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**NOTE TO OUR READERS**

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) Hispanic Employee Organization (HEO) proudly presents the Inaugural Issue of **HHS-HEO Boletín** – a monthly publication that highlights events, news, initiatives, employee profiles, and other related information to the HEO Community.

On Thursday, September 22<sup>nd</sup>, the 2016 HHS Hispanic Heritage Month Celebration takes place at 5600 Fishers Lane, Rockville, MD (“Parklawn”), from 12:30 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. This year, the Event is being presented in collaboration with ACF, ACL, AHRQ, CMS, FDA, HRSA, IHS, NIH, OMH, PHS, PSC, SAMHSA, and HHS Employee Resource Groups (ERGs), including the HHS-HEO, HOLA FDA and the HRSA Hispanic ERG. It will also be live-streamed throughout the nation, and

simulcast at the Hubert H. Humphrey Building in Washington DC



Each year Americans observe National Hispanic Heritage Month, from September 15 to October 15, in recognition of Hispanic/ Latino contributions, culture, traditions, and history in our great Nation. This tradition started in 1968 as Hispanic Heritage Week, under President Johnson. Thirty years later, the

commemorative week was expanded by President Reagan to cover a 30-day period starting on September 15 and ending on October 15. It was enacted into law on August 17, 1988, on the approval of Public Law 100-402.

September 15 was chosen as starting point of Hispanic Heritage Month due to its significance. It is the anniversary of independence of Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras and Nicaragua. Moreover, on September 16 and September 18, Mexico and Chile celebrate their independence days, respectively.

Further, Columbus Day or Día de la Raza, which celebrates the long and important presence of Hispanics in North America, also falls within this 30 day period.

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Formed in 1981, the HHS Hispanic Employee Organization (HEO) serves as an independent resource, analyst, facilitator, and advocate for U.S. ethnic Hispanic populations and Hispanic employees in the Department.

For more information visit: <http://www.hhsheo.org/>

Want to get more involved? E-mail Duilio Correa, President, HHS-HEO, at: [Duilio.correa@hhs.gov](mailto:Duilio.correa@hhs.gov).



*Luis Padilla, MD, FAAFP*

Dr. Luis Padilla is the associate administrator for health workforce at the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA). He also serves as director of the National Health Service Corps (NHSC). HRSA is an agency of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS).

Working in partnership with states and numerous national and local organizations, HRSA uses its \$10.3 billion annual budget to strengthen the health care workforce, build healthy communities, increase health equity, and provide health care and support

services to people who are geographically isolated, economically or medically vulnerable, or live in a health professional shortage area.

BHW aims to better meet the need for a well-trained, well-distributed 21st century workforce by strengthening the health workforce and connecting skilled professionals to communities in need. With an annual appropriation of more than \$1.1 billion, the bureau administers over 40 workforce programs with a staff of more than 450 people.

BHW improves access to quality health care by developing, distributing, and retaining a diverse and culturally competent health workforce. The bureau supports the health care workforce across the entire training to service continuum – from academic training of nurses, physicians, and other clinicians to clinicians currently providing health care in underserved and rural communities across the United States.

Dr. Padilla was appointed associate administrator for health workforce in May 2016 and previously served as deputy associate administrator. He also serves as director of the National Health

Service Corps, BHW's largest program, with a budget of approximately \$287.3 million in FY15 and field strength of more than 9,600 clinicians nationwide.

Prior to joining BHW, Dr. Padilla was senior health policy advisor to the CEO of Unity Health Care in Washington, D.C., a federally qualified health center network with over 100,000 patients. He also served as Unity's research director and sought academic partnerships with an emphasis on community-based participatory research.

A committed advocate for the underserved, Dr. Padilla is a former NHSC Scholar who completed his service at Upper Cardozo Health Center, where he became the medical director. He was also appointed to the National Advisory Council of the NHSC from 2007 to 2010.

A board certified family physician, Dr. Padilla received a Bachelor of Arts in philosophy and a Bachelor of Science in biology from the University of California at Irvine. He earned his medical degree from Wake Forest School of Medicine and completed his family medicine residency at Brown University.

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## HHS TALENT ACQUISITION IS LOOKING FOR A FEW GOOD PEOPLE

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The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) is committed to creating a work environment that fosters appreciation and mutual respect for each and every employee and is reflective of the diverse populations it serves. To that end, the Talent Acquisition Division (TAD), a component of the Office of Human Resources, is launching the **HHS Volunteer Recruiter Program!**

As a VRP member, you will assist HHS recruiters in enlisting talented individuals from all backgrounds and disciplines to careers in the Department, and promoting diversity within the HHS workforce, particularly in mission-critical occupations. As a volunteer recruiter, you will do this by:

- Becoming a brand ambassador of the "One HHS" concept;
- Sharing information with the public about the HHS mission, locations, offices and agencies, and occupations;
- Addressing the federal job application knowledge gap through an explanation of the process;
- Fostering an interest in science, technology, engineering, mathematics, medicine and health (STEMM-H) at the K-16 levels to strengthen and promote the STEMM-H education-to-career pipeline;
- Providing subject-matter expertise and first-person narratives around your specific discipline and occupation; and
- Enlisting talented individuals from all backgrounds and fields of study to careers in the agency.

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## MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

### HHS HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH EVENT

Thursday, September 22, 2016  
12:30 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.

5600 Fishers Lane  
Conference Room 5A-03/04  
Rockville, MD 20857

RSVP: <http://2016hhs-hhm.eventbrite.com>

REMOTE: <http://services.choruscall.com/links/hrsa160922>

#### OPENING REMARKS

Mary Wakefield, PhD, RN - Acting Deputy Secretary, HHS

#### KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Victor Mendez, MBA - Deputy Secretary, DOT

### HHS-HEO HAPPY HOUR AT GUAPO'S

Thursday, September 22, 2016  
5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.  
8130 Wisconsin Ave., Bethesda, MD 20814



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### MORE EVENTS AT HHS

**Wednesday, September 14, 2016:** CMS Latinx ERG will host its first meeting at 12 noon EST. Contact [Jeannette Contreras](mailto:Jeannette.Contreras).

**Wednesday, September 14, 2016:** CMS InsureKidsNow.gov will be hosting a webinar at 2:00 p.m. focused on best practices for enrolling Latino children and families in Medicaid/CHIP

**Thursday, September 15, 2016:** HHS-HEO General Meeting. 3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Hubert H. Humphrey Building Rm. 325-A, Call-In: (712) 775-7031 (846-782)

**Wednesday, September 21, 2016:** DAY-TO-DAY D&I: Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR), 12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m. EST.

Call-In: 1-800-857-0127 (7682500) - Remote: <https://hhs.adobeconnect.com/adr2016/> - RSVP: <https://community.max.gov/x/2YyPQw>

**Wednesday, September 28, 2016:** CMS' Coverage to Care Health Insurance Education Initiative webinar in Spanish at 3:00 p.m. EST, focused on sharing resources for bilingual outreach.

### LATIN AMERICAN FILM FESTIVAL AT AFI



The 27<sup>th</sup> American Film Institute Latin American Film Festival – one of DC's top cultural events – will showcase the best Latin American films. It will include a number of international films festival favorites, local box office hits and award winners, and will debut works by promising talents. The Festival will also feature films from Spain and Portugal to celebrate Ibero-American cultural connections.

SEPTEMBER 15 – October 5, 2016 | [AFL.com/Silver](http://AFL.com/Silver)

#### FILMS BY COUNTRY

**Argentina:** Eva Doesn't Sleep, My Friend from the Park, One Night of Love

**Bolivia:** Sealed Cargo (2016)

**Brazil:** Neon Bull, Nise: The Heart of Madness, Cinema Novo, Kill Me Please, Aquarius (2016)

**Chile:** Much Ado about Nothing (2016), Rara Neruda (2016)

**Colombia:** Land and Shade, Between Sea and Land; Oscuro Animal

**Cuba:** The Companion (2015)

**Dominican Republic:** La Gunguna

**Ecuador:** Take Me for a Ride

**El Salvador:** The Room of Bones

**Guatemala:** Hunting Party (2015)

**Mexico:** I Promise You Anarchy, Desierto, Mr. Pig

**Panama:** Salsipuedes (2016)

**Paraguay:** Guaraní

**Peru:** La Rosa Chumbe, Magallanes

**Portugal:** John From

**Spain:** Truman, The Apostate, The Olive Tree (2016)

**Uruguay:** Clever

**U.S., Puerto Rico and the World:** The Vessel (2016), The Rolling Stones Olé Olé Olé!: A Trip Across Latin America, Los Sures, Landfill Harmonic

**Venezuela:** El Amparo

