

## Mission of Latino Caucus for Public Health

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The mission of the Latino Caucus for Public Health is to represent and provide advocacy for the health interests of the Latino community, both within and outside the APHA. We facilitate active participation of Latino public health workers in the organizational and programmatic activities of the APHA. The LCPH provides a means for professional growth for Latino Caucus members and others in public health.

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# Helen Rodriguez-Trias Breakfast

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**Tuesday, November 1, 2011**  
**8:00 - 10:00 am**

Constitution Ballroom  
Grand Hyatt  
1000 H Street NW  
Washington, DC 20001

## ***Helen Rodriguez-Trias Social Justice Award***



The ***Helen Rodriguez-Trias Social Justice Award*** is presented to a person who has distinguished herself/himself professionally by working toward social justice for underserved and disadvantaged populations. This individual's work focuses on improving the health and well being of these populations through leading, advocating and mentoring (any or all three of these activities). The award is named after the late Dr. Helen Rodriguez-Trias, Past President of the American Public Health Association (APHA) and pediatrician. Dr. Rodriguez-Trias was an inspiration and role model who strove to meet the needs of underserved and disadvantaged populations, especially women and children. Through her work and activism, she used social justice strategies that affected change for the better.

### ***The Helen Rodriguez-Trias Social Justice Awardee***

**Teresa Chapa, PhD, MPA**  
*Senior Policy Advisor for Mental Health  
USDHHS, Office of Minority Health*

As staff lead, Dr. Chapa develops and promotes policies, programs, and practices to eliminate behavioral health disparities and achieve overall health equity for the underserved. Key projects focus on building a diverse, multidisciplinary, and culturally and linguistically competent workforce, leadership development, and promotion of integrated health and behavioral care.



## ***Helen Rodriguez-Trias Breakfast***

### **Welcome**

**Miryam C. Gerdine, MPH**  
*Past President  
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**Awardee Teresa Chapa, PhD, MPA**  
*Senior Policy Advisor for Mental Health , Office of Minority Health*

### **Speakers**

8:20 AM

**Craig Martinez, DrPH, MPH**  
*Health Policy Advisor  
Senate Health, Education, Labor, and Pension Committee*

Dr. Martinez's portfolio includes issues relating to public health, prevention, health disparities, mental health, HIV/AIDS, and public health preparedness. Dr. Martinez holds a Doctorate and Master's in Public Health from the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health. Dr. Martinez has over fifteen years of experience working with a number of nonprofit organizations and health care providers that offer community and clinical preventive services to predominantly low-income, communities of color.



**Oxiris Barbot, MD**  
*Health Commissioner, Baltimore City*

8:40 AM

Dr. Barbot was appointed Commissioner on July 7, 2010. Her priorities include maximizing community engagement, promoting health equity and fostering innovation. In the spring of 2011, she unveiled Healthy Baltimore 2015, a comprehensive health policy agenda that articulates 10 priority areas and indicators for action. This plan highlights areas where the largest impact can be made on reducing morbidity and mortality while improving quality of life for all Baltimoreans.



### **Roundtable Introductions**

9:30 AM

**Matilde Flores-Gonzalez, MPH**