

On September 13, 2020 NJPA and NJPA Foundation leadership participated in the EUCAP meeting. Assemblywoman Nancy Muñoz was a featured guest and spoke with the meeting attendees about the impact of COVID on access to mental health and mental health care, and funding for important health care in New Jersey. We discussed legislative issues such as the New Jersey School Based Youth Services Program (SBYSP), continuing education for professionals, and licensure amendments. We went on to have a robust discussion about the need to expand and extend the use of telehealth past the New Jersey COVID state of emergency.



Assemblywoman Muñoz is a graduate of Skidmore College where she earned her Bachelor of Science degree in nursing; she earned her Master's Degree in Nursing as a Clinical Nurse Specialist from Hunter College. She has worked as a nurse in the Surgical Intensive Care Unit at Yale-New Haven Hospital and Massachusetts General Hospital, in the Recovery Room at Mass General and Bellevue Hospitals, the Emergency Room at Lenox Hill Hospital and at Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center in the Ambulatory Care Center.

Assemblywoman Muñoz is the Republican Conference Leader and serves on the Assembly Health Committee, Assembly Budget Committee, Assembly Women and Children Committee, Legislative Services Commission, as well as the New Jersey Task Force on Child Abuse and Neglect. She was appointed by Chief Justice Stuart Rabner to the *Supreme Court Ad Hoc Committee on Domestic Violence*, and continues to work with members of the Judiciary, Law Enforcement, and the Legislature to ensure that excellent policies and practices are in place across the State to protect the victims of domestic violence. As a health care professional, Assemblywoman Muñoz has experience in both the delivery of health care and the insurance industry, as she was a Healthcare Risk Management consultant for Continental Insurance HealthCare. She is focused on the tremendous challenges New Jersey faces in terms of public health policy and needs.

NJPA will continue to find ways to make psychology and psychologists visible in the state.

