

A Human Touch to Recovery: Hector Reyes House

Presented by Dr. Aaron M. Mendel

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Dr. Aaron M. Mendel is an obstetrician-gynecologist in practice at UMass Memorial Medical Center. He is also the Executive Director of the Latin American Health Alliance. He grew up in Ann Arbor, Michigan completing both undergraduate training and Medical School at the University of Michigan. He has served as OB/GYN Department Chair at Fallon Clinic (Reliant Medical Group) and Interim Chair at St Vincent Hospital and on the Fallon Clinic Board of Trustees. His interests have primarily been in Education. As Chair of OB/GYN Education he has won numerous teaching awards.

The other side of his life is his involvement with the Latin American Health Alliance (LAHA) and the Hector Reyes House. He participated in the early discussions that led to the opening of the house and volunteered his time there, providing groups and group activities for the residents. The Hector Reyes house is a medical based residential treatment center for Latino men in Worcester

Massachusetts. Opening in 2010 it provides treatment for 25 men. LAHA also runs a job training program at Café Reyes, a Cuban restaurant in Worcester, and is now opening its second recovery house.

In 2015 Dr Mendel became the Executive Director of the organization working with the Board of Directors to provide direction and guidance to the organization. He says he continues to admire and be inspired by the work the residents do in the journey of recovery.

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