

Lorenzo Gonzalez – Feliciano, MD, FAACAP, MBA, DHA

Secretary

Puerto Rico Health Department



Lorenzo González-Feliciano, MD, FAACAP, MBA, DHA was appointed as Secretary of the Puerto Rico Health Department in March, 2020 by Governor Wanda Vázquez Garced to address the ongoing COVID 19 pandemic and assist in the management and organization of the Puerto Rico Department of Health in the response of this new public health emergency.

This would be Dr. Gonzalez-Feliciano's second tenure in the Puerto Rico State Health Department as acting Secretary. As Health Secretary under the Administration of Governor Luis G. Fortuño from August 2009 to December 2012, Dr. González-Feliciano managed the Influenza AH1N1 pandemic, the Dengue epidemic, and different outbreaks, including Influenza & Tuberculosis.

Given his experience and countless efforts to develop successful public policies under his leadership during his first term, Dr. González-Feliciano accepted to return to public service and work with the federal counterparts. Through his substantial medical, public administration and public health experience and education, he establishes all the necessary strategies to better respond to COVID 19.

Dr. González-Feliciano expresses a diverse, well-rounded knowledge of medical standards and procedures, molded by experiences such as working hands-on in the field as a practicing attending physician and understanding the management/administrative aspect of medicine as a medical director and healthcare consultant. Also possesses an immense understanding of the business and governmental side of medicine through current successes as the Secretary of Health for the Government of Puerto Rico. Exudes masterful ability to organize and manage large groups of professionals to develop and implement monumental projects, programs and amendments that directly impact the entire community of Puerto Rico.

Practiced in collaborating with organizations and other government agencies to survey work conditions, improve access to and quality of healthcare, and resolve monetary disputes, all with sterling results. Served as healthcare representative to the people of Puerto Rico, spoke at major, worldwide conferences on the island's behalf and personally participated in a multitude of fundraising efforts for cancer cure and treatment. Dr. Gonzalez also worked for the Joint Commission (JC) for 15 years. He is licensed to practice medicine in Puerto Rico, Florida, New York, Pennsylvania, and South Carolina.

He obtained his bachelor's degree in Biology from the University of Puerto Rico in 1980. In 1984, he started studying General Medicine and in 1988, he entered the Albert Einstein Medicine of School in New York to specialize in Adult Psychiatry. In 1991, he sub-specialized in Children and Adolescents Psychiatry at the Columbia Presbyterian Hospital, New York. Dr. González-Feliciano completed a Master Business Administration (MBA) degree, from the University of Pittsburgh, and a Doctor in Health Administration (DHA) degree from Michigan Central University.