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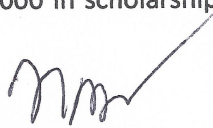
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SILAMP (Society of Ibero Latin American Medical Professionals: 501 c3) is asking sponsorship to support the "Veterans Suicide Prevention Summit." The Summit will be hosted at the Philadelphia County Medical Society (PCMS), 2100 Spring Garden Street, Philadelphia, PA 19130 on April 27, 2019 from 7:30 am-5 pm. We have partnered with the Pennsylvania Governor's Commission for Latino Affairs (GACLA).

A group of Ninety Six invested citizens, consisting of medical professionals, veteran leaders, advocates, lawyers and policy makers will meet with the intent of doing their part in curbing Veterans Suicide. Members of this group share the concern over the influx of veterans committing suicide. An astounding amount of veterans are committing suicide: Approximately 7,300 per year or about 22 Veterans are committing suicide per day which amounts to a devastating National Crisis. This group will gather together in form of a Summit to effectively problem solve, generate realistic action plans and guidelines in effort to help solve this problem. Amongst the invited participants are medical professionals from CBH, Philadelphia VA, Philadelphia College of Physicians, Military Assistance Project and Philadelphia Medical Society. Amongst our speakers are Dr. Barbara Van Dhalen who has been awarded on "Time magazine's 100 Most Influential People of the World" for her work in military mental health; Philadelphia President Judge, Hon. Patrick Dugan; Dr. Hector Colon-Rivera, President American Psychiatry Association Hispanic Caucus; Dr. Anthony Machiavelli, CMO Emergency Services for Atlantic Care and retired veteran Col. Maureen Weigl from the Pennsylvania Veterans Task Force.

The summit will include brief presentations, panel discussions and questions and answer sessions with experts who will discuss this crisis and its risk factors; such as, substance use disorders, behavioral disorders and social determinants. We will review the efficacy of the current interventions and collaborate in Strategic Group Breakout Sessions to elicit concrete action plans. The summit will conclude with a reception and networking event. Our long term goal will be to compile the action plans in a report for policy making, awareness and education of healthcare professionals and veteran advocates to help our veterans.

SILAMP is an award winning 501 c3 organization founded in 1991 in the Delaware Valley. Our mission is to educate healthcare professionals and the Latino American community in public health issues. We had awarded \$40,000 in scholarships and mentored students of Latin American descent pursuing a career in healthcare.

Kind Regards,

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