



# **VA Latino Advisory Board**

## **Hampton Roads Community Forum Construyendo Puentes de Progreso**

Slover Library

June 10, 2016



# AGENDA

- I Welcome
- II Panel
- III Roundtable
- IV Community Pledge
- V Closing Remarks
- VI Reception

# Gracias

- **Virginia Latino Leadership Council**
- **Virginia Hispanic Chamber of Commerce**
- **Aloisa Wealth Management**

# Governor's Message

- [LINK to video](#)

# About VLAB - History



# **About VLAB: Composition**

- **21 nonlegislative citizen members; all appointed by the Governor**
- **At least 15 to be of Latino Descent**
- **Additionally, Secretaries of the Commonwealth, Commerce and Trade, Education, Health and Human Resources, or their designees, shall serve as ex-officio members.**

# ABOUT VLAB: Role

- Advises the Governor regarding the development of economic, professional, cultural, educational, and governmental links between the Commonwealth of Virginia, the Latino community in Virginia, and Latin America;
- Undertakes studies, symposiums, research, and factual reports to gather information to formulate and present recommendations to the Governor relative to issues of concern and importance to the Latino community in the Commonwealth; and
- Advises the Governor as needed regarding any statutory, regulatory, or other issues of importance to the Latino community in the Commonwealth

# Focus Areas

- **Civic Engagement and Leadership Development**
- **Business**
- **Healthcare**
- **Education and Workforce Development**

<http://vlab.virginia.gov/>



# Community Forum: Goal

- to increase Latino access to the opportunities, resources and key initiatives, the Commonwealth offers.

# **We Will Accomplish Our Goal By:**

Partnering with the Governor's Administration and Latino Community to:

- Educate and promote awareness on the state resources and opportunities available;
- Engage and increase community participation; and
- Create stronger linkages between state and local agency staff and the Latino community.

# Panelists

- **Honorable Nancy Rodrigues,**
  - Secretary of Administration
- **Beatriz Amberman,**
  - Vice-Chair and Founding Member ,Virginia Coalition of Latino Organizations and Virginia Latino Leaders Council
- **Nancy Stephens,**
  - One-Stop Director, Opplnc.
- **Demetria Lindsay, MD**
  - District Director, Norfolk Dept. of Public Health,VDH
- **Norman Grefe**
  - Environmental Health Manger, Norfolk District
- **Julie Bilodeau**
  - Executive Director, CrossOver Healthcare Ministry



# **Roundtable Discussions**

- 1. What does building bridges to progress look like for your community?**
- 2. Brainstorm education and outreach strategies that you feel will work for your community.**

# Community Pledge

WHAT?	WHO?	WHEN?

## Si Se Puede

Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed individuals can **change the world**. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has.

**Margaret Mead**