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Health Commissioner Announces Chief Medical Officer

BALTIMORE, MD - October 3, 2006 –Health Commissioner Dr. Joshua M. Sharfstein is pleased to announce the appointment of Dr. Laura Herrera as Chief Medical Officer of the Baltimore City Health Department.

Dr. Herrera is a board-certified family practitioner who has worked for the past five years as medical director of the Early Intervention Initiative, a primary care program for patients with HIV infection at the Health department. As a faculty member at Johns Hopkins Hospital, Dr. Herrera has also cared for patients in the hospital's Moore Clinic.

As a member of the U.S. army reserves, Dr. Herrera has served under Operation Enduring Freedom in 2004 and 2005. She was awarded the Health Care Hero award from the Maryland Daily Record. Dr. Herrera is a graduate of SUNY Downstate Medical School and the family medicine residency training program at the University of Maryland.

As Chief Medical Officer, Dr. Herrera will oversee the clinical care provided in the city's public health clinics, provide medical leadership to all of the Health Department's programs, and develop strategic partnerships with area healthcare organizations.

"Baltimore City is fortunate to have such an accomplished clinician and leader devoted to improving the services of the Health Department and protecting the health of city residents," said Dr. Sharfstein.

"I look forward to working with many dedicated people across the Health Department and the city," said Dr. Herrera. "Together we can make great progress in public health."

Dr. Herrera resides in Baltimore City with her husband and two children.

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