



*The Suffolk Center on the Holocaust,
Diversity & Human Understanding, Inc.*

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
September 18, 2006

**RESOLUTION NO. 04-2006 RECOMMENDING THE APPOINTMENT OF
DIRECTORS TO THE BOARD OF THE SUFFOLK CENTER ON THE
HOLOCAUST, DIVERSITY & HUMAN UNDERSTANDING, INC.**

WHEREAS, the by-laws of The Suffolk Center on the Holocaust, Diversity & Human Understanding, Inc. provide for the College Board of Trustees to appoint the members of the CHDHU Board of Directors, and

WHEREAS, vacancies exists on the Board, and

WHEREAS, Susan McGrath and Sonia Palacio-Grottola have been nominated to fill such vacancies and their credentials have been reviewed, be it therefore

RESOLVED, that the Board hereby recommends to the College Trustees the appointment of the following persons to the Board of Directors of The Suffolk Center on the Holocaust, Diversity & Human Understanding, Inc. for a term of three years, effective October 19, 2006:

Name

Susan McGrath

Sonia Palacio-Grottola

Eleanor Kra, Secretary
Board of Directors



MEMORANDUM

To: Steven F. Schrier, Esq.
Executive Director, CHDHU

From: Andrew Liput

Date: June 30 2006

Re: Board Nomination

I would like to nominate Susan McGrath to be a member of the CHDHU Board of Directors.

Mrs. McGrath was born and raised in Smithtown, Long Island and resides in Caldwell, New Jersey. She is a graduate of SCCC and Pace University. She was formerly District Manager for the Oldsmobile Division of General Motors Corp., and since 1996 has been a principal owner and Executive Vice President of US Mortgage Corp. based in Pine Brook, New Jersey.

Mrs. McGrath presently serves on the Boards of Habitat for Humanity Newark and the New Jersey Chapter of Make a Wish Foundation.

Mrs. McGrath and her husband, Michael J. McGrath, Jr., were recently instrumental in the acquisition of the Freedom Collection, donated to CHDHU in January 2006.

I have spoken to Mrs. McGrath and she has expressed interest in joining the Board should she be found qualified and appropriate. Thank you for your consideration.

Sonia Palacio-Grottola, MSW, QCSW, ACSW-R
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Commack, NY 11725
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EMPLOYMENT

- 5/97 - present - Suffolk County Dept. of Health
-consultant in the Dept. of Children with Special
Needs
- 12/87 - 5/97 Pilgrim Psychiatric Center- and
La Casita Continuing Day Treatment Program
-Psychiatric Social Worker
- Dec.1992 Office of Mental Health, Long Island Regional
Office
-Mental Health Program Specialist III
-Coordinator of Housing for Suffolk County
- Dec.1987 New York State Office of Mental Health
Pilgrim Psychiatric Center, Brentwood, NY
Family Care Program
-Primary psychiatric social worker
-Trainer of Family Care Providers
-Administrative Responsibilities
- Dec.1983 -Psychotherapist - Private Practice
To Present -Consultant and Lecturer
- May 1983- Suffolk County Department of Social Services
-Social Worker in Family & Children's
Services; Child Protective Services
- Sept.1973 Commack Public School District, Commack, NY
1981 -Instructor of Spanish Language in Adult Education

EDUCATION

- May 1987 Adelphi University, Garden City, NY
-Awarded Certificate in Clinical Studies
- May 1983 State University, School of Social Welfare
Stony Brook, NY
-Awarded Masters of Social Work with honors
-Awarded Certificate in Alcoholism
-Studies in Spain and Costa Rica
-Awarded Fellowship in Child & Welfare
Training Program
- Ongoing Continuing Education Credits in related fields
-Certificate in Play Therapy

VOLUNTEER WORK

Pronto of Long Island, Inc., Bay Shore, NY
New York State Corrections, Brentwood, NY
Pro Bono Consultation/Assessment/Therapy

CREDENTIALS

Dec.1983 New York State Certified Social Work License
Nov.1987 Academy of Certified Social Workers
June 1990 Qualified Certified Social Worker
Aug. 1991 "R" Reimbursement Credential

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS, Past & Present **active

National Association of Social Workers (NASW), President,
New York State Chapter 2003-2004
**National Association of Puerto Rican/Hispanic Social
Workers, Inc (NAPRHSW) Founding Member.
Patrick Halpin Suffolk County Executive=s Hispanic
Advisory Board
NY Civil Liberties Union, Suffolk Chapter
Council of International Programs
Advisory Board member of Community Hospital
Adelante of Suffolk County, Inc. V.P. of Board
**Association of Hispanic Mental Health Professionals
Board of Directors, La Union Hispanica en Suffolk, Inc.
Advisory Board member of Hispanic Programs at
Pilgrim Psychiatric Center
Long Island Regional Committee on Increasing Minority
Access to the Licensed Professionals
**National Conference of Puerto Rican Women (NACOPRW)
New York State Multicultural Mental Health Committee
**Steve Levy's Suffolk County Executive, Hispanic
Advisory Board
Robert Gaffney's Suffolk County Executive, Hispanic
Advisory Board
Congressman Tom Downey's Hispanic Advisory Board
**Long Island Regional Committee of the New York State
Assembly/Senate Puerto Rican/Hispanic Task Force
National Puerto Rican Coalition
American Association of University Women, Islip Chapter
**Long Island Coalition for English Plus - Chairperson
**Amnesty International USA
**100 Hispanic Women, Inc.
Long Island Religious Labor Coalition, Inc.
**National Organization of Women
National Council of La Raza
Hispanic Advisory Board - FECS, Central Islip, NY
NAACP, Islip Branch, N.Y.
Planned Parenthood of Suffolk
The Hispanic Society of America
SCAA Board member Schuyler Center for Analysis & Advocacy
Elected Vice President of The National Association of
Social Workers, New York State Chapter - 2002-2003.
Lifetime member of NYS University School of Social Work
at Stony Brook Alumni.
**Stony Brook University Advisory Board Member to the
Dean's Alumni Association School of Social Welfare.
**Founding member: Advisory Board for the Social Justice
Center at the School of Social Welfare, Stony Brook.
**Mental Health Association of Suffolk County
**National Latino Behavioral Health Association
**Suffolk Community Council, Inc. 2003 Board Member

Co-Chaired the National Conference ADiversity & Strengths
of the Latino Family@ 2001 and 2003.

** EDITOR: NAPRHSW=s Newsletter
EDITOR: NASW=s Latino Caucus Newsletter
EDITOR: SUNY at Stony Brook, School of Social Work Alumni
Newsletter

HONORS

- Who's Who Among Human Service Professionals - 1987
- Transition Team-Suffolk County Executive Patrick Halpin
Counseling Award for working with families of the AVIANCA
AIR CRASH -
- Humanitarian Award presented by La Union Hispanica
- Public Employee's Federation Community Service 1988
- Hispanic Social Worker of Year 1989 presented by National
Association of Puerto Rican/Hispanic Social Workers
- NOW Alliance PAC of Long Island 1991 Honor for Lifetime
Commitment to Improving Lives of Hispanic Women
- National Association of Social Worker of the Year 1990
for AVIANCA Disaster - Suffolk Division -
- Citizen of Year Award 1992 presented by National
Association of Social Workers, Suffolk Division
- Social Worker of the Year 1994 presented by La Union
Hispanica en Suffolk County, Inc.
- Community Service Award 1995 presented by New York State
Assembly Puerto Rican/Hispanic Task Force
- Public Servant of the Year 1995 presented by NACOPRW
- Community Service Award 1999 presented by Hispanic Counseling Center,
Hempstead, NY
- S Community Service Award 1999 presented by the Suffolk County Martin
Luther King Commission.
- Leadership Award 1999 presented by the Suffolk County Executive
Robert Gaffney & the Hispanic Advisory Board
- S Advocacy Award 1999 presented by Central American Refugee Center
- S Inducted into the Latina Women=s Society Hall of Fame, March 2000
- S Special Award presented by National Conference of Puerto Rican Woman
S at the 2001 annual convention in Philadelphia, PA.
- Suffolk County Mental Health award for working with the families of
the victims of FLIGHT 587 - October 2001.
- S 1/12/03 - highlighted in *Newsday* newspaper as AEveryday Hero@
- 3/30/04 - "Wind Beneath Our Wings" A Unique Tribute to Women Award
presented by New Perspectives.
- 2/28/05 - Presentation on "CUBA" at the Council on Social Work
Education, Marriott Marquis Hotel, NY, NY
- 3/31/05 - The Latino Social Work Task Force award "Honoring &
Promoting Social Work Leadership" at Con Edison Bldg. NY
- 2005 Biographical sketch to be included in the LATINAS IN THE
UNITED STATES: A Historical Encyclopedia.

- S R. 3/31/05