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ANGEL RAFAEL BRAÑA, MD, MPH Curriculum Vitae

PERSONAL INFORMATION

PLACE OF BIRTH: Bayamón, Puerto Rico, USA

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Pre-Grad EDUCATION

BS	University of Puerto Rico, Main Campus, Rio Piedras, PR	Aug-1966 to July-1970
MD	School of Medicine, University of Zaragoza, (Spain)	Aug-1970 to June-1976

POSTGRADUATE TRAINING

- **General Course in Medicine**
(Accredited Flexible) Mayagüez Medical Center
Mayagüez, Puerto Rico July 1 - Nov. 30, 1976
- **Internship**
(Accredited Flexible) Mayagüez Medical Center
Mayagüez, Puerto Rico Dec. 1976 - Nov. 1977
- **Annual refresher course**
Basic and clinical med sciences University of Puerto Rico Aug. 1984 - Nov. 1985
- **Master of Public Health**
(Hlth Servs. And Occup'l Hlth) University of Puerto Rico,
School of Public Health July- 1987 to Feb- 1991
- **Certificate in Medical Informatics** American Medical Informatics Assoc. July to October -2007
10x10 Course - University of Illinois at Chicago
- **Master of Science-
Biomedical Informatics** June-2008 to June-2012
NOVA Southeastern University, School of Osteopathy
Ft. Lauderdale, Florida (Highest Honors & Research Award).
- Internship on Health Policy- HIMSS Aug-2008 – Dec. 2009
- Practicum implementing EHR, Tallahassee Memorial Hospital
Family Medicine Residency Jan – June 2012
- **Formal education on online instructional design and information technology for social change**
Florida State University, College of Education, Tallahassee, FL
Tech Change: online professional training. Washington DC
WizIQ online worldwide educational platform

SPECIALTIES

Public Health and General Preventive Medicine: Board Certified (#50746 Granted- Feb. 1992 - Life)

Family Medicine: "Fellow" American Academy of Family Physicians (Granted Oct. 1985 - Life)

Medical Informatics: "Board Qualified" in the Sub-Specialty of Medical Informatics, American Board of Medical Specialties.

LICENSES

- E.C.F.M.G. Certificate No. 265-280-8 Jan. 21, 1976
- Puerto Rico License No. 5308 Feb. 28, 1979 (practice of medicine), Renewed thru 10-2016
License No. 26 May 23, 1985 (for the practice of acupuncture)
DEA No. BB6035629 Federal & State Licenses for the prescription of controlled
DSCA No. 04296 DMO substances

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CONTINUING MEDICAL EDUCATION:

Areas of concentration:

- Public Health / Preventive and Occupational Medicine
- Medical Informatics and Health Information Technology
- Family Medicine
- Medical Management, Health Services Administration
- Instructional Design for Distant Learning
- Pre-hospital Medicine and Disaster Management

LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY: Fully bi-lingual in Spanish and English (native Spanish speaker)

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:

2006 to Present: Independent Consultant / Advisor

Areas of competency:

- Primary Health Care Systems (Planning, Development, Outcome Evaluation and Practice Transformation)
 - Bio/Psychosocial integrated health care
 - Patient Center Medical Home (coaching for NCQA accreditation)
 - Community/Migrant/Rural Health, HIV/AIDS care and treatment, School-based Health Services, Adolescents Health Services
- Public Health/Preventive Medicine
 - Global Health
 - Health Policy and Social Entrepreneurship
- Health Information Technologies
 - Electronic Health Records: Planning for acquisition, implementation, evaluation and training of clinicians (an ethnographic approach).
 - Meaningful use
 - Teaching Public Health Informatics
- Planning and Training for Response to All-Hazards Incidents with Multiple Casualties
 - Metropolitan Medical Response Systems
- Training of health care professionals on Cross Cultural Medicine and Cultural Competency for Health Care Professionals

Particular work/projects:

- **Florida State University, College of Medicine, Immokalee Health Education Site, Immokalee, FL. Medical Informaticist.** (July 2013 to present)
 - HealthyMeFlorida tool-kit to manage obesity in adolescents from a behavioral perspective using health information technology as “persuasive tools” by design.
 - Center for Stress in Children and Health
- **FQHC Associates. Chief Medical and Medical Information Partner**
 - FQHC Associates, LLC, is a national consulting firm providing assistance to those operating in and with an interest in the Federally Qualified Health Center Environment. FQHC Associates’ goal is to assist clients to make informed decisions as they develop their organizations and plan for changes in the health care environment that affect FQHCs. www.fqhc.org
- **US DHHS- Health Resources and Services Administration:**
 - *Consultant* for clinical diagnostic compliance reviews, and technical assistance, for programs/clinics in the U.S. funded under Ryan White -Title C & D- legislation administered by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS)-HIV/AIDS Bureau.

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- *Consultant* for clinical and administrative compliance, and technical assistance, for programs/clinics funded through the DHHS-HIV/AIDS Bureau – Global Program
 - In Africa under the U.S. President's Emergency Plan For AIDS Relief (PEPFAR)
- *Reviewer* of proposals presented to the DHHS for funding of diverse service and research projects by community based organizations, public health departments and universities.
- **Pan American Collaborative Emergency Medicine Development**, AC. San Miguel de Allende, Guanajuato, México. Partnership with the Founder and Director of this Not For Profit corporation, Dr Haywood Hall for:
 - An educational platform for the development of human capital (and the delivery of technical assistance) in Public Health and Community Oriented Emergency Medicine in Mexico and Latin America in order to better impact the development of a country's health services infrastructure.
 - Planning, implementation and evaluation of training of physicians and other clinicians in Advanced Life Support in Obstetrics (training developed/sponsored by the American Academy of Family Physicians)
 - Planning, implementation and evaluation of training of physicians and other clinicians in International Advance Disaster Life Support Course / Latin America.
- **International Valley Health Institute, Inc.**, Edinburg, Texas. Member of its Board of Directors. A Not-For-Profit community based public health institute to advance health policy at the Lower Rio Grande Valley and its Mexico Sister Cities at the US/MX Border. The institute provides educational opportunities / practicum for students in the health care field at the US/MX Border.

1977 to April 2006: Physician in the Commissioned Corps of the **US Public Health Service Rank, CAPT** - 06 (Equivalent to Colonel in the other "sister" US Uniformed Services)

Promotion History

- Entered in active duty on December 1977 as 03 - LTJ - Reserve Corps.
- Promoted to permanent 03/ temporary 04 - LCDR: 1984
- Promoted to temporary 05 - CDR: 1988, Permanent 05: 1995
- Promoted to temporary 06 - CAPT: 1992, **Permanent 06**: 1999
- **Retired April 2006**

Position / Billets

- **Jan 2003 to April 2006 - Border Health Advisor for Texas/Mexico** ⁽¹⁾
- Sept. 2001- to Dec. 2002 - Clinical Specialty Consultant ⁽¹⁾
- Oct. 1989 to Aug 2001 - Clinical Specialty Consultant ⁽²⁾
- March 1988 to Oct. 89 - Chief Medical Officer
- Dec. 1977 to Dec. 1987 - General Medical Officer

(1) Brief Job Description:

Provided clinical and Public Health and Preventive Medicine consultation/services to the DHHS - Health Resources and Services Administration -PHS-DHHS- as per assignment to its different bureaus and programs.

(1.1) January 2003 to April 2006: Detailed to Texas Department of State Health Services as HRSA representative, its Administration, Bureaus and programs, for all Texas/Mexico border health activities. Provided technical assistance to governmental, public and private organizations interested in developing health programs or activities in the TX/MX border. I facilitated the development of a "Metropolitan Medical Response System" to prepare for and respond to All-Threats Multiple Casualties Incidents in the Lower Rio Grande Valley. I was instrumental in facilitating that the Mexican border communities were effectively incorporated into a regional public health plan for disaster management. In addition I was in charge of facilitating the creation of the US/MX Alliance for Emergency Health Care Development; a pilot project at the US/Mexico Border

In order to maintain my "clinical competencies" current, I practiced primary health care- family medicine- in Community Health Centers (and other clinical settings as appropriate) in the vicinity where I was detailed.

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(1.2) July 2002 to December 2002: Assigned to the HIV/AIDS Bureau, HIV Educational Branch (HEB): Project Officer for the Florida/Caribbean, and the Texas/Oklahoma AIDS Educational Training Centers. The HEB administers the AIDS educational Training Centers Program of the Ryan White CARE Act (AETC) that currently supports a network of 14 regional centers (and over 70 associated sites) that conduct targeted, multidisciplinary education and training programs for health care providers of clinical care for persons with HIV/AIDS. The AETCs, which serve all 50 States, the Virgin Islands, Puerto Rico and six Pacific Jurisdictions, increase the number of health care providers who are effectively educated and motivated to counsel, diagnose, treat and medically manage individuals with HIV infections and help prevent high risk behaviors that lead to HIV transmission.

(1.3) September 2001 to June 2002: Assigned to the In-Service Support Branch of the Division of the National Health Service Corps, Bureau of Health Professions. The NHSC assigns clinicians to health manpower shortage areas throughout the USA (and its Territories) to fulfill their obligation/service payback acquired as health professions scholarship or loan student recipient.

(2) Brief Job Description:

a) Clinical Practice: Assigned to Río Grande Community Health Center Inc. (RGCHC). This project provides health services to more than 22,000 patients (of which 15,000 are "lives" under managed care). In February 1998 the corporation expanded services to the nearby town of Luquillo adding a target population of 15,000 people.

Primary responsibilities were:

- **Provide direct care to patients** that choose me as their primary care physician.
- **Case management** for patients that are complicated or difficult to manage.
- **Develop the Corporation's health care plan** and the organizational plan for the clinics operation. The structure of these plans are used as models by other Community Migrant Health Centers and other primary health care providers.
- **Supervise** the development, implementation, and operation of the Continuous Quality Improvement Plan (a TQM process); including developing and implementing practice guidelines and health care protocols, and the evaluation of the resulting documents.
- **Supervise** the assigned staff of physicians, nurses, and other ancillary professional (123 FTEs).
- **Advise RGCHC Board of Directors and Administration** in all clinical related issues.

b) Managerial Medicine and Technical Assistance:

- Visiting sites and providing technical assistance to 23 C/MHCs in Puerto Rico to help them comply with Federal, State and County health regulations and professional organizations like AAFP, AAP, ACOG, AAPM, AAPH, etc. The 23 C/MHCs provide health services to more than 450,000 people.
- Mentoring clinical leaders from C/MHCs for anywhere from few days up to one year. An example of this mentoring is the Manpower Access Training in Community Health Program. This is a one-year Fellowship Program sponsored by the National Association of Community Health Centers, the PHS and the John Hopkins University. The program trains Board Certified clinicians in Managerial Medicine. July 1991 - 94
- Participating in special professional workgroups and presenting research and position papers
- Performing exploratory and development work in relation to community and migrant health care issues. Development of a model instrument to survey and profile migrant and seasonal farmworkers

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- Working as **Special Assistant to the Secretary of Health of Puerto Rico.**
June 1994 - Dec. 2000. Served as advisor to the Secretary on Managed Care and Primary Care during the period that Puerto Rico underwent a thorough Health Care Reform Process. Participated in the development and promotion of the conceptual framework, as well as a training curriculum for health care professionals.
- **Special Advisor to the Health Commission of the Puerto Rico Senate.** 1998-2000
Evaluated the Health Care Reform in Puerto Rico.

c) Teaching /Training Students. 1977 - 2001

Preceptor for students in Community Oriented Primary Care on a monthly basis including pre-med, undergraduate Medical Students, Family Medicine Residents and Master in Public Health Students

SPECIFIC SITE ASSIGNMENTS	Position Held	Duty Station
Jan 2003 to April 2006	Border Health Officer TX/MX	Texas Dept of Health – Region 11 Harlingen, Texas
July 2002 to Dec 2002	Clinical Specialty Consultant	HIV/AIDS Bureau Central Offices Rockville, Maryland
September 2001 – July 2002	Clinical Specialty Consultant	National Health Service Corps, Central Office Service Branch Bethesda, Maryland
April 1994 – July 2001 March 1998 - July 2001 April 1994 - Feb. 1998 Dec. 1994 - October 1995	Corporate Clinical Director Medical Director Acting Executive Director	Río Grande / Luquillo Com. Hlth. Ctrs. Río Grande Com. Hlth. Ctr. Inc. Río Grande, Puerto Rico
August 1982 – March 1994 Aug. 1982 - March 1994 Aug. 1983 - Mar 1994	Occupational Medicine for Migrant & Seasonal Farmworkers & Primary Health Care Physician to their Families (PCP) Medical Director	Cidra Migrant Health Project (COSSMA) (Corporación de Servicios de Salud a Migrantes Agrícolas) Cidra, PR
December 1980 – July 1982 July 1980 - July 1982 June 1981 - June 1982 June 1981 - July 1982	Primary Care Physician Medical Director Acting Executive Director	Florida Rural Health Project Department of Health of PR Florida, Puerto Rico
December 1977 – June 1980 Dec 1977 - June 1980 Mar 1978 - June 1980 Oct. 1978 - June 1980	Primary Care Physician Medical Director PCP and Director	Rincón Rural Health Project Department of Health of PR Rincón, PR, Adolescent Prog.

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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

<u>Position</u>	<u>Institution</u>	<u>Dates</u>
<u>Instructor</u> Public Health Informatics	San Juan Bautista School of Medicine Master in Public Health Program	March 2013 – to Present
<u>Associate Professor-Courtesy</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Clinical Faculty Cross Cultural Medicine Course <u>Sponsor Faculty</u> at the US/MX Border for FSUCares Student Service Organization's International Service Project (2004-2013)	Florida State University, College of Medicine Dept. of Medical Humanities and Social Sciences	Dec. 2006 to present
<u>Associate Professor-Adjunct</u> Health Policy	Texas A&M School of Rural Public Health South Texas Health Center, McAllen, TX	2004 to – April 2006
<u>Preceptor</u> Fellowship of Primary Health Care Professionals	Federal Affairs Office Department of Health of Puerto Rico PR Academy of Medicaid Director (sponsored by the National Health Service Corps: HRSA, 1996-98)	Jan. 1996- Jul. 2001
<u>Preceptor</u> Minority Medical Students Fellowship Program (This was a special program that exposes minority students to a 2 month experience in Community Oriented Primary Care and Primary Care Research)	Kellogg Foundation and National Medical Fellowship, Inc.	1990-1993
<u>Preceptor</u> Manpower Access To Community Health (MATCH) Program (This was a one year Fellowship program to train experienced Board Certified clinicians in Managerial Medicine)	National Association of Community Health Centers, John Hopkins University	July 1, 1991-1992
<u>Clinical Instructor</u> Primary Care Rotation (4th yr. MS)	Univ. of Puerto Rico School of Medicine	April 1980 - June 1980
<u>Teacher in Family Medicine</u> Family Medicine Rotation Administrative Medicine (4th yr. MS and Residents in Family Medicine).	University of Puerto Rico School of Medicine Family Medicine Program	Aug. 1982 - Feb 1994
<u>Preceptor</u> Commissioned Officer Student Training Extern Program	U.S. Public Health Service	June 1989 to present
<u>Preceptor</u> Health Promotion and Disease Prevention (3rd - 4th yr MS)	American Medical Students Association	April 1986 to Feb. 94
<u>Preceptor</u> Course in Public Health (4th yr MS)	University of Puerto Rico School of Public Health	Jan 1984 to 1988
<u>Clinical Instructor</u> Health Education Pre-med	Puerto Rico Western Region Educational Consortium	July 1978-June 1980
<u>Clinical Instructor</u> Primary Care Rotation (Interns & 5 th Pathway MS, 3 rd – 4 th yr MS)	Puerto Rico Western Region Educational Consortium	Dec. 1977- June 1980

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GRANTS:

While assigned as Border Health Advisor in Texas I was instrumental in developing initial and continuation applications for federal grants for the following programs:

2003- 2004 - Lower Rio Grande Metropolitan Medical Response System: Initial grant of \$600,000 from US Department of Homeland Security. Recognized as an Innovative Program by the National Association of Council of Governments.

2004- 2005 - Continuation grant of \$250,000.

In the four Community Health Centers detailed above I have been involved in either the initial or continuation of successful applications for federal grants, Sections 329 and 330 of the Public Health Service Act.

The consolidated budgets were as follow:

1994 - 2001	- Río Grande / Luquillo CHCs	24.0 million dollar over 6 years	100 FTE/annual
1997 – 1998	- "Crystal Award" - Johnson & Johnson's Community Health Care Award Award of \$100,000 to help complete a Perinatal Health Improvement Program		
1982 - 1994	- Cidra Migrant Health Project:	12 million dollar over 12 years	50 FTE
1980 - 1982	- Florida Rural Health Initiative Project:	1.0 million dollar over 2 years	35 FTE
1977 – 1980	- Rincón Rural Health Initiative Project:	3.0 million dollar over 3 years	125 FTE

SPECIAL ASSIGNMENTS

Sept 2005 **First Responder- Clinician/Epidemiologist:** PHS Contingency Hospital, emergency response to Hurricane Katrina, Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

Main responsibility: Direct patient care in a 30 beds ward of a Disaster Field Hospital, for patients with special care needs, with the assistance of two Red Cross Volunteer nurses and a USPHS-Commissioned Corps Physician Assistant.

Extended responsibility: Physician in a team with a Nurse and two Environmental Health Officers to assess the appropriateness of patient care in Red Cross shelters in Central Louisiana.

Jan - Dec. 1987 **Clinical Coordinator;** Sub-Regional Officer, Region II, US Public Health Service, DHHS.

Main responsibility: Evaluated programs of perinatal care in Migrant and Community Health Centers in Puerto Rico, (20 clinics serving more than 350, 000 people). Provided technical assistance to help the Centers comply with ACOG and AAP standards as well as pertinent Public Health Service regulations.

July - Oct. 1986 **Ward Medical Officer;** Tri-Service Alcohol Rehabilitation Department
Bethesda Naval Hospital, (National Naval Medical Center) Bethesda, Maryland

Main responsibility: The admission, medical care and participation in a multidisciplinary rehabilitation team for active duty personnel of the Uniformed Services with alcohol and drug addictions in a model program of the Uniformed Services.

Oct. 1982 **Cuban Refugees Medical Board:** Atlanta Federal Penitentiary:

Main responsibility: Evaluated penitentiary and medical records and conducted detainees interviews to determine validity of original diagnosis.

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PARTICIPATION IN PROFESSIONAL WORKGROUPS

2005	<i>Rural Ready Communities Project</i> – Advisory Committee - For the preparation of Guidelines for the Development of Regional Emergency Response Plans for Rural Health Care Systems. A partnership between the Texas Department of State Health Services Hospital Preparedness Program, the School of Rural Public Health at Texas A&M University Health Sciences Center, and the Texas Institute for Health Policy Research. Texas
2005 to 2006	Reynosa Maquiladoras Association Health and Safety Committee – Tuberculosis Task force. For the development of a protocol for early detection and treatment of tuberculosis in the industrial parks in Reynosa, Mexico.
	2005 to 2006: US Hispanic Nutrition Research and Education Center Advisory Board – University of Texas Health Sciences Center, San Antonio, Regional Academic Health Center, Harlingen, Texas
2004	ASTM Task Group on Hospital Preparedness for the development of a “Standard” to allow the Federal government to assist hospitals in their role in community preparedness.
2003 to 2006	Management Team: Lower Rio Grande Valley Metropolitan Medical Response System. Texas
1998 to 2003	Advisory Committee for the Bureau of Primary Health Care - HRSA, DHHS - Component of the National Center for Cultural Competence; Georgetown University, Washington DC.
1998 to 2000.	Select Committee for the Evaluation of Health Care Reform; Puerto Rico Senate’s Health Commission.
1993 - 2000	National Hispanic Mentor Recruitment Network: The Inter American College of Physicians and Surgeons and the National Health Service Corps.
1990 – 2000	Advisory Board, National Hispanic Youth Initiative in Health and Policy Development; Inter American College of Physicians and Surgeons. Washington DC.
1998	National Association of Community Health Centers - Environmental Assessment II Meeting: Clinicians Representative. To help develop recommendations to guide NACHC and the Bureau for Primary Health Care (HRSA) in developing their agenda for training, technical assistance, investment strategies and policy.
1997	Special Workgroup for the Development of a Non-traditional Academic Curriculum in Management at the Universidad Central del Caribe, Puerto Rico.
1997	National Clinicians Network Development Group: Taskforce in charge of organizing an umbrella organization to represent independent networks and facilitate access to, and sharing of resources.
1996	Ethics and Legislative Committee, Puerto Rico College of Physicians and Surgeons.
1993	The Governor’s of Puerto Rico Task Force for Health Care Reform
1990	HIV Infection Task Force, Puerto Rico Academy of Medical Directors - Chairman.
1990 – 92	Advisory Group to the Office of Communications, NIAID, National Institutes of Health, Training of clinicians in managing the HIV Infection in Puerto Rico,
1989 –95	Hispanic Officers Steering Committee; Office of the Surgeon General, USPHS, Washington, DC.
1989 – 91	Puerto Rico Community Research Initiative; Scientific and Executive Committee, Puerto Rico AIDS Foundation.
1989 - 90	Technical Assistance Committee for Migrant and Community Health Centers, Puerto Rico Association of Community Health Centers; Puerto Rico Academy of Medical Directors

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- 1986 11th Annual Policy and Issues Forum, National Association of Community Health Center, Washington, DC, Representative for Puerto Rico
- 1985 - 87 National Health Service Corps Physician and Dentist Training Task Force for Puerto Rico.
- 1984 Migrant Health Program Review Committee; US Department of Health and Human Services, Washington, DC.

PRESENTATIONS

- 2015 Hispanic Month Celebration, Hispanic Osteopathic Medical Students Association and the Public Health Students Association, College of Osteopathy, Nova Southeastern University
Title: Latino/Hispanic Health. Ft. Lauderdale, FL
- 2014- thru Florida State University Faculty Development Program: Multiple sites/campuses in Florida.
Title: Healthy Me Toolkit for the improvement of provider self-efficacy in obesity treatment of pediatric patients. Ft Myers, Tallahassee, Orlando, Ft Pierce, Tampa, Pensacola, Daytona, Naples, Sarasota, Puerto Rico.
- 2008 Hispanic Month Celebration, Hispanic Osteopathic Medical Students Association, College of Osteopathy, Nova Southeastern University
Title: Latino/Hispanic Health Issues. Ft. Lauderdale, FL
- 2008 Health Policy Fellowship, Ohio University College of Osteopathic Medicine.
Title: Health Care for Immigrant Populations. Ft. Lauderdale, FL
- 2007 Hispanic Month Celebration, Association of Latino Medical Students, Florida State University, College of Medicine
Title: Latino/Hispanic Health issues. Tallahassee, FL
- 2006 Katrina: Not So Easy. Annual Binational Conference on Emergency Preparedness and Response Trauma Advisory Council for El Paso.
Title: Shelters: A Public Health Perspective El Paso, Texas.
- 2006 Disaster Planning and Response: Seven Hour Basic Course for Non Clinical Employees of the Puerto Rico Medical Center. Co-Instructor under the Medical College of Georgia.
San Juan Puerto Rico
- 2006 1st International Congress in Mexico on Pediatric and Adult Resuscitation.
Title: Educational Models to Improve the Advanced Cardiac Life Support Training in Latin America. Mexico City, Mexico
- 2006 NOVA Southeastern University- College of Osteopathic Medicine- Public Health Student Association Forum
Title: Border Health: A Public Health and Health Policy Perspective
Ft. Lauderdale, Florida
- 2006 Health Policy Fellowship: Vulnerable Populations Seminar, University of North Texas Health Science Center/Texas College of Osteopathic Medicine
Title: Border Health Issues
Fort Worth, Texas
- 2006 2006 Texas Local Public Health Forum: *Mobilizing to Improve the Health of Texans*
Title: Federal, State and Local Perspectives on Infrastructure and Governance
Austin, Texas
- 2005 III International Meeting on Emergency Medicine
Title: Katrina: Lessons Learned Monterrey, Nuevo León, Mexico
- 2005 2nd Binational Border Health Week. US-Mexico Border Health Commission.
Title: Health Policy Entrepreneurship: Developing a Community Based Public Health Institute:
McAllen, Texas

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- 2005 International Disaster Life Support – Latin America – *Fenix* - Course
Title: Effects of Disasters in Public Health
August - Mexico City, Mexico; October - Saltillo, Mexico
- 2005 Southwest State Offices of Rural Health Annual Meeting
Title: Border Health in "AMEXICA".
Great Canyon, Arizona
- 2004 1st Binational Border Health Week. US-Mexico Border Health Commission.
Title: Health Policy: A Framework for Action: University of Texas-PanAmerican,
Edinburg, Texas
- 2004 2004 Annual Meeting, US-Mexico Border Health Association.
Title: Lower Rio Grande Valley Border Health Council: Social Entrepreneurship
Ciudad Juárez, México
- 2004 2004 National Association of Development Organizations Annual Conference.
Title: Lower Rio Grande Valley Border Health Council: Social Entrepreneurship
St. Petersburg, Florida
- 2004 2004 National Association of Development Organizations Annual Conference.
Title: Lower Rio Grande Valley Metropolitan Medical Response System: Partnering
with Development Councils for the Development of All-Threats Emergency Management Plans .
St. Petersburg, Florida
- 2004 Binational Conference on Transportation/Roadway Safety. University of Texas-PanAm and the
U.S. / Mexico Border Health Commission.
Title: Health Policy Entrepreneurship: An Action Plan: South Padre Island, Texas
- 2003 Bi-national Utilization of Health Services: Planning an Integrated System of Care for Border
Community Residents: Workshop between the Texas A&M University-System Health Science
Center-School of Rural Public Health, the health authorities of the City of Reynosa, State of
Tamaulipas-Mexico and the Mexico Consulate in the City of McAllen-Texas.
Title: The U.S. Health Care System; the Federal, State and Local governments: policy
developers, regulators and funding bodies. Reynosa, Mexico
- 2002 Braña, A. R., Eldred, L., Morales, J., Lago, M.: Cultural Dimensions that Impact Adherence to
Treatment of Puerto Ricans with the HIV: Developing a Model for Culturally Competent Health
Care. Poster session at the XIV International AIDS Conference. Barcelona, Spain
- 2002 Pennsylvania/Mid Atlantic Annual AETC Conference
Title: Cultural Dynamics in the HIV/AIDS Care: Strategies for Providers Serving the Latino
Community Arlington, VA
- 2000 14th Annual Conference: Counseling and Treating People of Colour, An International Perspective
Title: Community Empowerment Through the Community Health Center Model
San Juan, PR
- 1999 Quality Improvement Seminar, Office of Federal Affairs - Cooperative Agreement, Department of
Health of Puerto Rico and the Bureau of Primary Health Care, HRSA-PHS
Title: Using Clinical Practice Guidelines to Evaluate Quality of Care
San Juan, PR
- 1999 Annual Meeting - Professional Nurses Association, Puerto Rico
Title: Women's Health Agenda - Year 2000
Rio Grande, PR
- 1999 Annual of Directors Retreat - Puerto Rico Cooperative for Life Insurance (Medicare Part A carrier)
Title: Strategic Planning in Times of Health Care Reform and Managed Care
San Juan, PR

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- 1999 7th. Annual Symposium on Managed Care
Title: From Managed Care to Integrated Delivery Systems
Rio Grande, PR
- 1999 Puerto Rico Coop. for Life Insurance (Medicare Part A carrier) monthly CME for providers
Title: The Primary Care Physician: *The Gatekeeper Function*
San Juan, PR
- 1999 Legal Aspects in the Practice of Medicine Seminar - Office of Federal Affairs - Cooperative Agreement, Department of Health of Pto. Rico and the Bureau of Primary Health Care, HRSA-PHS
Title: Corporate Compliance, *More Than a Legal Responsibility.*
Carolina, PR
- 1998 2nd Annual Meeting - Ryan White Programs
Title: Critical Reflection: *The HIV Infection and Managed Care*
Carolina, PR
- 1998 6th. Annual Symposium on Managed Care.
Title: A Protocol for Risk Management
Rio Grande, PR
- 1998 Annual Meeting: Association for Quality Improvement in Health of Puerto Rico
Title: Health Care Reform, and Managed Care: *Implications for Quality Improvement*
Humacao, PR
- 1998 National Council of La Raza: 1st. Natl. Symposium for Skill Development on Managed Care
Title: Collaboration Under Managed Care: *Negotiation*
Old Alexandria, VA
- 1997 V Simposio Salud de la Mujer - Fundación Da. Felisa Rincón
Title: Managed Care, *Implications for the Adolescents*
Carolina, PR
- 1997 Annual Meeting - Association of Professionals in the Management of Health Information.
Title: Managed Care; *Opportunity for the Professionals in the Management of Hlth. Inf.*
Carolina, PR
- 1997 Universidad Central del Caribe Special Training for its Faculty.
Title: Managed Care - 1997 Update: Basic Principles; *Health Economy: Utilization Management.*
San Juan, PR
- 1996 Ethics in the New Models for the Delivery of Heath Care. Puerto Rico Foundation for the Humanities
Title: Ethical Challenge in Managed Care: *Conceptual Framework*
San Juan, PR
- 1996 Managed Care - 1996 Update. Office of Federal Affairs - Cooperative Agreement, Department of Health of Puerto Rico and the Bureau of Primary Health Care, HRSA-PHS
Title: Costs and Hlth Economy. Basic Concepts for Hlth Care Professionals in Primary Hlth Care
San Juan, PR
- 1996 Hispanic Biomedical Congress in Puerto Rico. The Inter American College of Physicians and Surgeons.
Title: The Primary Care Physician in the Managed Care Environment; *A NHSC physician experience.*
Carolina, PR
- 1996 1996 National Clinical Leadership Conference. "Clinical Networks Care for People"
Sponsored by CDN Inc., MCN, CLC-NECHCA, APC, HCHCN, BPHC.
Title: Improving Negotiation Skills with Managed Care Corporations
Woodcliff Lake, NJ

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- 1996 4th Annual Symposium on Managed Care; Puerto Rico Academy of Medical Directors.
Title: Models for Health Care Delivery: Ethical Issues
Dorado, PR
- 1996 Accepting the Challenge: Integrating Services in Managing the HIV in Children, Adolescents and their Families. Office of Federal Affairs - Cooperative Agreement, Department of Health of Puerto Rico and the Bureau of Primary Health Care, HRSA-PHS.
Title: Managed Care and the HIV Infection
Carolina, PR
- 1995 International Conference, Community Health Centers: At the Center of Health Care Reform. World Health Organization and Federation des CLSC du Québec.
Title: Clinical Networks
Montreal, Quebec, Canada
- 1995 Managed Care: A Survival Kit. Office of Federal Affairs - Cooperative Agreement, Department of Health of Puerto Rico and the Bureau of Primary Health Care, HRSA-PHS
Title: Managing the Conflict Creatively
San Juan, PR
- 1995 Forum for Leadership in the Processes for Reform in the Health Sector. The Department of Health of Puerto Rico and the Pan-American Health Organization.
Title: Modalities for Organizing Health Care Services , San Juan, PR
- 1995 4th Annual National Conference - AIDS Educational Training Centers
Title: Cultural Issues, A Hispanic background
San Juan, PR
- 1993 6th National AIDS Update Conference
Title: Cultural Sensitivity for HIV Providers
San Francisco, CA
- 1992 5th National AIDS Update Conference
Title: Cultural Competence, Hispanic Issues
San Francisco, CA
- 1992 Univ. of PR AIDS Educational Training Center; Puerto Rico and Mainland US Aerial Bridge Conference
Title: The Migrant and Seasonal Farmworker, A different population for the HIV?
San Juan, PR
- 1991 Participative Management and Leadership Development Workshop; Puerto Rico Academy of Medical Directors
Title: The Medical Director's Position
San Juan, PR
- 1991 1991 Joint Conference; Western Stream Forum / Farmworker Substance Abuse Prevention Symposium; National Migrant Resource Program/DHHS - Office of Substance Abuse Program
Title: Building a Research Agenda for Primary Care
San Diego, CA
- 1991 22nd Annual Convention and 10th Annual Clinical Issues Conference, National Association of Community Health Centers.
Title: New Treatments and Modalities in Collaborative HIV/Substance Abuse Programs: The HIV Infection in Primary Care.
San Francisco, CA
- 1991 National Institutes of Health (NIAID), University of Puerto Rico (AETC) Physicians Workshop: Management of HIV - Infected Persons in Primary Care
Title: Managing the HIV Infection in your Practice
Mayagüez, PR

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- 1990 National Institutes of Health (NIAID), University of Puerto Rico (AETC) Physicians Workshop:
Management of HIV - Infected Persons in Primary Care
Title: Managing the HIV Infection in your Practice
San Juan, PR
- 1990 1990 Annual Research Forum, Medical Sciences Campus, University of Puerto Rico
Title: Profiling Migrant and Seasonal Farmworkers, a Survey Instrument
San Juan, PR
- 1990 CME Program for Physicians and Dentists in Migrant and Community Health Centers in Puerto Rico Office of Federal Affairs - Cooperative Agreement, Department of Health of Puerto Rico and the Bureau of Primary Health Care, HRSA-PHS
Title: Workers Fitness and Risk Evaluation
San Juan, PR
- 1989 1st National Conference on Access and Health Care Financing; Alternatives for Minority Pop., DHHS
Title: The Uninsured and Marginally Insured: Significance of the Problem
Washington, DC
- 1989 AIDS in Puerto Rico and Among the Puerto Ricans on the Mainland "Think Tank" Forum;
Title: Potential Role of Community Health Centers in the AIDS crisis
Washington, DC
- 1988 USPHS - Region II Annual Conference
Title: Protocol for the Comprehensive Management of AIDS at the Primary Care Level
San Diego, CA
- 1988 19th Annual Convention and Community Health Institute, Nat'l Assoc. of CHC
Title: Managing Creative Conflict
San Diego, CA
- 1988 Health Policy Conference, National Association of Community Health Centers
Title: Developing Team Work
San Juan, PR
- 1986 National Health Service Corps In-service Conference, USPHS
Title: Community Responsive Practice, Integrating the Needs Assessment, Quality Assurance and Primary Health Care Teaching in a Community Health Center.
San Juan, PR
- 1986 National Health Service Corps Orientation Conference, UPPHS
Title: The Physician in Management
San Juan, Puerto Rico
- 1985 16th Annual Convention and Community Health Institute, National Association of Community Health Centers
Title: Community Responsive Practice; Integrating the Needs Assessment, Quality Assurance and Primary Health Care Teaching in a Community Health Center.
San Juan, Puerto Rico
- 1980 Fourth Annual Clinical Directors Conference, National Association of Community Health Centers
Title: Organizing the Clinical Directors on the Nat'l and State Level - Puerto Rico Experience
Chicago, Illinois
- 1980 Department of Health, Education and Welfare Regions I, II and III Annual Conference
Title: The Principles of Practice - The Physician Standpoint
Boston, Massachusetts
- 1979 American College of Physicians, Annual Meeting, Puerto Rico Chapter
Title: What Aches the Adolescent? What Should We Do?
Dorado, Puerto Rico

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1979 National Health Service Corps In-Service Training Conference - USPHS
Title: Primary Health Care; The Rincón Rural Health Project Experience
San Juan, Puerto Rico

RESEARCH

2008-09 Braña, A.R. Cultural Factors That Might Impact the Adoption of Electronic Health Record by Physicians. Position Paper, Government Relations Workgroup, Healthcare Information and Management Systems Society. Washington, DC

2001-02 Cultural Dimensions in Treatment Adherence in Hispanics. A research project supported by a special grant from the HRSA's HIV and AIDS Bureau. \$50,000.

1990 Occupational and Environmental Health Assessment in Migrant and Seasonal Farmworkers in Puerto Rico: Development of a survey instrument. Presented in the 1990 Annual Research Forum, Medical Sciences Campus, University of Puerto Rico.
A collaborative investigation: Angel R. Braña, MD; Felix Matos, MD; Ilia Zayas, MD

Community Health: Medical Students investigation projects and Master in Public Health Students field projects under my direction or preceptorship.

1995 Maternal and Health Child: Río Grande CHC's Profile.
Matute MD. School of Public Health, UPR

1993 An Instrument for Risk Assessment for HIV Infection and Alcohol Drugs and Tobacco use in Migrants and Seasonal Farm Workers;
Walter Nieves, MS III, University of PR

1992 Descriptive Study and Risk Factors in Elders Receiving Services in COSSMA;
Lisa Rosof, MS II,
University of Connecticut

1992 Descriptive Study and Cardiovascular Risk Factors in Adults Receiving Services in COSSMA;
Susan Díaz, MS IV, University of Connecticut, Feb. 1992.

1991 Descriptive Study of Adolescents 13-19 y/o receiving services in COSSMA during 1989-91-
David Baltierra, MS III, Univ. Of Michigan School of Medicine

1991 Applying a Survey Instrument to Profile Migrant and Seasonal Farmworkers –
María de Lourdes Tosca, MS III, Universidad del Caribe School of Medicine

1991 Descriptive study of children 0-12 y/o receiving services in COSSMA during 1989-91-
SPH-UPR

1986 Morbidity of the Elderly Farmworker; SPH-UPR-1986

1986 Healthy Mother - Healthy Baby; A Nutritional Assessment; SPH-UPR

1985 Healthy Mother - Healthy Baby; A Nutritional Assessment; SPH-UPR

1984 Morbidity of the Migrant Farmworkers and their Families –
School of Public Health, University of Puerto Rico.

1979 What Aches the Adolescent? What Should We Do?
A collaborative investigation: José Ramirez Rivera, Angel R. Braña,
Edison Osorio, Carlos Ramírez Cancel
David Wagner, Senior Student, Dartmouth College.

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PUBLICATIONS

Rosado, J., Braña, AR., Reyes, E. (2015) Obesidad Pediátrica: Oportunidades y Herramientas para los Consejeros Profesionales. Revista Profesional Asociación Puertorriqueña de Consejería Profesional. Edición Especial Convención 2015

Rosado, J., Braña, AR., Farías, G., Reyes, E. (2015) Provider Attention to Weight of Pediatric Latino Patients: Opportunity for Communication to Prevent Type 2 Diabetes. The Plaid Journal (People Living and Inspired by Diabetes) Issue #1, Summer 2015 DOI: <http://dx.doi.org/10.17125/plaid.2015.30>

Durán, D., G., Reyes, C., Villarruel, A., Braña, A., R., Gómez, P., Mora, J., Paz, J. (2000) Quality Health Services for Hispanics: the Cultural Competency Component. DHHS Publication No.99-21

Braña, A. R., Eldred, L., Morales, J., Lago, M.: (2002) Cultural Dimensions that Impact Adherence to Treatment of Puerto Ricans with the HIV: Developing a Model for Culturally Competent Health Care. Poster session at the XIV International AIDS Conference. Barcelona, Spain

PUBLICATIONS (Non Peer Reviewed)

Braña, A. R. (2009) Cultural Factors that Might Impact the Adoption of Electronic Health Records by Physicians. Policy/Position Paper, Healthcare and Information Management Information Society. Government Group. Washington DC

Braña, A. R. (2004) Health Policy Entrepreneurship: An Action Plan. Monograph

Braña, A. R. (2001) Linguistic and Culturally Competent Primary Health Care: A Hispanic Perspective

Braña, A. R. (1999) Reforma del Sector Salud, "Managed Care" y Mejoramiento de Calidad, Parte I. Medicina Primaria, Año 8-#9 Publication by the Geriatric Academy of Puerto Rico, PR Academy of Family Physicians .

Braña, A. R., (1999) Leadership and Entrepreneurship in Health, *Medicina Primaria*, Año 8-#6 Publication by the Geriatric Academy of Puerto Rico, PR Academy of Family Physicians.

Braña, A. R. (1999) Peligro! Plaguicidas a la Vista, *Médico de Familia*, Vol. 4, #48 Interamerican College of Physicians and Surgeons

Braña, A. R. Managed Care, Myths and Realities. Series about Managed Care and Health Care Reform: Historical Background; Organizational and Operational Issues; Ethical Implications; Health Care Reform in Puerto Rico, A conceptual Framework; Managed Care and Adolescents; Health Care Reform, A market Driven Process; Risk Management. Puerto Rico Academy of Medical Directors.

Braña, A. R. Nuevas Enfermedades Mortales. *Médico de Familia* –Vol I, #9, 1995. Interamerican College of Physicians and Surgeons.

Braña, A.R. Martínez, M., MD, Ortiz, I., MD, Morales, J., MD, Malavé, C., MD,;
Protocol for the Comprehensive Management of AIDS at the Primary Care Level
April 1988; Revs, April 1989, Sept. 1989, April 1991. Academy of Medical Directors of Puerto Rico.

Assisted the Office of Communications, National Inst. Of Allergies and Infections Diseases, National Institutes of Health, editing the Spanish version for physicians of the educational audio tape concerning HIV Clinical trials "Talking it over"; 1990.

Director Médico: Newsletter of the Academy of Medical Directors of Puerto Rico, Director and Editor, 1990-2001

Rincón 75, Rincón Rural Health Initiative Project Newsletter; Co-Editor 1978-80

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AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS

A. Uniformed Services Recognitions and Awards

Outstanding Unit Commendation Award (PHS) (Jan 2007)

Juan Carlos Finlay Award: (PHS) *For Outstanding Leadership and Achievements in Improving Access to Health Care and Services to the Hispanic Community* (May 2006)

Crisis Response Service Award (PHS) Hurricane Katrina Medical Mission (Oct 2005)

Distinguished Unit Service Award - DHHS Secretary of Health (May 2005)

Certificate of Appreciation -Health Resources and Services Administration (Feb 2005)

Surgeon General's Exemplary Service Medal (PHS) April 1993

Pioneer Award (PHS) NHSC 20th Anniversary Award, Puerto Rico - November 1992

Certificate of Appreciation (PHS) Sub Regional Office, Region II - August 1992

Exemplary Service Award (PHS) National Health Service Corps, June 1992

Certificate of Appreciation (PHS) Sub Regional Office, Region II - August 1991

Commendation Medal (PHS) - August 1991

Unit Commendation (PHS) - August 1990

Letter of Appreciation (PHS) - Sub-Regional Office, San Juan, Puerto Rico - Nov. 1989

Special Assignment Service Ribbon (PHS) - May 1987

Achievement Medal (PHS) - December 1986

Letter of Appreciation - The Commanding Officer, Bethesda Naval Hospital (National Naval Medical Center), Maryland - September 1986.

Regular Corps Ribbon (PHS) - July 1982

Citation (PHS) - November 1979

B. Other Recognitions

BS Biomedical Informatics Graduate with Honors: Received also the Program's Research Award NOVA Southeastern University, Ft Lauderdale, FL, May 2012

America's Top Family Doctors: Consumers' Research Council of America. 2007

Plaque of Recognition: FSUCares, Florida State University College of Medicine, Service Medical Students Association. 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2012

Who's Who in Medicine and Health Care: Marquis Whos' Who. 2006-2007 Edition

"Crystal Award-Recognition" Emergency Medicine Residency, Hospital General #33, Instituto Mexicano de Seguridad Social, Monterrey, Nuevo León, Mexico. October 2005

Honorary Member: The State of Guanajuato-Mexico- College of Emergency Physicians, October 2005

2004 National Association of Development Organizations Innovation Award – For the Lower Rio Grande Valley Metropolitan Medical Response System - August 2004

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2004 National Association of Development Organizations Innovation Award – For the Lower Rio Grande Valley Border Health Council- August 2004

15th Anniversary Award of Excellence; Academy of Medical Director's of Puerto Rico
July 2000

International Who's Who of Professionals - 1997 edition.

International Who's Who in Medicine - 1996 Edition

Distinguished Alumni – 25th Anniversary of the School of Public Health, Medical Sciences Campus, University of Puerto Rico. 1995

Certificate of Recognition for Contributions to Medical Education, Primary Care and the Hispanic Community by Mentoring Medical Students: National Hispanic Recruitment Mentor Network; InterAmerican College of Physicians and Surgeons 1994

Louis S. García Award - National Association of Community Health Centers. 1993

"Who's Who among Hispanic Americans". Second edition, 1992

Honored Member of "Who's Who in Health and Medical Services", 1991 Edition

Primary Health Care Award - The Puerto Rico Academy of Medicine Directors, February 1991

1990 Special Recognition Award - National Association of Community Health Centers, Washington DC - June 1990

1990 Migrant Health Care Provider Award - Migrant Health Program - National Association of Community Health Centers, Washington DC - April 1990

Certificate of Excellence for 1988 and 1990 - Corporación de Servicios de Salud a Migrantes Agrícolas, Employees Election, Cidra, Puerto Rico.

Merit Certificate - The Secretary of Health of Puerto Rico - May 1996

Merit Certificate - Cidra Center for Diagnosis and Treatment, Cidra, Puerto Rico

Merit Certificate - Loíza Comprehensive Health Center, Loíza, Puerto Rico

Award of Honor - the American Red Cross, Puerto Rico Chapter - 1979

MEMBERSHIP IN MEDICAL AND PROFESSIONAL SOCIETIES

American Medical Informatics Association – Member since 2008

Association of Teachers in Family Medicine – Member 2007-09

American Academy of Family Physicians; Member since 1983. Elected "Fellow" in 1985.

Association of Prevention Teaching and Research – 2005

Commissioned Officers Association of the USPHS - Member since 1977 - President Puerto Rico Chapter, May 1983 - 88, 1996 -97

Puerto Rico Association for Primary Care, Board of Directors - Delegate for Medical Directors 1999 to 2000

Puerto Rico College of Physicians and Surgeons, Member - Ethics and Legislative Committee 1996

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American College of Preventive Medicine. "Fellow" 1994

Puerto Rico Academy of Medical Directors; Founding Member, Director of Education 1988 to present, Elected - Treasurer 1985; President 1987; Delegate for the Specialty in Managerial Medicine, 1990-99, Present Delegate for Past Presidents 1989, 1991.

Clinical Directors Network of New York, New Jersey, Puerto Rico and Virgin Island; Founding Member 1984. President, 1995-96. Delegate for Puerto Rico 1990-92. Member of the Executive Board, 1990 to 1998.

American College of Physician Executives; member 1986-96 , 1998 to 2000

National Association of Community Health Centers, Inc. Member of the Clinical Sub-Committee, 1986-1991; the AIDS Task Force, 1987-94; The Health Policy Committee since 1990-92.

Puerto Rico Association for the Practice of Acupuncture; member 1987

New York of Acupuncture for Physicians and Dentists; member 1984-86

Pre-Medical Student Association, University of Puerto Rico; 1968 - 70, President 1969-70

CIVIC AND COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

American Red Cross, Capitol Region Chapter, Tallahassee, Florida: Presenter of special educational sessions for Spanish speaking communities in the Capitol Region. 2006

Chairperson: Lower Rio Grande Valley Border Health Council, LRGV-Texas. Civic organization to support community based health local and binational projects in the LRGV, in particular the planning for the development of a Public Health Institute. 2003 - 2006

Special Advisor on Health Issues: Felisa Rincón Foundation. San Juan, PR. Civic foundation on behalf of Women. 1998 - 2001.

Founder and President of "Amigos de Barbosa" (Barbosa's Friends). A non-partisan group in Puerto Rico organized to commemorate the social work of Dr. José Celso Barbosa, a Black Puerto Rican physician that as a Senator was responsible for the Bill of Rights in Puerto Rico. (1994-2001)

Physician Advisor in Sports Medicine: Puerto Rico Pee Wee Island-Wide Football League, 8-16 y/o children. 1983 to 1995; January through April of each year.

Member: Parents, Teachers and Students Association, Antilles High School;; Uniformed Services Antilles Consolidated School System, Puerto Rico - 1991-92.

HOBBIES

1. Reading
2. Dance: Ballroom and Latin
3. Writing personal stories/vignettes on socially responsible medical/public health practice