## Aurora M. Sanchez

## Biography

Aurora M. Sanchez is Board Chair of The Pavilion, a non-profit organization serving Williamson County residents with mental illness and/or substance abuse.

Ms. Sanchez retired four years ago from public service. At Bexar County, Ms. Sanchez served as the Executive Director for the Department of Community Resources. She oversaw 11 County departments and administered their programs.

Ms. Sanchez started Bexar County's first Mental Health Court, Veterans' Treatment Courts, and the Mental Health Consortium. Her responsibilities also included oversight and administration of federal and state grants received by Bexar County, including HUD funds (CDBG, HOME, and Emergency Shelter Grants) and Criminal Justice Grants from the Governor's Office.

Ms. Sanchez also served as the Criminal Justice and Homeland Security Director for the Alamo Area Council of Governments.

A graduate of St. Louis University, where she majored in Social Work, Ms. Sanchez has been in public service for the last 33 years as an administrator of public service programs, non-profit organizations, and Bexar County government.

Ms. Sanchez moved to Williamson County after her retirement in 2015. She is a consistent volunteer with multiple social service programs, including various food banks and voter registration drives.