

Building on the FQHC Model: Delivering Equitable and High Quality Care

Speaker Profiles

Rep. Nydia M. Velázquez

Representative Nydia Velázquez represents New York's 7th Congressional District covering Brooklyn and parts of Lower Manhattan. When first elected in 1992, she was the first Puerto Rican woman elected to the U.S. House of Representatives and currently serves on a number of Committees including her position as the Chairwoman of the House Small Business Committee. Her work in Congress has spanned a number of issues, including increasing access to health insurance and affordable, high quality healthcare.

Rep. Carolyn B. Maloney

Representative Carolyn B. Maloney was first elected to serve New York's 12th Congressional District in 1992 covering parts of Manhattan, Queens, and Brooklyn. She is currently Chairwoman of the House Committee on Oversight and Reform and former Chair of the Joint Economic Committee, the first woman to hold both of these positions. She is a strong supporter of community health centers, and helped secure capital funding through the American Rescue Plan. In addition, she is champion in issues of health care, women's rights and authored legislation to help those suffering from health ailments associated with 9/11.

Rep. Adriano Espaillat

Representative Adriano Espaillat represents New York's 13th Congressional District which covers Harlem, Washington Heights, and part of the Bronx. Rep. Espaillat has a number of committee assignments, including Foreign Affairs, Transportation and Infrastructure, and Small Business Committee and is a member of the Congressional Hispanic Caucus. He is the first Dominican American to serve in the U.S. House of Representatives. He is a strong supporter of Federally Qualified Health Centers, recently helping to fund \$8 million for health centers in the district, and improving mental health of constituents.

Rep. Antonio Delgado

Representative Antonio Delgado represents New York's 19th Congressional District which spans the Mid-Hudson Valley. He attended Harvard Law School and was a Rhodes Scholar. He is the Chairman of the House Agriculture Subcommittee on Commodity Exchanges, Energy, and Credit and Congressman serves on the House Small Business and Transportation and Infrastructure Committees. His work in Congress has included making healthcare more affordable for Americans, as well as expanding rural broadband which will improve access for many constituents.



Rep. Ritchie Torres

Representative Ritchie Torres represents New York's 15th Congressional District which covers West and South Bronx. He serves on the Committee on Financial Services and Homeland Security. Before being elected to this position in 2021, he was the youngest elected official and first openly LGBTQ person elected to office in the Bronx as a city councilmember. His lived experiences makes him a tenacious advocate for his constituents. He is passionate about a number of issues that impact the lives of our patients, including safe housing.

Dr. Eric Gayle

Eric Gayle is a graduate of the Mount Sinai School of Medicine and began his career in family medicine at the Institute's Beth Israel Residency in Urban Family Practice, where here served as chief resident. Dr. Gayle joined the Institute in 1998 after completing his training and currently serves as Vice President, Medical Services Regional Medical Director of New York City sites. He also mentors minority students who are interested in careers in medicine, and leads the Institute's credentialing committee.

Dr. Marta Sanchez

Dr. Marta Sanchez currently serves as the Assistant Medical Director at Kingston Family Health Center. She completed her medical degree at Universidad Autonoma de Guadalajara before coming to New York for internships in Internal Medicine at NY Methodist Hospital in Brooklyn.

Dr. Robert Schiller

Robert (Red) Schiller is the Institute's senior vice president for clinical affairs and chief medical officer. Dr. Schiller joined the Institute in 1987. In addition to his role as a practicing family physician, he oversees clinical affairs and graduate medical education and is the chair of the Alfred and Gail Engelberg Department of Family Medicine at Mount Sinai Beth Israel and Vice Chair of the Department of Family Medicine and Community Health at the Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai/Mount Sinai Hospital.

Dr. Tonie McKenzie

Tonie McKenzie is a native of Jamaica who grew up in East Flatbush, Brooklyn. She completed my medical studies at Stony Brook University School of Medicine. Before medical school, Dr. McKenzie spent two years teaching high school students in the neighborhood where she grew up. Her passion for education throughout medical school allowed her to better understand advocacy and policy development.

Cindylou Killikelly

Ms. Killikelly joined the Institute for Family Health in 2011 as a Registered Nurse. Ms. Killikelly has served as the Nurse Manager at two of the Institute's Bronx Sites for six years before becoming the Regional Nursing Director of the Bronx Region in 2016. Ms. Killikelly is a part of executive management and is responsible for the oversight of the day to day clinical operations within the Institute's New York City practices.



Rebecca Segall

Rebecca Segall supervises the care management team at the Institute's lower Manhattan and Brooklyn sites. Rebecca is currently earning her Masters in Social Work at Hunter College.

Carmen Veloz

Carmen Veloz, PhD is a licensed bi-lingual Clinical Psychologist and graduate of Fordham University. She is currently in the role of Upper Manhattan Regional Director, Behavioral Health for over 3 years and has been with IFH for 4 years. She is responsible for behavioral staff working at 5 locations including 3 School Based Health Centers, a satellite center at Amsterdam Avenue and 2 centers out of the 1824 Madison Hub site.