

Founder/Executive Director: Francisco Semião

Francisco is the son of a Portuguese immigrant and was born and raised in the Washington, DC area. He is a health care and public health professional having graduated from Marymount University's School of Business Management and the George Washington University School of Public Health and Health Services. Francisco has over ten years working in non-profit health care management through his tenures with The National Council of La Raza, DC Department of Health, Inova Health System, and The George Washington University Medical Center where he is currently a Director of Development. He has also served on several non-profit boards including and has the distinction of establishing the DC Cancer Control Coalition, which is now a self-sustainable 501 (c) 3, and he helped to establish DC's first city-wide patient navigation program. Francisco has been awarded over \$31 million in Federal and foundation grants since 2002. He holds a faculty appointment at George Mason University where he teaches program evaluation and research methods. His honors include being inducted into the Upsilon Phi Delta Honor Society in Health Care Administration, the Delta Omega Honorary Society in Public Health, the Delta Epsilon Sigma National Honor Society, and he is also the recipient of the George Washington Alumni Association Award. He has served the Portuguese-American community during his tenure with the PALCUS board of directors. In 2007, Francisco received the royal order of knighthood from HRH Dom Duarte, Duke of Bragança, for his work and service with the Portuguese-American community. He has been married since 2008 and resides in Northern Virginia.