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San Antonio Researcher Named to U.S. Minority Health Committee

SAN ANTONIO (July 9, 2014) — Dr. Cynthia Mojica, a researcher at the Institute for Health Promotion Research (IHPR) at the UT Health Science Center at San Antonio, is among five new appointees to the Advisory Committee on Minority Health for the Office of Minority Health at the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

The 10-member committee advises the U.S. Deputy Assistant Secretary for Minority Health on improving the health of racial and ethnic minority populations.

Members are appointed by the secretary for their minority health expertise.

Mojica, who will serve on the committee through 2018, has extensive experience conducting research in cancer prevention and control. She has made strides to increase cancer screening and diagnostic follow-up, as well as obesity prevention, with an emphasis on community and clinic-based intervention development among ethnic minority and underserved populations.

“I am honored to serve on this committee and am looking forward to offering my perspectives on how to best increase the health of Latino and other minority populations,” Mojica said.

Mojica also has held leadership positions in the Latino Caucus of the American Public Health Association. She was recently appointed to the Diversity Committee in the School of Medicine at the Health Science Center, and is a member of the Cancer Prevention and Population Science research program of the Cancer Therapy and Research Center, the National Cancer Institute-designated cancer center at the Health Science Center.

She is recipient of the W.K. Kellogg Fellowship in Health Policy Research and the Ruth L. Kirschstein National Service Research Award from the National Cancer Institute.

Learn more about the federal committee and its other new members here.

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The Institute for Health Promotion Research (IHPR) at The UT Health Science Center at San Antonio investigates the causes and solutions to the unequal impact of cancer and chronic disease among certain populations, including Latinos, in South Texas and the nation. The IHPR, founded in 2006, uses evidence-guided research, training and community outreach to improve the health of those at a disadvantage due to race/ethnicity or social determinants. Visit the IHPR online at http://ihpr.uthscsa.edu or follow its blog at http://www.saludtoday.com/blog.