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Paloma Izquierdo-Hernandez is the President and Chief Executive Officer of Urban Health Plan, Inc. a network of community health centers located in the South Bronx and Queens. Led by her efforts, Urban Health Plan has grown from a one site facility to a network of federally qualified community health centers that includes four sites, five school health programs, four part-time sites at facilities for at-risk populations a growing WIC program and multiple other grant-funded programs. Urban Health Plan is fully accredited by the Joint Commission.

Ms. Izquierdo-Hernandez is committed to reducing the health disparities in the communities served by her organization. Last year, Urban Health Plan served more than 31,000 individuals. Its asthma management program received the National Exemplary Award by the United States Environmental Protection Agency in 2006 for the work it has done in reducing asthma-related hospitalization rates in the South Bronx. In July of 2009, Urban Health Plan was named one of the top 20 community health centers in the country by the Human Resources and Services Administration. Ms. Izquierdo-Hernandez is a true example of the consistent and outstanding leadership that exists in community-based organizations. She has presented her agency's successes on a national level at professional association meetings and has received numerous awards and honors.

She received her undergraduate degree from Boston College and holds masters degrees from Teachers College, Columbia University and the Mailman School of Public Health, Columbia University.

Ms. Izquierdo-Hernandez currently serves on multiple professional and community boards and organizations including the NYC Primary Care Development Corporation, the NYC Department of Health and Mental Hygiene Advisory Council, the Community Health Care Association of NYS, The Joint Commission Ambulatory Care Advisory Council and Affinity Health Plan. She served as a member to the NYC Commission for Economic Opportunity, an appointed task force led by the Bloomberg administration that developed innovative anti-poverty approaches in New York City.