

**8:00 AM Continental Breakfast and Registration**

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**9:00 AM Opening Ceremony**

Antonio A Abad, MD  
Latino Mental Health Conference Director

Assemblyman Peter M Rivera  
Chairman, New York State Assembly Committee on Mental Health, Mental Retardation  
and Developmental Disabilities

Commissioner Michael Hogan, PhD  
New York State of Office of Mental Health

Deputy Executive Commissioner David Rosin, MD  
New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene

Ramanathan Raju, MD, FACS, MBA  
Executive Vice President and Corporate Chief Medical Officer  
NYC Health and Hospitals Corporation

Commissioner Guillermo Linares  
New York City Mayor's Office of Immigrant Affairs

Manuel Trujillo, MD  
Latino Mental Health Conference Continuous Medical Education Program Director

**9:45 AM Keynote Presentation: Engaging Latinos on Prevention and Early Intervention Efforts to Reducing Health Disparities**

Sergio Aguilar-Gaxiola, MD, PhD  
2008 LMHC Excellence in Science and Research Award Recipient  
Director, Center for Reducing Health Disparities  
University of California, Davis School of Medicine

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**10:45 AM Plenary Session 1: Cultural Competency in Interventions for the Latinos/as Affected by Mental Illness**

Emilio Carrillo, MD  
Associate Professor, Weill Medical College of Cornell University  
President, Presbyterian Health

Peter Guarnaccia, PhD  
Professor and Medical Anthropologist, Institute for Health Research, Rutgers University

**10:45 AM Plenary Session 2: Cultural and Ethnic Issues in Biological Therapies in Mental Illness**

Pedro Ruiz, MD  
Professor and Interim Chair, Department of Psychiatry  
University of Texas Medical School at Houston  
President Elect, World Psychiatric Association

**11:45 AM Coffee Break**

**12:00 PM      Workshop A: Health and Mental Health Integration for Latinos/as Affected by Mental Illness - Part 1**

Moderator:

Joyce B. Wale, LCSW

Senior Assistant Vice President

Office of Behavioral Health, New York City Health and Hospitals Corporations

Panelists:

Pedro Ruiz, MD

Professor and Interim Chair, Department of Psychiatry

University of Texas Medical School at Houston

Paolo del Vecchio

Associate Director for Consumers Affairs

Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration

Marlene M. Reil, PhD, CASAC

Coordinator of Special Projects, Office of Health Integration

NYC Department of Health and Mental Hygiene

**12:00 PM      Workshop B: Suicide Acts, Attempts and Ideation in the Latino Community**

Moderator:

Rosa M. Gil, DSW

President and CEO, Comunilife Inc.

Panelists:

Raul Silva, MD

Executive Director, Rockland Children's Psychiatric Center

NYS Office of Mental Health

Lidia S Bernik

Director of Network Development, National Suicide Prevention Lifeline

Dally Sanchez

Coordinator, Youth Power Program

Families Together in New York State Inc.

**12:00 PM      Council of State Governments Breakout Session 1: Best Practices in State Licensing Requirements Towards the Elimination of Health Disparities in Underserved Populations - Part 1 (NON-CME)**

Moderator:

Assemblyman Peter M. Rivera

Chairman, NYS Assembly Committee on Mental Health Mental retardation and Developmental Disabilities

Panelists:

Associate Commissioner Frank Munoz

New York State Education Department

Walter Ramos, RN

Executive Director, NYS Board of Medicine

Nathan Waxman, JD

Immigration Attorney

Elena Rios, MD  
President and CEO, National Hispanic Medical Association

Antonio A Abad, MD  
General Secretary, American Association for Psychosocial Rehabilitation

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**1:00 Lunch Break**

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<b>2:00 – 5:00 PM</b>	<b>Abstracts and Poster Presentations</b> Mariano J. Rey, MD LMHC Manager of Content Senior Associate Dean of Community Health New York University School of Medicine
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**2:00 PM Workshop A: Health and Mental Health Integration for Latinos/as Affected by Mental Illness - Part 2**

Moderator:  
Joyce B. Wale, LCSW  
Senior Assistant Vice President, Office of Behavioral Health  
New York City Health and Hospitals Corporation

Panelists:  
Roberto Lewis-Fernández, MD  
Director, NYS Center of Excellence for Cultural Competence and Hispanic Treatment Program,  
New York State Psychiatric Institute  
Associate Professor, Department of Psychiatry, Columbia University

Andrew F. Cleek PhD  
Director, The Urban Institute for Behavioral Health

Wendy Brennan, MS  
Executive Director, National Alliance on Mental Illness of New York City (NAMI)

**2:00 PM Workshop B: Linguistic Issues Related to Mental Health Care in the Latino Community**

Presenters:  
Wilma Alvarado Little  
Center for the Elimination of Minority Health Disparities  
State University of New York at Albany

Irene Quiñónez  
Cultural Competence Program Director, Metropolitan Hospital  
New York City Health and Hospitals Corporation

**2:00 PM Workshop C: Recovery is Possible: Collaboratively-Designed Services Leading to Fulfilling Lives in Our Communities.**

Presenters:  
Maria Restrepo-Toro, MS, CPRP  
Boston University Psychosocial Rehabilitation Center

Sigfrido Benitez  
NAMI NYS Board Member and Chairman, Multicultural Committee

Elizabeth Stone  
New York Association for Psychiatric Rehabilitation Services

**2:00 PM      Workshop D: Challenges in Intercultural Mediation in Mental Health Care and Training Experiences in Catalunya, Spain**

Moderator:  
Manuel Trujillo, MD  
Vice-Chair Department of Psychiatry and Director, Public and Global Psychiatry Program  
NYU School of Medicine

Panelists:  
Miguel Casas Brugue, MD, PhD  
Professor and Head, Department of Psychiatry  
Vall d'Hebrón University Hospital  
Barcelona, Spain

Adil Qureshi, PhD  
Coordinator of Intercultural Mediation  
Vall d'Hebrón University Hospital  
Barcelona, Spain

Francisco Collazos, MD  
Coordinator, Transcultural Psychiatry Program  
Vall d'Hebrón University Hospital  
Barcelona, Spain

**2:00 PM      Council of State Governments Breakout Session 2: Best Practices in State Licensing Requirements Towards the Elimination of Health Disparities in Underserved Populations – Part 2 (NON-CME)**

Moderator:  
Assemblyman Peter M. Rivera  
Chairman, NYS Assembly Committee on Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities

Panelists:  
Associate Commissioner Frank Munoz  
New York State Education Department

Walter Ramos, RN  
Executive Director, NYS Board of Medicine

Nathan Waxman, JD  
Immigration Attorney

Elena Rios, MD  
President and CEO, National Hispanic Medical Association

Antonio A Abad, MD  
General Secretary, American Association for Psychosocial Rehabilitation

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**3:00 PM      **Workshop A: Geriatric Issues in Mental Health in the Latino Community****

Moderator:  
Commissioner Edwin Mendez-Santiago  
New York City Department for the Aging.

Panelists:  
Suleika Cabrera, DSW  
Executive Director, Institute for the Puerto Rican and Hispanic Elderly

Kim Williams, LMSW  
Director, Geriatric Mental health Alliance of New York

David Truzman  
Education Coordinator for Hispanic LIFENET- AYUDESE  
Mental Health Association of New York City

**3:00 PM      **Workshop B: Mental Health Disparities Among Latino Children And Adolescents****

Moderator:  
Suzanne Colin, PhD  
President, Association of Hispanic Mental Health Professionals

Panelists:  
Barry Lester, MD  
Director, Center for the Study of Children at Risk, Brown University

Mari Ann Cerón  
Parent Advocate, National Alliance on Mental Illness  
NYC NAMI, Metro Chapter

Raul Silva, MD  
Executive Director, Rockland Children's Psychiatric Center  
NYS Office of Mental Health

**3:00 PM      **Workshop C: Grassroots Advocacy in the Latino Mental Health Community****

Presenters:  
Sigfrido Benitez  
NAMI NYS Board Member and Chairman, Multicultural Committee

Matt Canuteson  
Policy Specialist, New York Association for Psychiatric Rehabilitation Services

**3:00 PM      **Workshop D: The Role of the Peer and Peer Counseling In the Elimination of Disparities and Workforce Development in The Latino Community****

Moderator:  
Elizabeth Vargas  
Peer Counselor, Bellevue Hospital Latino Mental Health and Treatment Program

Panelists:  
Bibi Shah  
NAMI Peer to Peer Services and Outreach Coordinator

Mayra Cruz  
The Urban Justice Center

**3:00 PM Council of State Governments Breakout Session 3: The Impact of Inadequate Mental Health Care (NON-CME)**

Moderator:  
Honorable Assemblyman Felix Ortiz  
Chairman, NYS Assembly Alcohol, Addictions and Gambling Committee

Panelists:  
Michael Hogan, PhD  
Commissioner, NYS Office of Mental Health

Zebulon Taintor, MD  
Professor of Psychiatry, New York University School of Medicine

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**4:00 PM Workshop A: Training in Cultural Competence**

Moderator:  
Manuel Trujillo, MD  
Vice-Chair Department of Psychiatry and Director,  
Public and Global Psychiatry Program, NYU School of Medicine

Panelists:  
Frances Priester, JD  
Director, NYS Office of Mental Health Cultural Competence Bureau

Helena Hansen, MD, PhD  
Resident Physician, NYU Residency Training Program in Psychiatry

Terri Timberlake, PhD  
Director of Training and Development, Office of Behavioral Health, NYC HHC

**4:00 PM Workshop B: The Role of the Media on Mental Illness in the Latino Community**

Moderator:  
Lillian López-Rodríguez  
President, Hispanic Federation

Nora Wienerth  
Co-Founder National Stigma Clearinghouse

Marta García  
Founder and Co-Chair, National Hispanic Media Coalition

Malín Falú  
Anchor and Director, Diálogos de Costa a Costa  
Hispanic Information and Telecommunications Network

**4:00 PM Workshop C: We Can Work: Vocational Rehabilitation and Workforce Development Possibilities**

Presenter:  
Oscar Jimenez  
New York Association for Psychiatric Rehabilitation Services

**4: 00 PM      Workshop D: Building Opportunities, Bringing Hope: Innovations in Psychiatric Rehabilitation**

Presenter:  
Maria E. Restrepo-Toro, MS, CPRP  
Senior Training Associate, Founder of Latino Initiatives  
Center for Psychiatric Rehabilitation at Boston University

**4:00 PM      Council of State Governments Breakout Session 4: Mental Health Emergencies on College Campuses (NON-CME)**

Moderator:  
New York State Senator Efraín González (Invited)

Panelists:  
Elizabeth Droz, PhD  
Director, Binghamton University Counseling Center

Zebulon Taintor, MD  
Professor of Psychiatry, New York University School of Medicine

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**5:00 PM      Workshop A: Centers of Excellence in Cultural Competence and Research in Elimination of Mental Health Disparities in the Latino Community**

Moderator:  
Assemblyman Peter M. Rivera  
Chairman New York State Assembly Committee on Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities

Panelists:  
Frances Priester, JD  
Director, Bureau of Cultural Competence  
NYS Office of Mental Health

Roberto Lewis-Fernández, MD  
Director, Center of Excellence in Cultural Competence  
New York Psychiatric Institute at Columbia University

Carole Siegel, PhD  
Director, Center of Excellence in Cultural Competence  
Nathan Kline Institute at New York University

Manuel Trujillo, MD  
Director, Public and Global Psychiatry Program  
New York University School of Medicine

**5:00 PM      Workshop B: Latino Advocacy and Policy Issues across Local, State and Federal Systems**

Moderator:  
Arlene Sanchez, LMSW  
Nassau County Mental Health Commissioner

Panelists:  
Antonio A Abad, MD  
Director, Latino Mental Health Conference

Henry Acosta, MA, MSW, LSW  
Executive Director, National Resource Center for Hispanic Mental Health

Commissioner Guillermo Linares  
New York City Mayor's Office of Immigrant Affairs

Martin Gittelman, PhD  
Chairman, American Association for Psychosocial Rehabilitation Program Committee

**5:00 PM Council of State Governments Breakout Session 5: Policies to Promote Mental Wellness (NON-CME)**

Moderator:  
Senator Thomas P. Morahan  
Chairman, New York State Senate Mental Health Committee

Panelists:  
Glen Liebman  
Executive Director, Mental Health Association of New York State

Harvey Rosenthal  
Executive Director, New York Association for Psychiatric Rehabilitation Services

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**6:00 PM Summary, Conference Awards and Closing Ceremony**

**6:30 PM Reception**

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