

# ROBERT A. SANCHEZ

## CLINICAL SOCIAL INTERVIEWER & PATIENT ADVOCATE

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*Strategic Clinical Social Interviewer & Patient Advocate with expertise in patient advocacy, stakeholder engagement, and program development. Proven ability to enhance health equity through cultural humility and collaborative research initiatives. Eager to leverage skills in cross-functional collaboration and policy development to support patient-centered care and community empowerment.*

### Skills

- Patient Advocacy & Education
- Community & Stakeholder Engagement
- Cross-Functional Collaboration
- KPI Development & Data Analysis
- Collaborative mindset
- Meeting facilitation
- Policy improvements
- Program Development & Strategic Planning
- Mixed-Methods Research & Evaluation
- Cultural Humility & Health Equity
- Operational management
- Policy development
- Outreach strategies
- Teamwork

### EXPERIENCE

#### SENIOR CLINICAL INTERVIEWER & PATIENT ADVOCATE

Bronx, NY

October 2024 - Present

*Albert Einstein Medical College*

- Guide patients through kidney transplant evaluation, coordinating multidisciplinary care and addressing social determinants of health.
- Develop and facilitate living donation and post-transplant support workshops, improving patient engagement and education.
- Liaise between clinical teams, social services, and community partners to streamline referrals and resource access.
- Contribute to health literacy initiatives, performing chart reviews and optimizing scheduling workflows.
- Administered interviews by following scripts and using appropriate interviewing techniques and protocols.

#### PRINCIPLE LEAD, THE JENTOSY PROJECT

Remote, UNITED STATES

*Kidney Forward*

January 2024 - Present

- Spearheaded The Jentossy Project, a national initiative to expand access to live kidney donation for Black and Brown patients.
- Designed and executed outreach strategies to increase donor awareness and diversify the national kidney donor pool.
- Built partnerships with transplant centers, community leaders, and national advocacy groups to challenge systemic barriers in kidney care.

- Led the development of culturally grounded education tools and storytelling campaigns to humanize the transplant experience.
- Coordinated virtual info sessions, donor mixers, and narrative-driven events to mobilize community action and accountability.
- Created infrastructure for tracking impact metrics and outcomes, aligning program delivery with lived experience and measurable equity goals.
- Positioned Kidney Forward as a trusted platform for shifting public narrative and policy around organ donation and racial justice in healthcare.

**STEERING COMMITTEE MEMBER,  
ACCELERATOR TEAMS MODEL & STRATEGY  
PCORI INSIGHT Clinical Research Network**

**UNITED STATES**  
*November 2024 - Present*

- Member of the Accelerator Steering Committee across nine topic-specific workstreams (e.g., Diabetes/Kidney Disease).
- Design and deploy patient engagement toolkits and trainings to foster co-learning among researchers and community advocates.
- Embed intersectionality frameworks into engagement activities, enhancing cultural competence and stakeholder representation.
- Report outcomes and secure Governance Board approvals for key strategic initiatives.

**COMMUNITY BOARD MEMBER, STRUCTURAL  
RACISM & KIDNEY OUTCOMES  
Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai**

**New York, NY**  
*October 2024 - Present*

- Advise on mixed-methods research exploring structural racism as a “third-hit” factor in APOL1-associated kidney disease.
- Co-design qualitative studies (photovoice, focus groups) and longitudinal cohort analyses to quantify systemic barriers.
- Pilot a navigator-led intervention to mitigate effects of structural racism on patient outcomes.
- Translate field insights into policy recommendations for program refinement.
- Participated in community events as an ambassador for the organization's mission and goals.

**PROJECT LEAD, HEALTH EQUITY  
WE at The World Health Equity**

**New York, NY**  
*January 2020 - October 2024*

- Developed and implemented strategies to reduce transplant wait-times for Black and Brown communities by 35%.
- Built a national network of transplant physicians, nonprofit leaders, and donors to amplify advocacy and fundraising.
- Established KPI frameworks to measure outreach effectiveness and inform data-driven improvements.
- Organized virtual/in-person events (mixers, info sessions) to increase donor engagement and community accountability.
- Successfully managed multiple programs simultaneously, ensuring all deliverables were met on time and within budget.
- Provided technical guidance to team members throughout the duration of a project.

## **BI-LINGUAL FACILITATOR**

**New York, NY**

### ***Housing Works***

*September 2017 - December 2019*

- Facilitated 200+ clinical support groups for 5,000+ justice-involved individuals, covering mental health and reentry topics.
- Designed and delivered soft-skills curriculum (anger management, conflict resolution), achieving a 75% skill-uptake rate.
- Placed over 1,000 participants in training programs and employment sites, supporting successful community reintegration.
- Organized and facilitated team meetings with effective communication skills.
- Developed training materials to ensure participants were prepared for upcoming events.

## **EDUCATION**

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### **M.P.S. IN PROFESSIONAL STUDIES**

*Jan 1999*

New York Theological Seminary

### **B.A. IN BEHAVIORAL SCIENCE**

*Jan 1994*

Mercy College, **NY**

### **CLINICAL SOCIAL WORK PRACTICES IN MSW COURSEWORK**

The Silberman School of Social Work

## **CERTIFICATIONS**

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- Mental Health First Aid
- Front End Software Engineering, Columbia University, 01/01/21
- Motivational Interviewing

## **COURSEWORK**

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Clinical Social Work Practices (MSW coursework), The Silberman School of Social Work, 01/01/12, 01/01/14

## **REFERENCES**

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References available upon request

## **LANGUAGES**

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- **Spanish Bilingual**