Geriatric Issues in Mental Health in the Latino Community, Commissioner Edwin Mendez-Santiago, NYC Department for the Aging.
- Centers of Excellence in Cultural Competence and Research in Elimination of Latino Mental Health Disparities. Cathy Cave Director NYS Office of Mental Health Cultural Competence Department.
- Morbidity, Mortality and Wellness among Latinos Affected by Mental Illness. Jose Sanchez LMSW, Senior Vice-President, New York City Health and Hospitals Corporation.

3:00-4:00 PM Workshops:

- Grassroots Development and Advocacy in the Latino Families and Communities. Sigfrido Benitez, Co-chair New York State NAMI Multicultural Outreach Taskforce.
- Addictions in the Latino Community, Assemblyman Felix Ortiz, Chairman Alcohol and Addictive Disorders Committee, New York State Assembly.
- Achieving Cultural Excellence through Clinical Community Partnerships, Antonio Abad MD, Director, Latino Treatment Program, Department of Psychiatry, Bellevue Hospital Center.

4:00-5:00 PM Workshops:

- Consumer Empowerment in the Latino Community, Harvey Rosenthal, Executive Director, New York Association of Psychiatric Rehabilitation Services.
- The Role of the Media in Mental Health for the Latino Community. Rosana Rosado, Publisher of El Diario/La Prensa (Invited).
- Barriers to Mental Health Care to the Latino Community: Access, Outreach and Stigma. Dr. Guillermo Linares, Commissioner of the New York City Mayor's Office of Immigrant Affairs.

5:00-6:00 Summary, Conference Awards and Closing Ceremony.

6:00-8:00 Reception and Fiesta