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Mrs. Grace Olivarez
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Dear Grace:

Please bring to the attention of the Chicano Advisory Board of the National Urban Coalition the opportunities presented by the recently awarded OEO Health Manpower Development grant. Work plans and guidelines are now in preparation, and it is important that the Mexican-American community participate in the design of the program and its focus. For this reason we would like to have their recommendations of people to sit on the Advisory Board and on the various committees that will be appointed to work with this program. Three categories of representatives are under consideration: professional students, community people, and professionals. To date, Marcella Florez (a student), J. A. Aguilar, Augusto Ortiz, Jorge Prieto, Fermin Calderon (professionals), and Jim Chavez (community worker) have been nominated. Could we have additional names and suggestions, and response to the above nominations?

Also, it will be of great importance to prepare programs that will assist in recruitment and admission of Chicanos to education in the health field. It would be helpful if there were a unified Chicano effort to design a proposal for the use of a part of the OEO grant -- a proposal for a regional effort, perhaps. We would be glad to provide consultation and advice through the National Urban Coalition in this connection. Would you suggest a person or group for us to work with for this purpose?

Thanks for your help.

Sincerely,


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