



Mayor of Providence

Jorge O. Elorza

January 26, 2015

Honorable Members
Providence City Council
City Hall

Dear Honorable Members:

Pursuant to Sections 302(b) and 1103 of the Providence Home Rule Charter of 1980, as amended and Public Law, Chapter 45-50, Sections 1 through 31 passed in 1987, I am this day appointing Lauren Nocera, of 47 Biltmore Avenue, Providence, Rhode Island 02908, as a member of the Human Relations Commission for a term to end January 31, 2018, and respectfully submits the same for your approval. Lauren Nocera fills a vacant position on the Commission.

Sincerely,

Jorge O. Elorza
Mayor

IN CITY COUNCIL

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READ
WHEREUPON IT IS ORDERED THAT
THE SAME BE RECEIVED AND APPROVED
Lawrence J. Elorza CLERK

Lauren S. Nocera, MSW, MPH
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Relevant Knowledge and Skills

Fiscal management; grant writing; health center management; provider recruitment; strategic planning; needs assessment; training; effective communication; policy analysis; advocacy; group facilitation; human resources management; program design, implementation, and evaluation; partnerships development; outreach; public speaking; press relations; community organizing.

Relevant Employment Experience and Successes

Thundermist Health Center, Woonsocket, Rhode Island
Senior Director of Program Development, 2010 – Present
Director of Community Health Programs, 2004 - 2006
Coordinator, Community Health Programs, 2003 – 2004
Coordinator, School Based Health Centers, 2002 - 2003
Social Work Intern, 1999 - 2000

- Developed, implemented, and secured funding for a community dental program in 10 cities targeting 2000 children with linguistic, economic or transportation barriers to care.
- Developed patient-driven advocacy program and lead patient engagement initiatives.
- Conducted door-to-door needs assessment survey of 800 seniors living in public housing.
- Provided operational oversight for School Health Centers and Health Care for the Homeless.

Comprehensive Community Action Program, Cranston, RI
Assistant Director of Ambulatory and Behavioral Health, 2006 – 2010

- Currently leading a statewide transgender health initiative; secured funds to deliver health care training to all community health centers and medical students in RI.
- Currently conducting needs assessments of the adolescent population, and of a rural area.
- Oversaw the construction and implementation of two new dental centers.
- Led operations work group to increase access to health care and improve staff morale.

AIDS Project Rhode Island, Providence, Rhode Island
Director of Prevention and Advocacy, 2000 – 2002

- Coordinated the first National HIV Testing Day campaign in Rhode Island.
- Revitalized the RI AIDS Hotline by creating a marketing campaign in Spanish and cultivating Spanish-speaking volunteers.
- Expanded advocacy department focus to include issues of economic, racial and other social justice issues and supported clients in identifying issues of interest and relevance.

Youth Pride, Inc., Providence, Rhode Island
Coordinator, Street Health Initiative, 1998 – 2000, Youth Speaker, 1993 - 1998

- Designed, implemented and funded Rhode Island's first for-youth-by-youth street-based health promotion program for youth and young adults.
- Created and secured funding for Youth Pride Food Pantry.

AIDS Care Ocean State, Providence, RI
Coordinator, Street Health Initiative and Staff Member, RI Needle Exchange, 1998 – 2000

- Developed and delivered training for all youth outreach workers and needle exchange volunteers; recruited and retained staff that were representative of client populations.
- Developed and supported the Community Advisory Committee.

SPiRiT Educational Corp., Pawtucket, Rhode Island
Social Work Intern, 1998 – 2000

- Provided group and individual mental health services to middle and high school students in Providence and Central Falls.
- Provided skills building trainings for students.

Health Initiatives for Youth, San Francisco, California
Director, GLBT Youth Health Project, 1997

- Designed and implemented health care needs assessment needs for young people.
- Created a network of 32 agencies to address needs assessment findings.
- Recruited writers and edited health promotion magazine written by youth for youth.

Academic Preparation

Boston University School of Public Health, Boston, Massachusetts
Master of Public Health, Dual Concentration--Social & Behavioral Sciences, and Health Law. Received competitive Community Health Scholars grant each year.

Rhode Island College School of Social Work, Providence, Rhode Island
Master of Social Work, Dual Track--Clinical Practice, and Administration
Concentration: Health, Disability & Aging

Hampshire College, Amherst, Massachusetts
Bachelor of Arts, Dual Concentration—Theatre and Health & Society
Undergraduate Thesis: *An Exploration of Social Justice Issues in Theatre.*

Selected Teaching and Conferences

Presenter, Ocean State Action Campaign Manager Training, 2007 & 2009

Adjunct Professor, Rhode Island College School of Social Work, 2006 – Present

Presenter, National Association of School Health Centers, 2004 & 2005

Selected Community Involvement

Chair, Consumer Committee, Rhode Island Quality Institute, 2008 – Present

Marriage Equality Rhode Island- Founding Coordinating Committee Member, Fundraising and Finance Chair, 2003 – 2008

Statewide Obesity Planning Council-Member, 2002 – 2006

Connecting for Children & Families-Board Member, Treasurer, 2002 – 2007

Northern Rhode Island Coordinated Children & Adolescent Service Providers-Board Vice Chair, 2002 – 2003

Selected Honors

2007 Northern Rhode Island Community Champion, NRI Community Services

2005 Leadership Award, Healthy Kids! Healthy Schools! RI Depts. Of Health and Education

2005 Honoree, Early Childhood Oral Health Commission

2004 Concentrators Award, Boston University School of Public Health, Health Law Dept;
Domestic Abstinence-Only Education as a Violation of International Human Rights Law.

2004 and 2003 Excellence in Program Design Award, Healthy Kids! Healthy Schools!
RI Depts. Of Health and Education