



LATINO HEALTH COLLECTIVE
Bringing Latino Voices Together

Second Annual Retreat
Strengthening Connections to Improve Latino Well-Being

Date: Friday, October 11, 2024, at Drexel University

Location: Gerri L. Lebow Hall Room 220 & 221, Drexel College of Business, 3220 Market Street, Philadelphia, PA 19104

Retreat Objectives:

- To continue building community and trust and strengthening relationships within the Collective.
- To identify opportunities and challenges for Latino communities of Philadelphia and strategies to address them through coalition building and collective efforts.
- To gather information to inform the development of possible topic-specific committees or special interest groups.

8:30 am

Arrival

- Check-in at the Welcome Table
- Grab coffee and materials, then proceed to TBD to sit

9:00 am

Opening Remarks by:

Dr. Ana Martinez Donate (*Co-Director and Founder of Latino Health Collective, Drexel University*)
Dr. Youngmoo Kim (*Vice Provost of University and Community Partnerships, Drexel University*)
Dr. Frank Franklin (*Health Commissioner, City of Philadelphia*)

9:30 am

Addressing the Social Determinants of Latino Health and Well-Being Panel

During this panel, local leaders representing different sectors will share their perspective on the role these sectors play in the socio-economic, physical, and mental well-being of Latinos in Philadelphia, long-standing and new issues limiting the growth and thriving of the Latino in our city, and ongoing efforts and opportunities to address these issues through collective work.

Facilitator:

David Heayn-Menendez (*Chief Strategy and Organizing Officer, New Pennsylvania Project*)

Panelists:

Amy Eusebio (*Director, Office of Immigrant Affairs, City of Philadelphia*)
Yocasta Lora (*Associate State Director of Community Outreach, AARP*)
Jennifer Rodriguez (*President and CEO, Greater Philadelphia Hispanic Chamber of Commerce*)
William Garcia (*Director, Office of Latino Engagement, City of Philadelphia*)
Erika Guadalupe Nuñez (*Executive Director, JUNTOS*)

10:30 am

Coffee Break



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10:45 am **Interest Groups Formation Exercise**

We invite you to break up into groups and participate in a guided activity to explore the formation of special interest groups or committees focused on topics of relevance for Latino health and wellbeing.

12:00 pm **Photo Op**
Lunch Break

1:15 pm **Harnessing the Power of the Collective to Reduce Mental Health Disparities among Latinos in Philadelphia Panel**

During this panel, we will hear from and engage in a dialogue with five local leaders who are working from different, complementary angles to address mental health disparities in Latino communities in our region. The speakers will comment on some persistent and new challenges contributing to mental health disparities in the community and describe ongoing efforts and opportunities for collective work to reduce the gap in access to mental health services in these communities.

Facilitator:

Carmen Alvarez (Associate Professor, School of Nursing, University of Pennsylvania)

Panelists:

Sara Fernandez-Marcote (Psychologist, Puentes de Salud)

Hector Colon-Rivera (Medical Director, Asociación de Puertorriqueños en Marcha)

Cathi Tillman (Founder and Executive Director, La Puerta Abierta)

Carolina Hausmann-Stabile (Director of Population Health, City of Philadelphia DBIHIDS)

Hector Ayala (President and CEO, Hispanic Community Counseling Services)

2:15 pm **Closing Remarks by**

Dr. Mariana Lazo-Elizondo (Co-Director, Latino Health Collective)

Dr. Ana Martinez-Donate (Co-Director and Founder of Latino Health Collective)
