

BIOGRAPHY

Marina Diaz, MHSA

Mrs. Marina Diaz was appointed as the Director for the Puerto Rico/USVI office on June 27th 2016. Previous to joining CMS, Marina's career had been devoted to designing, developing, and transforming Healthcare Delivery Systems.

Frequently described as an innovator, her legacy has always been connected to increasing the opportunities for better health for individuals, families, and communities. She is a passionate believer in the possibility of recovery from mental health challenges.



In 1987, Marina was the first licensed Administrator of First Hospital Panamericano; a newly opened, 167-bed psychiatric facility. Later, in 1996 she created a Managed Behavioral Healthcare Organization called FHC where she served as CEO until 2012.

Marina holds a bachelor's degree in psychology, a master's degree in health services administration from the University of Puerto Rico and is a DrPH candidate in Health System Analysis, from the School of Public Health. Currently conducting research in Value-Based Care.

In 1985, she moved to New York to conduct a post-master fellowship at the Elmhurst Hospital where she was later recruited as Patient Advocate. This experience shaped her career as a health care professional and inspired her to apply quality driven, patient centric culture in every healthcare setting or initiative she leads.

In CMS, Marina's goal has been to increase the visibility and relevance of the CMS-PR/VI locality and its contribution to the American citizens that live in Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands.