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Gina Miranda-Diaz is an ANCC board-certified advanced public health nurse, health officer, and director of the West New York (WNY) Health Department. Fluent in both English and Spanish she informs the community about culturally appropriate approaches to health and wellness. Her goal is to advocate for environmental and social justice for all members of the community.

She has developed evidence-based ordinances that shape policy in the municipality such as sanitary food practices, heating and housing safety. Pioneering programs for the town residents include, “Safe Kids Day”, opiate abuse prevention, and Zika infection. As an advocate for the voiceless, she has revised ordinances to penalize landlords who do not provide heat or livable housing conditions to the tenants.

Miranda-Diaz shares her passion for public health with student interns from universities across New Jersey. At Rutgers University School of Nursing she is a lecturer and mentor at the Minority Nurse Leadership Institute.

In March 2014, she was appointed to the New Jersey State Board of Nursing and re-appointed last September. She is a commissioner at the Hudson Regional Health Commission. She is member of the New Jersey Action Coalition and awarded the “Breakthrough Leader in Nursing” award in 2015. The following year, she was inducted as a Fellow at the New York Academy of Medicine.

She has authored articles, and textbook chapters on public health issues and policies that affect vulnerable populations and create disparities. Her work has been presented around the US and Puerto Rico to both English and Spanish-speaking audiences.