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SHCCNJ Announces Sept. 24 Health & Wellness Fair Panel

Breakfast panel, wellness expo and career fair will connect New Jersey residents with health resources, industry leaders and career opportunities

Lyndhurst, N.J. — The Statewide Hispanic Chamber of Commerce of New Jersey will host its annual Health & Wellness Fair Thursday, Sept. 24, at the DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel in Fairfield.

The event will feature a sit-down breakfast and the panel “Healthcare Workforce Development and the Growth of New Jersey’s Healthcare Economy,” followed by a health and wellness expo and career fair.

The panel will feature **Somerset County Commissioner Sara Sooy**; **Andrea Martinez-Mejia, MPA, MA,** executive director of the Greater Newark Health Care Coalition; and **David Perez-Herranz, PT, DPT**, vice president of clinical services at JAG Physical Therapy.

The conversation will explore health care workforce recruitment, talent development, clinical operations, access to care and the industry’s expanding role in New Jersey’s economy.

> “Health and career opportunity belong in the same conversation,” said **John Lucas, president and CEO of SHCCNJ.** “A strong career should support a healthy life, and good health helps people sustain their work, care for their families and pursue new opportunities.”

For Latino residents and communities throughout New Jersey, the fair will bring several parts of that conversation together in one place: health information and wellness resources, direct engagement with health care leaders and access to employers seeking talent.

The career fair will give students, professionals and job seekers a chance to speak directly with employers, learn about internships and job openings and begin building relationships that can support their careers.

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To help candidates prepare, SHCCNJ released a short **video featuring Dr. Jairo Borja,** vice president of corporate and entrepreneurial programs, with guidance on researching employers, preparing a concise introduction and following up within 24 hours.

> "Relationships before transactions, always," Borja says. "Learn that early in your career starting right here at the career fair and it'll serve you today and 15 or 20 years down the line."

WATCH DR. BORJA'S CAREER FAIR BEST-PRACTICES VIDEO: HERE

Approximately 300 guests are expected to attend the breakfast, panel discussion, health and wellness expo and career fair.

EVENT DETAILS

Date: Sept. 24, 2026

Time: 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Location: DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel, Fairfield, New Jersey

REGISTER OR LEARN MORE: Health and Wellness Fair. Contact Daniela C. Velez at dvelez@shccnj.org

ABOUT

SHCCNJ is the leading voice for 180,000+ Latino-owned businesses, representing a community that drives $127 billion of New Jersey's GDP and is part of the $4.4 trillion U.S. Latino economy. Since 1989, we've championed small businesses through education, advocacy and networking, earning the Candid Platinum Seal of Transparency and recognition as one of the nation's top Latino chambers.

For more information or to register, visit www.shccnj.org.

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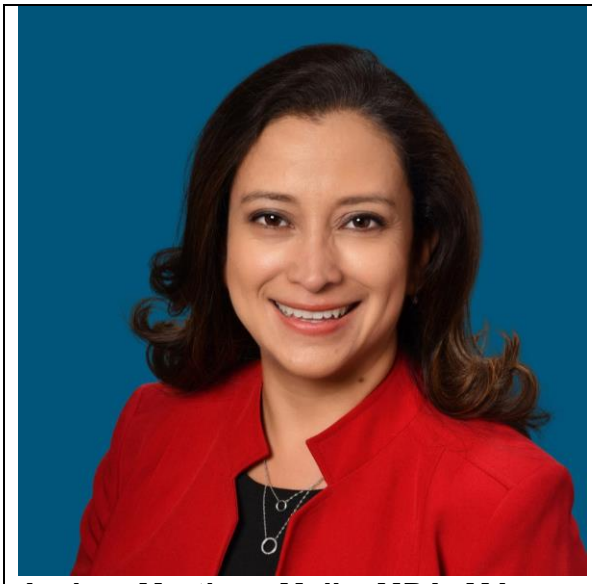 **Andrea Martinez-Mejia, MPA, MA,**	**Somerset County Commissioner Sara Sooy**
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