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Dr. Rodgers has written and lectured extensively regarding excess mortality in minorities, racism in medicine, cultural competency, and teaching health professionals to work with underserved populations. Dr. Rodgers has served as chair of the Advisory Committee on Training in Primary Care Medicine and Dentistry of the Department of Health and Human Services Health Resources and Services Administration. She is a member of the New Jersey Department of Health and Senior Services Latino Health Advisory Committee and has been a member of several committees addressing the problem of Black Infant Mortality in New Jersey. She has served as chair of the Health Task Force of New Brunswick Tomorrow and was a commissioner on the Middlesex County Children's Health Commission. In 2001, Dr. Rodgers served as President of the Society of Teachers of Family Medicine.

As a committed advocate for the underserved, Dr. Rodgers brings significant expertise in the principles of community oriented primary care and the development of clinical and educational initiatives focused on improving the health status of individuals, families and communities. As Associate Dean, Dr. Rodgers had overall administrative responsibility for the Eric B. Chandler Health Center, a federally qualified health center located in the heart of New Brunswick. Chandler Health Center provides health care to communities in need and also serves as a major teaching site for residents and students from the Robert Wood Johnson Medical School.

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