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Greater Milwaukee Chapter of National Association of Hispanic Nurses (NAHN) Formed

The National Association of Hispanic Nurses is pleased to announce the formation of its newest chapter in Milwaukee, WI. The Greater Milwaukee Chapter joins NAHN's other 44 chapters across the United States. The chapter officially started in January with an official launch event on March 8, 2018.

The chapter identifies their guiding mission as to impact community health and wellness, mentor youth to encourage pursuit of careers in nursing, and to inspire, guide, and promote Hispanic nurses to seek higher education and leadership roles within health care systems and the nursing profession.

"The Greater Milwaukee Chapter was the vision of four Hispanic nurses who were committed to investing our knowledge, expertise and resources to bring professional opportunities to Hispanic youth and Hispanic Nurses in the Milwaukee area," said chapter president Erika Colón BSN, RN, NCBHP. "Hispanic nurses have been serving and supporting the Greater Milwaukee community in a variety of ways for decades, however we have been doing this as individuals or within small groups. Consolidating our knowledge, skills, expertise, and resources will allow us to create a bigger impact that will not only benefit our community, but also the nursing profession at large. Our focus is in innovation and transformational leadership. The needs of our community have changed and our young men and women have different needs and interests. In order to reach them and achieve our goals we must be strategic and diversify our approach to meet the generational needs."

Other officers are Dulce Torres, BSN, RN-BC, president-elect; Sue Grochowski, BSN, RN, secretary; Isis Lozano, BSN, RN, treasurer. Board members are: Felisa Antonchorgy, MSN, RN, ACNP-BC; Estrella Vega, BSN, RN; Clair Rivera, BSN, RN-BC; Norma Mercado, BSN, RN.

"NAHN welcomes the Greater Milwaukee Chapter, and we applaud its officers and board for this accomplishment," said Anabell Castro Thompson, NAHN's national president. "NAHN chapters advocate, educate, volunteer, seek partnerships, and conduct programming in the Latino community to improve outcomes, elevate literacy, heighten education, and influence policy. We also work collaboratively with others to improve health equity and to create a future in which everyone regardless of race or ethnicity has opportunities to be healthy. We are delighted to have opportunities to extend our influence into the Greater Milwaukee area"

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The **Greater Milwaukee Chapter** is dedicated to providing opportunities to impact Hispanic communities through health/wellness, youth mentorship, and professional development for nurses. Visit the chapter website at www.greatermilwaukeeahn.org.

The **National Association of Hispanic Nurses**, founded in 1974, is actively involved in issues affecting Hispanic nurses and the health of Hispanic communities on local, state, regional and national levels. NAHN is committed to providing equal access to education, professional and economic opportunities for Hispanic nurses and towards improving the health and nursing care for Hispanic consumers. Visit NAHN's website at www.nahnnet.org.