



From Segregation to Integration: Celebrating Landmark Anniversaries
50th Anniversary of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act
15th Anniversary of the *Olmstead* Decision

Friday, June 20, 2014
HHS Great Hall - Hubert H. Humphrey Building
10:30 AM – 12:00 PM
The Power of Civil Rights Laws in Desegregating Health Care

WELCOME

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REMARKS

Sylvia M. Burwell, Secretary, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

Leon Rodriguez, Director, Office for Civil Rights, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

Marc Nivet, Ed.D., Chief Diversity Officer, Association of American Medical Colleges

PANEL DISCUSSION

MODERATOR

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PANELISTS

J. Nadine Gracia, M.D., MSCE, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Minority Health and
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John Wodatch, Former Chief, Disability Rights Section, Civil Rights Division, U.S. Department of Justice

CLOSING REMARKS

Jocelyn Samuels, Acting Assistant Attorney General, Civil Rights Division, U.S. Department of Justice

SPEAKER BIOGRAPHIES

SYLVIA MATHEWS BURWELL was sworn in as the 22nd Secretary of Health and Human Services on June 9, 2014. Secretary Burwell is committed to the mission of ensuring that every American has access to the building blocks of healthy and productive lives.

A results-driven manager, Secretary Burwell has led large and complex organizations across the public and private sectors. Most recently, Burwell served as Director of the Office of Management and Budget (OMB). Prior to serving in the Administration, Burwell served as President of the Walmart Foundation, and President of the Global Development Program and Chief Operating Officer of the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation.

During the Clinton Administration, Burwell served as Deputy Director of OMB, Deputy Chief of Staff to the President, Chief of Staff to the Secretary of the Treasury and Staff Director of the National Economic Council. Prior to joining the Clinton Administration, Burwell worked for McKinsey & Company. She has served on the boards of the Council on Foreign Relations, MetLife, and the University of Washington Medical Center, among other organizations.

Secretary Burwell received an A.B. from Harvard University and a B.A. from Oxford University, where she was a Rhodes Scholar. A second-generation Greek-American, Burwell hails from Hinton, West Virginia. She and her husband Stephen live in Washington, D.C. with their two young children.

JULIET K. CHOI is Chief of Staff and Senior Advisor for the Office for Civil Rights of the Department of Health and Human Services. Juliet's areas of responsibility include civil rights policy, intra-HHS coordination, legislative and intragovernmental affairs, outreach and stakeholder relations. From 2006 to 2011 Juliet worked with the American National Red Cross. Under her leadership, she helped to steward new critical partnerships with several groups including the National Association of Judiciary Interpreters and Translators and the National Disability Rights Network. From 2004 to 2006, Juliet served at the Asian American Justice Center as the inaugural NAPABA Partners Community Law Fellow and staff attorney where her legal and policy expertise focused on Title VI and language access with an emphasis on healthcare, disaster and the courts. Juliet is a graduate of the University of Virginia and the University of Maryland School of Law.

J. NADINE GRACIA, M.D., is the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Minority Health and Director of the Office of Minority Health at the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. As the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Minority Health, Dr. Gracia leads the Office of Minority Health's efforts to improve the health of racial and ethnic minorities by developing policies and programs to reduce health disparities and advance health equity. She is a pediatrician and epidemiologist by training. Dr. Gracia is a first-generation Haitian-American and holds degrees from Stanford University, the University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine, and the University of Pennsylvania.

LORETTA KING is a Consultant and Senior Advisor for the Office for Civil Rights of the Department of Health and Human Services. Prior to coming to OCR, she served for almost seventeen years as the Deputy Assistant Attorney General in the Civil Rights Division, United States Department of Justice. In that capacity, she participated in the management of the Division as it pursued its mission to enforce federal civil rights laws preventing discrimination on the bases of race, color, sex, religion, national origin, citizenship status, and disability in the areas of employment, housing, lending, voting, education, public accommodation, and provision of services with federal funds; to enforce federal laws preventing police misconduct and protecting the constitutional and/or statutory rights of persons residing in public institutions, such as prisons, jails, juvenile detention facilities, nursing homes, psychiatric facilities, and hospitals; and to prosecute individuals for committing hate crimes. She earned her J.D. from American University Washington College of Law.

MARC NIVET, ED.D., is the Chief Diversity Officer for the Association of American Medical Colleges. Through his writing and lectures, he has worked to reframe the conversation around diversity, elevating diversity out of its silo and into the company of talent management and strategic planning as drivers of organizational transformation and performance improvement. In the context of academic medicine, this means linking diversity to the overall mission of better health outcomes for all. Dr. Nivet earned his Doctorate in Education from the University Of Pennsylvania.

ELENA V. RIOS, M.D., serves as President and CEO of the National Hispanic Medical Association, (NHMA) representing Hispanic physicians in the United States. The mission of the organization is to improve the health of Hispanics. Dr. Rios also serves as President of NHMA's National Hispanic Health Foundation to direct educational and research activities. Prior to her current positions, Dr. Rios served as the Advisor for Regional and Minority Women's Health at the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Office on Women's Health from November 1994 to October 1998. In 1993, Dr. Rios served as the National Health Care Reform Task Force Coordinator of Outreach Groups at the White House. Dr. Rios earned her B.A. in Human Biology/Public Administration at Stanford University in 1977, M.S.P.H. at the University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA) School of Public Health in 1980, and her M.D. at the UCLA School of Medicine in 1987.

LEON RODRIGUEZ is the Director of the Office for Civil Rights of the Department of Health and Human Services. From January 2010 until September 2011, Leon was the Chief of Staff and Deputy Assistant Attorney General for the Civil Rights Division at the U.S. Department of Justice. In addition to overseeing the administrative operations of the Civil Rights Division, Leon's leadership portfolio includes civil rights matters involving discrimination based on national origin and immigration status, legislative affairs and community outreach. From May 2007 to January 2010, Leon served as the County Attorney for Montgomery County, Maryland, in which capacity he was responsible for leading the 45-attorney legal staff of Montgomery County government in providing legal advice and service to all County agencies. Leon is a graduate of Brown University and Boston College Law School and is fluent in Spanish and French.

JOCELYN SAMUELS is the Acting Assistant Attorney General for the Civil Rights Division at the U.S. Department of Justice. In that capacity, she is responsible for leadership of the Civil Rights Division as a whole and for fulfillment of the Division's mission to defend civil rights and to ensure and expand equal opportunity for individuals across the country. The Division's work includes, among other things, enforcement of laws prohibiting discrimination in housing, lending, education, employment, and public accommodations; prosecution of hate crimes on prohibited bases; efforts to ensure lawful, constitutional and effective policing; and protection of citizens' fundamental right to vote. Acting Assistant Attorney General Samuels received her law degree from Columbia University, where she was a Notes Editor of the Law Review, and her bachelor's degree from Middlebury College, where she graduated magna cum laude and was elected to Phi Beta Kappa.

JOHN WODATCH is the former Chief of the Disability Rights Section of the Civil Rights Division at the U.S. Department of Justice. He is one of the drafters of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), and he was also part of the U.S. delegation to the United Nations that helped develop the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD). He is continuing work on the international level, assisting countries with their own disability rights laws and working to seek U.S. ratification of the CRPD. From 1990 to 2011, he served as the Director and Section Chief overseeing all interpretation, technical assistance, and enforcement of the ADA at the Department of Justice. He is also the chief author of the first federal regulations implementing Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973. In 2010, he was honored with the Presidential Distinguished Rank Award for exceptional achievement in his career. He received his B.A. from Trinity College, M.P.A. from Harvard University, and J.D. from the Georgetown University Law School.

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