Ricardo Gonzalez -Fisher

ABOUT

Ricardo Gonzalez-Fisher, MD, MPH, FACS, is genuinely making a difference in the lives of those he serves. He is a Community-based PACT Council Member, where he aims to make clinical research relevant and fair for communities, as well as help to guide them to identify and address their needs.

CCTSI ENGAGEMENT

Community-based PACT Council Member Membership: 2018-Current

• PACT Executive Committee

PROJECT INVOLVEMENT

His journey to finding his place in the PACT Council began with his work as a physician and clinical researcher, where he felt that patients didn't always know why they were participating in the trials he was working with. He wanted to change that. He ended up attending a workshop through CCTSI to start getting involved which led him to where he is today, serving on the Council. Outside of PACT, Ricardo is an Associate Faculty member at Metropolitan State University of Denver School of Health Professions, where he teaches a number of courses. He also serves as the Program Director of Mexican Consulate's Ventanilla de Salud, where he works to provide referrals, immunizations, health literacy workshops, and even a mobile health unit to increase underserved patient access to care.



"We are servants of the people. we see the need, and we are there to address it."

OUTLOOK

In this work, he serves mostly Mexican immigrants, a resilient population that he believes has so much to offer. He finds pride in the way these individuals have come to trust him and his organization to follow through and offer help in times of need; although, he knows there is still much work to be done in terms of healthcare literacy, insurance coverage, and cultural competence in medicine. That being said, Ricardo hopes to see his work progress in a number of ways, such as improving access to healthcare, helping people become more receptive and trusting in their healthcare professionals, and using the current crisis to push for change.



