



LEADERSHIP COUNCIL PROFILE

Representatives serving on the Leadership Council advise, assist, support and advocate on issues of strategic importance to the operations and functions of the SelfMade Health Network in fulfillment of its mission.



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Dr. Pat Matthews-Juarez is Vice President of Faculty Affairs and Development at Meharry Medical College where she oversees and supports faculty appointment, promotion and tenure.

Dr. Matthews-Juarez also serves as Professor of Family and Community Medicine at Meharry Medical College. There she advocates for equal access to primary care physicians and health services regardless of patients geographic location or financial situation. Special attention and training within programs at Meharry Medical College are dedicated to providing medical care for underserved populations.

Dr. Matthews-Juarez firmly believes prevention and better health equity for individuals can lift an entire community and vast populations can enjoy better quality of life. She also believes there is still progress to be made in health system after people are diagnosed. Screening gets a lot of attention but following care throughout the continuum can increase survival rates. Combating the psychosocial and religious stigma can help reduce the health barriers certain populations experience.

Dr. Matthews-Juarez serves on several boards, committees and councils focused on minority health disparities and intercultural cancer care initiatives nationwide including Virginia, Texas, Georgia, South Carolina and Washington DC. She has also moderated and served as the guest speaker for a multitude of nationally-acclaimed organizations.

“ I am committed to providing low-resourced populations with the knowledge and skills to achieve tasks in conjunction with the community. ”

Dr. Matthews-Juarez joined the Leadership Council in August 2015. Widely published, her written abstracts and peer-reviewed publications focus on alleviating health disparities, cancer care, and minority health in rural areas.

The SelfMade Health Network is a member of the Center for Disease Control (CDC)'s consortium of national networks established to advance prevention efforts related to tobacco-related and cancer health disparities among vulnerable populations, specifically those with low socio-economic characteristics.