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Mano y Corazón Health Care Conference to be Highlighted at National Hispanic Medical Association Conference

El Paso - The Mano y Corazón health care education platform developed by Senator José Rodríguez' Health Care District Advisory Committee will be presented at the 19th annual conference of the National Hispanic Medical Association in Washington, DC on March 28, 2015.

Senator Rodríguez states, "We estimate that over half a million provider-patient interactions in El Paso have been enhanced through Mano y Corazón training. I congratulate the Health Care Advisory Committee whose ingenuity is receiving the national recognition that it rightfully merits. I'd also like to thank all of the participants and sponsors who help to make this event such a success."

As part of the conference theme, "Effective Strategies to Improve Health Care for Hispanics in Our Local Communities," the presentation by Corinne Chacón, Founding Manager of Mano y Corazón and former District Director for Senator Rodríguez, will be part of a panel on innovations in interprofessional health care training.

Mano y Corazón events have been in El Paso, Texas, from 2012-2014, drawing attention for their emphasis on interprofessional teamwork, solution-oriented sessions, and timely content. In carrying out the conferences, the Senator's office partners with the El Paso Chapter of the National Association of Hispanic Nurses, the El Paso Community Foundation, Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center at El Paso, BorderRAC, and numerous sponsors. Sessions for 2015, including an El Paso Summit for Hepatitis C Awareness, are already being developed.

The NHMA event draws an audience of over 800 health care providers and government and private sector partners to learn about improving health care delivery for Hispanic communities.

The NHMA was established in 1994 and represents the interests of an estimated 50,000 licensed Hispanic physicians in the country.

José Rodríguez represents Texas Senate District 29, which includes the counties of El Paso, Hudspeth, Culberson, Jeff Davis, and Presidio. He represents both urban and rural constituencies, and more than 350 miles of the Texas-Mexico border. Senator Rodríguez currently serves as the Chairman of the Senate Hispanic Caucus, and is a member of the Senate Committees on Education; Health and Human Services; Veteran Affairs and Military Installations; Nominations; and Agriculture, Water, and Rural Affairs.

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