



Interoffice Memorandum

AGENDA ITEM

November 21, 2019

TO: Mayor Jerry L. Demings  
-AND-  
Board of County Commissioners

FROM: Yolanda G. Martinez, EdPhD., PhD., Director *YGM*  
Health Services Department  
**Contact: (407) 836-7611**

SUBJECT: Concurrence request for State Surgeon General Appointment of  
Administrator, Department of Health in Orange County  
**Consent Agenda Item – December 3, 2019**

I am happy to announce that State Surgeon General Dr. Scott A. Rivkees has appointed Dr. Raul Pino as Administrator of the Florida Department of Health in Orange County. In accordance with Florida Statute 154.04, this appointment requires concurrence by the Board. Attached is Dr. Pino's Curriculum Vita for your review.

**ACTION REQUEST:** Concurrence with the State Surgeon General's appointment of Dr. Raul Pino to the position of Administrator of the Florida Department of Health in Orange County.

YGM/sb

Attachments

Cc: Byron W. Brooks, AICP, County Administrator  
Danny Banks, Deputy County Administrator  
John Goodrich, Deputy Director, Health Services Department  
J. Ricardo Daye, Director, Human Resources Division

**Mission:**

To protect, promote & improve the health of all people in Florida through integrated state, county & community efforts.



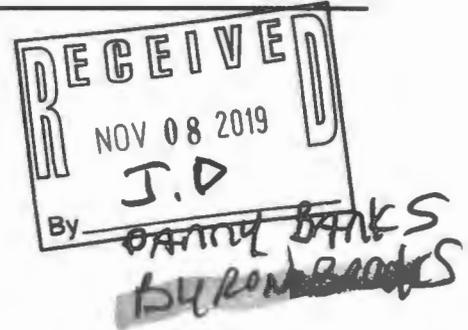
**Ron DeSantis**  
Governor

**Scott A. Rivkees, MD**  
State Surgeon General

**Vision:** To be the Healthiest State in the Nation

November 4, 2019

The Honorable Jerry L. Demings  
Mayor, Orange County  
Orange County Administration Building  
201 South Rosalind Avenue  
Orlando, Florida 32801



Dear Mayor Demings:

The Florida Department of Health (Department) would like to formally notify the Orange County Board of County Commissioners and community of the appointment of Raul Pino, MD, MPH, as Administrator for the Florida Department of Health in Orange County. Dr. Pino is an exemplary public health professional and a champion for protecting the health and safety of the people of Florida. We express our deep appreciation for his service and commitment while serving as Interim Administrator for DOH-Orange County since May 2019.

The Department requests support of the Orange County Board of County Commissioners on the appointment of Dr. Raul Pino as the Administrator of the Florida Department of Health in Orange County. The Department has full confidence in Dr. Pino as he possesses an excellent and diverse background in all aspects of public health and has demonstrated his ability as a skilled leader. I believe Dr. Pino will continue to be an asset to the Florida Department of Health and Orange County as its permanent health department administrator.

The Department is requesting time on the agenda during your upcoming meeting to request concurrence on the appointment of Raul Pino, MD, MPH, as the Administrator of the Florida Department of Health in Orange County. County health departments sustain the partnership between the Florida Department of Health and county government pursuant to section 154.04, Florida Statutes. In keeping with state law, as well as our desire to maintain this important partnership, the Florida Department of Health seeks concurrence from county government when selecting a new health department administrator.

If you or any member of the Board of County Commissioners have questions or would like more information regarding Dr. Pino, please feel free to contact Beth Paterniti, Director for County Health Systems at 850-245-4542. I appreciate your continued support and that of the Board of County Commissioners and the community in selecting the best candidate for the people of Orange County.

Sincerely,

Scott A. Rivkees, MD  
State Surgeon General

cc: Raul Pino, MD, MPH

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## **EDUCATION**

- 1987**                    **Doctor of Medicine**, Instituto Superior de Ciencias Médicas de la Universidad de La Habana, Havana, Cuba.
- 2010**                    **Master in Public Health**, University of Connecticut School of Medicine.
- 2007**                    **Supervisory Skills Certificate Program**, Hartford, Connecticut.
- 1985**                    **Specialization in Gynecology, Obstetrics and Women Health**, Gynecologic Institute, Havana, Cuba, with emphasis on reproductive health, sexually transmitted diseases, and HIV/AIDS.
- 1983**                    **Specialization in Epidemiology**, Instituto Superior de Ciencias Básicas y Preclínicas, Havana, Cuba.

## **PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

**May 2019 – Present**

**Interim County Health Officer**  
Orange County, Florida

**June 2015 – April 2019**

**Commissioner/ Deputy Commissioner**  
Connecticut Department of Public Health (DPH)  
Hartford, CT.

The Connecticut Department of Public Health is the State's leader in public health policy and advocacy. The Department functions as the center of a comprehensive network of public health services and as a partner of local health departments for which it provides advocacy. With a budget of over \$500M and a workforce of over 750 employees, today's Department of Public Health pursues its mission by focusing on three major program areas: Prevention/Education, Regulation and Planning.

- Strategic leadership and management of the state's leading public health agency.
- Establishment and maintenance of effective partnerships with executive leaders of health and wellness institutions within the State of Connecticut.
- Directly responsible for the supervision and management of the Infectious Diseases Section, Community, Family and Health Equity Section, and the Regulatory Services Branch which includes the Office of Local Health and its partnership with Connecticut's 74 Local Health Departments/Districts.
- Strategic planning and quality improvement management related to health systems improvement across Connecticut.

- UCONN Board of Directors member.
- Health Care Cabinet member.
- Prioritization of funding allocation, budget implementation and management.

## July 2010 – May 2015

**Director.** City of Hartford Department of Health and Human Services; Hartford, CT.

State certified Director of Health for the City of Hartford. Responsible for the performance of a \$18+ million, 5 division, 100+ employee organization which delivers services to residents within the Greater Hartford Region. Areas of service delivery include; Community and Seniors, Disease Prevention and Health Promotion, Environmental Health, Maternal and Child Health, Emergency Preparedness Management.

- Strategic planning and quality management related to health and wellness services delivered to the City's 125,700+ residents.
- Establishment and maintenance of effective partnerships with executive leaders of health and wellness institutions within the Greater Hartford region.
- Budget creation, implementation and management.
- Labor relations with Union personnel.
- Prioritization of funding allocation for support of community based organizations.
- Public Health Preparedness management.
- Public Health Code enforcement.
- Supervision of a 25 member management team.

### *Selected Accomplishments:*

- Oversight of the development of the Greater Hartford Region's point of dispensing (POD) for prophylaxis distribution.
- Executed four continuous yearly budgets without deficit.
- Conceptual Development, Execution and Implementation of the three Public Health Accreditation Prerequisites, Community Health Needs Assessment, Strategic Planning and Community Health Improvement Plan.
- Develop and implemented several legislative initiatives (e.g. Restaurant Sanitary Grading System and Trans-Fat Ordinance).
- Chaired The Mayor's "Healthy Hartford Campaign," a citywide health and wellness education initiative which received the 2008 U.S. Surgeon General's Champion Award and the release of its first annual report on August 2011.
- Secured over \$18 million in new grant funding.
- Issued the second edition of the "Hartford Critical Health Indicators." The document is an analysis of secondary data related to the health of Hartford's residents.
- Oversight of a Community and a Mental Health Needs Assessment process involving multiple health and wellness providers, including all city hospitals.

**May 2010 - July 2011**

**Assistant Director of Health.** City of Hartford Department of Health and Human Services; Hartford, CT.

Assures the public health and safety of Hartford citizens and visitors. Serves as administrative lead to the Director of Health, coordinates and supervises the Relocation program, Public Health Preparedness program, and Epidemiological staff and its activities.

- Services as Acting Director of Health in Director's absence.
- Represents the Department at meetings as assigned by the Director
- Serves as the expert technical consultant/administrative liaison on all environmental issues.
- Provides 24/7 emergency response, lead manager for the Relocation Program and Emergency Placement.
- Lead manager for the Public Health Preparedness Program.
- Research and draft documents including ordinances and standard procedures as assigned by the Director.
- Attends public and private meeting including community and City Council meetings.
- Conducts data analysis and summarizes results for reporting.

**May 2007 - May 2010**

**Epidemiologist III.** State of Connecticut, Department of Public Health HIV Prevention Unit/STD Unit; Hartford, CT.

- Statewide activities coordinator of STD/HIV programs.
- Provide technical support and capacity building for Health Care Providers.
- Grant management.
- Design, manage and implement Data Systems.
- Coordinate activities with collaborating organizations.
- Managed CADAP in an interim capacity.
- Monitored Yale University Syringe Access Contract.
- Provide Consultation to Staff and Contractors.
- Designed, implemented and trained all State of Connecticut. Department of Public Health contractors on the Program Evaluation and Monitoring System (PEMS) Database.
- Serve as a member of the CT Community Planning Group for HIV.
- Designed, implemented and monitored CDC initiative for Expanded and Integrated HIV Testing for Populations Disproportionately Affected Primarily African American.
- Serve as a member of the CT DPH working group for the modification of the state's Statues on HIV testing, successfully migrating the state from up-in to up-out consent to facilitate universal HIV testing.
- Negotiated and implemented HIV testing at three of CT Hospitals ERs (Waterbury, New London and Yale-New Haven).
- Designed, implemented and monitored CDC initiative Enhanced Sexually Transmitted Disease (STD) Surveillance in Hartford and New Haven Counties. Quarterly reporting to the CDC, Data management and analysis.

**Sep 1997 - May 2007**

**Co-Principal Investigator/Project Director.** Institute for Community Research; Hartford, CT.

- Supervise all project team members.
- Coordinate activities with subcontractors.
- Oversee the collection, processing and analysis of survey data.
- Participate in instrument construction.
- Training and capacity building.
- Coordinate activities with collaborating organizations.
- Epidemiological surveillance of diseases trends and dissemination.
- Coordinate activities with the International Institute for Population Sciences in Mumbai, India.
- Oversee the collection, processing and analysis of survey data collected in Mumbai, India.
- Training and Building capacity in Mumbai, India.
- Translate survey and consent forms into Spanish.
- Supervise ethnographic fieldwork.
- Develop a referral system for counseling and drug rehabilitation services for project participants.
- Coordinate participant recruitment.
- Develop and coordinate outreach and interview schedules.
- Design Teleform data entry forms for scanning.
- Organize staff meetings and prepare agendas.
- Disseminate findings at national and international conferences, and seminars.
- Onsite training of all project members in Mumbai, India.

**Associated Research Projects:**

1. National Behavioral HIV Surveillance.
2. Alcohol Risk Behaviors and HIV Prevention in Mumbai, India  
Grant # AA014803.
3. Club Drugs, Resources Inequities and health Risk Among Urban Youth. Grant # DA014863.
4. World AIDS Foundation Research Training and Dissemination Program. Mumbai, India.
5. Pathways to High-risk Drug Use Among Inner City Youth in Hartford.
6. Microbicides Acceptability to Prevent HIV in High Risk Women Substance Abuse, Violence and AIDS (SAVA).

**Mar 1997- Sept 1997**

**Youth and Family Health Educator.** Hispanic Health Council; Hartford, CT.

- Designed and implemented early intervention programs targeting children and their families.
- Developed health related projects and organized parents' support groups.
- Collected and managed project data.

- Conducted information seminars on child health issues for parents.

**Jun 1996 - Mar 1997**

**Patient Care Assistant.** Cancer Unit, Hartford Hospital; Hartford, CT.

**1995 - 1996**

**Consultant.** Department of Children and Families; Hartford, CT.

- Provided counseling and training on daily living skills to families with children with multi-personal disorders.
- Conducted assessments of psychomotor development, education, and health needs.
- Tracked vaccination schedules.
- Implemented domestic violence and child abuse prevention referral system.

**Health Educator.** Capitol Region Education Center; Hartford, CT.

- Implemented community health education programs to high risk, inner-city populations.
- Presented prevention education sessions on sexually transmitted diseases; child abuse; child development; childhood vaccinations; women's reproductive health, and family planning.

**1988 - 1990**

**Chief of Medical Services/ Public Health Officer.**  
División 9105; Ciego de Ávila, Cuba.

- Supervised a 250-bed hospital and 11 satellite clinics.
- Administered and managed 200 professional and service staff.
- Developed and implemented public health programs, procedures and protocols.
- Implement Public Health Preparedness Campaigns including massive vaccination.
- Oversaw all budgetary activities.
- Managed health services for 5000 military personnel.
- Directed the building and managing of five dental clinics.
- Conducted medical and epidemiological research on leptospirosis.
- Supervised the purchase and distribution of medicines and medical equipment.
- Provide 24/7 emergency response services to neighboring communities.
- Designed and implemented emergency procedures in the event of natural disasters (hurricanes and flood) or warfare for the evacuation of all personnel and patients at all unit clinics and Hospital.
- Oversaw environmental inspections to all military units in the division. Elaboration of Remediation plans and outcomes.
- Oversaw and conducted food safety inspection at all units, distribution, elaboration and serving for 5000 personnel.
- Oversight of neighboring community sanitation system including investigation of possible public health hazards.
- Serve as the Public Health Officer by enforcing environmental public health code.

**1987-1988**

**Medical Officer.** Sanitary Post; Ciego de Avila, Cuba.

- Supervised a 20-bed health post.
- Directed and managed 16 professional and service staff.
- Collaborated with other medical services in the region.
- Oversaw services provided to surrounding communities.
- Conducted environmental inspections to all military units in the division. Elaboration of Remediation plans and outcomes.
- Conducted food safety inspection at all units, distribution, elaboration and serving for 1000 personnel.

**1986-1987**

**AIDS Intern.** Clínica Los Cocos; Santiago de las Vegas, Cuba.

- Provided education and treatment to patients with HIV/AIDS and their families.
- Managed and coordinated health services for patients with HIV/AIDS.
- Participated in a national conference on HIV/AIDS.
- Served on the national expert commission drawing recommendations toward a national strategy on HIV/AIDS.

## **PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS**

- American Public Health Association.
- National Hispanic Science Network on Drug Abuse.
- Association of State and Territorial Health Officials.

## **BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS**

**Mar 2017 – Current**  
**Mar 2016 – Current**

**UCONN Health Board of Directors.**

**Board of Regents.** Non-Voting, Ex-Officio Members

- Among many responsibilities, the board sets statewide tuition and student fee policies; establishes financial aid policies; reviews, licenses, and accredits academic programs; and, in collaboration with institutional stakeholders, conducts searches for and selects campus presidents. In addition to governance responsibilities, the board also holds broad responsibilities for development and coordination of statewide higher education policy.

**Nov 2015 – Current**

**Tobacco and Health Trust Fund.** Council member

- The state established a Tobacco and Health Trust Fund Board, in accordance with C.G.S. Sec. 4-28f, to create a continuing significant source of funds to (1) support and encourage development of programs to reduce tobacco abuse through prevention, education and cessation programs, (2) support and encourage development of programs to reduce substance abuse, and (3) develop and implement programs to meet the unmet physical and mental health needs in the state.

## TRAINING

- 2007 Intense AIDS Course Training.** Harvard School of Medicine. Boston, Massachusetts.
- 2007 Supervisory Skills Certificate I.** Hartford, Connecticut.
- 2003 Social Networks Analysis.** SUNBELT Conference/ Cancun, Mexico.
- 1998 Certificate of Participation.** Research and Evaluation for Program Development Course, Center for International Community Health Studies, University of Connecticut, Farmington, CT.
- 1997 Certificate of Participation.** Strategies for Youth Development, Hartford Foundation, Hartford, CT.

## AWARDS

- 2015 2015 Trailblazer Award.** Voices of Women of Color. Hartford, CT.
- 2013 Charles C. Shepard Science Award (Nominee).** Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR)
- 1990 Medalla al Servicio Distinguido** ("Medal for Distinguished Service"). For successful expansion of medical services to rural communities and the construction of 5 dental clinics in Ciego de Ávila, Cuba.
- 1989 Medalla al Servicio Distinguido** ("Medal for Distinguished Service"). For successful implementation of the clinical trials for the Cuban meningitis vaccine in Ciego de Ávila, Cuba.

## PRESENTATIONS AND PUBLICATIONS

- 2017 If There Were a Vaccine Against Cancer...**, Raul Pino, MD, MPH. Connecticut Medicine, January 2017.
- 2011 Changes in Fluoroquinolone Use for Gonorrhea Following Publication of Revised Treatment Guidelines,** Deborah Dowell, MD<sup>1</sup>; Lin H. Tian<sup>1</sup>; MD, MS; Jeffrey A. Stover, MPH<sup>2</sup>; Jennifer A. Donnelly, BS<sup>3</sup>; Summer Martins, MPH<sup>4</sup>; Emily J. Erbeding, MD, MPH<sup>5,6</sup>; Raul Pino, MD<sup>7</sup>; Hillard Weinstock, MD, MPH<sup>1</sup>; Lori M. Newman, MD<sup>1</sup>. Am J Public Health, Nov 2011; doi:10.2105/AJPH.2011.300283.

- 2010 Prescribing changes following revised treatment guidelines for gonorrhea: an Interrupted Times Series Analysis**, Deborah Dowell, MD<sup>1</sup>; Lin H. Tian,<sup>1</sup> MD, MS; Jeffrey A. Stover, MPH<sup>2</sup>; Jennifer A. Donnelly, BS<sup>3</sup>; Summer Martins, MPH<sup>4</sup>; Emily J. Erbelding, MD, MPH<sup>5,6</sup>; Raul Pino, MD<sup>7</sup>; Hillard Weinstock, MD, MPH<sup>1</sup>; Lori M. Newman, MD<sup>1</sup>. Presented at the CDC National STD Conference in 2010.
- 2009 Fetal Alcohol Syndrome: Challenges and Opportunities in Connecticut.** Bibliographic revision to be presented as final project for the Masters in Public Health Degree. December 2009.
- 2003 Violence in an Urban Area: Reported Experiences of African American and Latino Youth. Paper presented in a Session entitled: Beyond Childhood's Boundaries: New Approaches to Understanding Children, Youth and Structural Violence**, organized by Dr. Elizabeth Chin, Occidental College, California. American Anthropological Association Meeting, Chicago, Ill., Nov. 2003. Jean J. Schensul, Gary Burkholder, Raul Pino, Jose Garcia. To be published in a collected volume, edited by Dr. Chin, Rutgers University Press.
- 2003 Club Drugs, Resource Inequity and Health Risks.** Jean J. Schensul, Raul Pino. Invited Paper at NIDA React Meeting, April 2003.
- 2002 Vulnerability and Social Networks Factors as Predictors of Sexual Risk Taking in Urban Adolescents.** Jean J. Schensul, PhD; Gary Burkholder, PhD; Raul Pino, MD. American Psychological Association 2002 National Conference. Chicago, Illinois. August 2002.
- 2002 Dust in the Wind: The Growing Use of Embalming Fluid Among Youth in Hartford, Connecticut.** Merrill Singer, PhD; Jean J. Schensul, PhD; Cristina Huebner; Raul Pino, MD; Jose Garcia, MSW; Julie Eiserman, MA.
- 2001 Self-Reported STIs in Urban Youth Networks: A Call for Research and Intervention. Raul Pino MD.** Jean J. Schensul, PhD; Margaret Weeks, PhD; Gary Burkholder, PhD. American Public Health Association 2001 National Conference. Atlanta, Georgia. October 2001.
- 2001 STIs as Marker for HIV Risk in Urban Youth Networks. Raul Pino MD.** Jean J. Schensul, PhD; Margaret Weeks, PhD; Gary Burkholder, PhD. CDD HIV Conference. Atlanta, Georgia. August 15-18.
- 2001 Ecstasy and Associated Sexual Risk Behaviors Among Urban Youth. Poster Session at MDMA/ Ecstasy Research: Advances, Challenges, Future Directions. NIH Conference.** NIH Campus. Bethesda, Maryland. July 19-20.
- 2000 The High, The Money and the Fame. Smoking Bud Among Urban Youth.** Jean J Schensul, PhD; Cristina Huebner; Raul Pino, MD; Merrill Singer, PhD; Lorie Broomhall, PhD. Medical Anthropology 2000.

- 2000 In the Cuff: The Impact of Gender on Drug Selling Decision-Making Among Inner-City Female Adolescents in Hartford, CT.** Lorie Bromhall, PhD; Raul Pino, MD; Maria Jose Romero, PhD. Society for Applied Anthropology Meetings: San Francisco, CA.
- 2000 Social Networks of High Risk Youth in Hartford, CT.** Raul Pino, MD; Jean Schensul, PhD; Maria Jose Romero, PhD. AIDS International Conference, Havana, Cuba.
- 1999 Hot Tracks, Fly Gear and Phat Rides: The Political Economy of Small-Time Drug Dealing Among Inner-City Youth in Hartford, CT.** Lorie Broomhall, PhD; Raul Pino, MD; Jean Schensul, PhD. American Anthropological Association Meetings, Chicago, IL.
- 1999 The Roles of Cousins in the Social Networks of Drug Using Youth in Hartford.** Raul Pino, MD; Jean Schensul, PhD; Maria Jose Romero, PhD. American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL.
- 1999 The Dynamics of Social Networks Examining Risk Behaviors in Urban Adolescents & Young Adults.** Scott Clair, PhD; Jean Schensul, PhD; Raul Pino, MD. International Conference of the Society for Chaos Theory in Psychology and the Life Sciences. San Francisco, California.
- 1999 Methodological Issues of Conducting Network Research,** Jean Schensul, PhD; Scott Clair, PhD; Raul Pino, MD. Yale University, New Haven, Connecticut.
- 1998 Ethnography, Activism & Marginal Populations: Advocating for Invisible People.** Lorie Broomhall, PhD; Raul Pino, MD. Society for Applied Anthropology Annual Meeting, San Juan, Puerto Rico.
- 1998 Conducting Network Research.** Lorie Broomhall, PhD; Raul Pino, MD. American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

## INTERNATIONAL EXPERIENCE

**Fourth U.S.- Mexico Bi-National Drug Demand Reduction Conference. Mexico City. November 14-16, 2001.** Invited by the Executive Office of the President of The United States of America.

**World AIDS Foundation Grant. Mumbai, India.** Research Training Grant on HIV/AIDS and STIs. September 2002- September 2003.

## SKILLS

**Languages:** Bilingual in English and Spanish.

**Computers:** Microsoft OS, iOS (Mac), QDS, ArcView (GIS), Fireworks, Dreamweaver (Web design tools), SPSS, SAS.