GOVERNOR APPOINTS AMARO TO PANEL

Massachusetts Governor Deval Patrick recently appointed Hortensia Amaro, director of the Bouvé College of Health Sciences’ Institute on Urban Health Research, to the state’s Latino-American Advisory Commission.

The commission, which promotes the interests and concerns of Latino-Americans, assesses the needs of Latino children within the state’s public schools system. In her new role as a member of the commission, Amaro will make recommendations to the governor on how best to improve the educational experience for Latino school children.

Amaro will call on her expertise in public health to address a number of health-related issues that impact Latino youth, including under-age drinking, drug use, sexually transmitted diseases and obesity.