



NASUA Applauds Padilla's appointment as Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for Aging

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WASHINGTON, DC – Assistant Secretary for Aging Kathy Greenlee announced yesterday the appointment of Cindy Padilla as Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for Aging. Padilla is currently New Mexico's Aging and Long Term Care Services Department Secretary and a member of the National Association of State Units on Aging (NASUA).



“Cindy's strong commitment to expanding home and community-based services for older individuals and their families and her extensive experience in management more than qualify her for this important position,” said Alabama Department of Senior Services Commissioner Irene Collins, NASUA's President.

“We are delighted, but not surprised, to hear that Cindy Padilla has been drafted to serve the Aging Services Network at the national level. Cindy has been a tremendous resource for seniors and individuals with disabilities in the State of New Mexico, and we look forward to continuing our work with her in Washington,” said Martha A. Roherty, Executive Director of NASUA.

Padilla has served as Governor Bill Richardson's Secretary of the Aging and Long-Term Services Department (ALTSD) in New Mexico since February 2008. Prior to serving in ALTSD, Cindy served as Deputy Secretary for the New Mexico Environment Department (NMED). Before that, she was a Division Director with the NMED and was also the Solid Waste Division Bureau Chief for NMED between 2002 and 2005. Cindy has 20 years of experience in program management, environmental education, public outreach, marketing and grants management.

Padilla will begin her work at the Administration on Aging on November 16, 2009.

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National Association of State Units on Aging, founded in 1964, represents the nation's 56 officially designated state and territorial agencies on aging. The Association's principal mission is to support visionary state leadership, advance state systems innovation and articulate a national policy on home and community based services for older adults and individuals with disabilities.

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