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Sandra J. Valenciano, MD, MPH, is the current CEO/District Health Director of the DeKalb County Board of Health (DCBOH). Dr. Valenciano oversees clinical and population-based services for over 750,000 residents where more than 130 languages are spoken. She has oversight of programs such as Community Health & Prevention Services, Emergency Preparedness, and Environmental Health. Under her leadership, DeKalb County Board of Health is poised to excel by creating innovative ways of caring for our clients using telehealth and mobile medical units. Dr. Valenciano directs 25 million dollars in grant funding to address obesity, diabetes, physical activity, nutrition, asthma, and smoking cessation programs among other health promotion and prevention programs.

Dr. Valenciano has led the way for DeKalb County's response to the COVID-19 pandemic. She implemented standard operating procedures to help streamline efficacy and maximize productivity for SPOC (Specimen Point of Collection) testing and vaccine operations. Prior to her time at DCBOH, she served as an Epidemic Intelligence Service Officer at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and as Preventive Medicine resident provided clinical care at Emory Healthcare and the Atlanta Veterans Administration and completed public health work at the Georgia Department of Public Health and CDC. Dr. V., as she is affectionately called, is a Gates Millennium Scholar and an Adjunct Assistant Professor in the Department of Family and Preventive Medicine at Emory University School of Medicine where she shapes young minds to reach their full potential within the medical and public health field.

Dr. Valenciano is a board-certified physician in Internal Medicine and board-eligible in Preventive Medicine. She received a bachelor's degree in Community Health from Brown University, a master's degree in Public Health with a focus on Global Maternal and Child Health from Tulane University, and a medical degree from Boston University School of Medicine. She completed her medical training in the Yale Internal Medicine-Primary Care Program and Emory University Preventive Medicine Residency Program. Dr. Valenciano is fluent in Spanish and French and she is proficient in Italian.

Dr. V. has been published in the *Journal of the Pediatric Infectious Diseases Society*, *Clinical Infectious Diseases*, and the *Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report*. Dr. Valenciano is a member of the American College of Physicians, American College of Preventive Medicine, and the American Public Health Association. Dr. Valenciano is passionate about cultivating the health and wellness of the citizens of DeKalb County and she stands by the motto "*To promote, protect and improve the health of those that live, work and play in DeKalb county.*"