



Medical Organization for
Latino Advancement
CHICAGO

Annual Report

Creating new paths for
Hispanic/Latino health.

2017 Outcomes



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The Chicago Medical Organization for Latino Advancement (MOLA) is a non-profit association of Chicagoland Hispanic/Latino physicians working for career advancement, linguistic and cultural competency, personal wellness, and reduced health disparities for the good of the entire Hispanic/Latino community.

CORE PROGRAMS



Education & Research
To teach, learn & mentor



Mentorship
To build a pipeline to careers in medicine



Public Health
To reduce health disparities through policy

2017, the year of the Medical Organization for Latino Advancement (MOLA)'s inauguration, has been a historic one for the Hispanic/Latino community and healthcare in Chicago. In the short time since its founding, MOLA has developed programs that promise to stand the test of time by engaging the passion and talent of our Latino physician members for the benefit of the health of our community and the career advancement and success of more Latinos in Medicine.

“Please join me in celebrating MOLA's successes and achievements and help us plan for an even more impactful year to come!”

Dr. Pilar Ortega

Outcomes & Accomplishments

in First Year 2017

Education and Research

CME Latino Health Symposium
Practicing physicians, Residents,
Medical Students and High School
Students participated in educational
event on topic of

Cancer Disparities and Best Practices

245 

Scholarly Activities - Poster Contest:

30 academic posters presented |  **3** Awards given

5 Chicago cancer experts provided education during symposium



Mentorship Program

Mentorship team-based program was launched in November 2017, supporting the following levels: high school, college, medical school, IMGs, residents, physicians, and health professionals

Activities executed

65 Successfully-connected Mentees, all levels.

28 Successfully-connected Mentors (Physicians, Residents, and Health Professionals).

5 Saturday Speaker Series/Charlas de Salud Events.

Saturday Speaker Series/Charlas de Salud: Educational, curriculum-based programs at Curie High School and local universities to expose high school and college students to various health topics and medical careers.

Project Forward/Proyecto Adelante: Weekly enrichment program that supports high school English Learner mentees and provides college and career readiness workshops.

Planning and design for 2018 Medical Simulation Program: Through a partnership with Advocate Illinois Masonic Medical Center, MOLA will provide hands-on training for high school and college students starting January 15, 2018.

Public Health Everywhere Challenge: With guidance from Mentors, students participate in semester-long experiential learning project and design a public health intervention. Launched on December 16, 2017 at Loyola University Chicago.



Partnerships



Public Health

Activities executed

Initiation of MOLA Response to Urgent Health Conditions in the Latino Community, including a network of providers willing to respond and provide services free of charge.

Initiation of community partnerships to help facilitate Public Health activities including: Omni Healthcare, Casa Puertorriqueña, City of Chicago Multi Agency Resource Centers (MARC), National Alliance of Mental Illness (NAMI)

Lives displaced from Puerto Rico's disaster seen medically, screened and connected with follow up resources:

15

Full medical screenings and referrals to primary care services.

Mental health screening was offered to approximately



300 Families



600 Individuals displaced

From Puerto Rico, and screening was completed for 37 individuals.

Lives saved:
10 individuals

1 was transferred to the Emergency Department and admitted to ICU

6 were provided treatment for urgent medical condition such as out of control diabetes, hypertension, and asthma, or active infection diagnosed/treated

7 were provided medication refills provided for control of chronic medical conditions for which delayed care could have resulted in serious illness)

Network building and Membership Outcomes



Total number of health-related professionals linked to MOLA

289 

Active volunteers across all programs

55 

Inaugural networking event Feb 22, 2017 **93**  Providers attended

MOLAndo networking event Aug 30, 2017 **78**  Providers attended

End of the year volunteer appreciation event Dec 14, 2017 **45**  Attended

MOLA in the News



MOLA recognized in the news for work in Public Health clinic for Puerto Rico victims.



MOLA president Dr. Pilar Ortega speaks to Latino community about Halloween safety



Crain's Chicago Business named MOLA president Dr. Pilar Ortega as one of Crain's 40 under 40 list for 2017



MOLA Vice-president Dr Joaquin Estrada in the news for work on colonoscopy screening



MOLA president Dr. Pilar Ortega speaks to Latino community about flu season wellness



Professional or Public Recognition in 2017 for MOLA as an organization or MOLA board members



Award for New professional medical organization awarded to MOLA at the 2017 NHMA Annual Conference in Washington, DC.

Sponsor organizations that facilitated MOLA programs in 2017



Alberto and Dario Bolaños



Jose Segura



Dan Martinez MD

