



## **HSHPS Announces its New Board of Directors**

**October 25, 2017** – The HSHPS Board of Directors has confirmed the new Executive Committee and Members-At-Large.

**Norma A. Pérez, MD, DrPH** of University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston, School of Medicine will be replacing **Maureen Lichtveld, MD, MPH** of Tulane University, School of Public Health and Tropical Medicine. Dr. Maureen Lichtveld will transition to Immediate Past President.

Dr. Pérez said “As the President Elect of HSHPS, I know I speak for the Board of Directors and every one of you as we stand in solidarity with the people of Texas, Florida, Puerto Rico, California and Mexico in this period of unprecedented natural disasters. It is important to note that all of these regions not only host large Hispanic populations, but also face enormous health care challenges. It humbles me to take up the reigns of leadership and know that we as an organization of multiple institutions and multiple disciplines can contribute to the long-term rebuilding of these communities. Nationally and locally, health care institutions and their workforces face uncertain times and unknown changes. Our challenge, as we move forward with a new president, a new board of directors, and new infrastructure, will be to pursue our mission to strengthen the nation’s capacity, to increase the Hispanic workforce, and advance the health of Hispanics.”

Dr. Pérez also thanked previous HSHPS leadership, saying “I want to thank our outgoing President, Dr. Maureen Lichtveld and the outgoing Board for two years of dedication and perseverance in restructuring HSHPS into an organization prepared to address the health care workforce needs of our Hispanic communities. Under their guidance, we have blossomed into a multi-disciplinary pro-active group of passionate and committed institutions and individuals. I will strive to build upon this foundation by strengthening our connections and seeking your ideas and support for new projects and programs. I am energized by the challenges that we face and grateful for the support I have already received. I look forward to working closely with you as we seek to achieve equitable health and well-being for our Hispanic community.”

Upon finishing her term as HSHPS President, Dr. Lichtveld said "It has been an honor to serve as President of HSHPS. More than ever, our mission to improve Hispanic Health by strengthening the Hispanic academic workforce in medicine, public health, nursing, pharmacy and dentistry is pivotal. Our organization will be in steady hands when Dr. Norma Pérez takes over as our leader. Together with a board of committed colleagues and our network of institutional members, the commitment of HSHPS to serve our communities is unwavering.”

HSHPS also announced other changes to the Executive Committee and Board of Directors.

**Maria Garcia, MD, MPH** will replace Dr. Norma Pérez as Vice President.

**Eneida Roldan, MD, MPH, MBA** of Florida International University Herbert Hertheim College will continue in her role as Treasurer.

**Darryl Brown, PhD, MPA** of Drexel University School of Public Health will replace Dr. Maria Garcia as Secretary of the organization.

**Ana Abraido-Lanza, PhD** of Columbia University, Mailman School of Public Health will continue in her role as a Member-At-Large. **Francisco Moreno, MD** of University of Arizona, College of Medicine has been appointed as a new Member-At-Large.

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Hispanic-Serving Health Professions Schools (HSHPS), headquartered in Virginia, is a 501(c)3 member based nonprofit organization. Established in 1996, HSHPS supplies academic and career development programs and services to prepare emerging health professionals with the skills and knowledge necessary to address the many health disparities Hispanics and other ethnic minority groups face today.