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Eduardo Olivarez has been involved in healthcare for over 25 years focusing on public health priorities, and policy development. In addition, he has a background in psychiatric & drug addictions treatment; encouraging an improved community. Eduardo's primary objective is to promote healthier lifestyles and promote stronger families.

He has been a hospital administrator and overseen each aspect of operating a successful inpatient and outpatient facility. Eduardo has also led a private non-profit Drug treatment / prevention organization which provided services across the Rio Grande Valley.

He is currently the **Chief Administrative Officer** of the Hidalgo County Health and Human Services and is responsible for the implementation of various public health & human services programs in indigent health care, preventative health care, environmental health, infectious diseases & prevention, and homeland security preparedness & response.

Eduardo is a ***U.S. Public Health Service Primary Care Policy Fellow*** from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. He served as the **President of the U.S. / Mexico Border Health Association** representing all ten bi-national states on the U.S. / Mexican Border, and Past President of the Texas Association of Local Health Officials' (TALHO).

He is a Chairman of Texas DSHS Preparedness Coordinating Council which oversees public health homeland security; in addition to serving on several boards and committees focusing on public health needs, and organizations that enhance the quality of life.

Eduardo has had the honor of presenting at various professional conferences at the Bi-National and National level with an emphasis on public health, drug prevention education and substance abuse / mental health treatment. He is the Recipient of "**Texas Medical Association Presidential Award**", the TX-DSHS "**Texas Preparedness Leadership Award**", and the UT-RGV "**Distinguished Community Engagement Partner**"

Most importantly, Eduardo has been married for 30 years to his wife Elida and devoted father of two children, Aaron and Anna. Eduardo truly feels that being the best husband and father is the greatest blessing and honor he has ever received.