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Black, Brown, Communities experiencing disparate health outcomes attend IAC2020

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Dear Deputy Mayor Rev. Dr. David Hampton:

Sir, I am an advocate for the end and the Cure for HIV/AIDS. Thank you for coming to share the word with us today at Trinity Episcopal Church. I am grateful you gave of your time to offer us your insights and perspective on our City of Indianapolis. I received your remarks with hopefulness. It's our treasure you and Mother Julia and Mayor Joe are shepherds in the ministry of Jesus Christ.

I am humbled by your grasps of our issues as Black Americans and particularly as Hoosiers. You addressed the issues of great merit for our congregations commitment to social justice including: the school to prison pipeline for Black boys and our Brothers here in Indianapolis; inspiring civic engagement; reform of the bail system; addressing community evictions; pervasive poverty, penalizing the poor, resulting homelessness; and food insecurity

I am glad to be educated by your discussing your responsibilities to us and our neighborhoods; introducing your colleague, Deputy Mayor Jeffery Berger for neighborhood development and reference to the Deputy Mayor for Economic Development. I appreciate your describing the differences between your responsibilities to the Mayor and emphasizing your availability.

Please join me in addressing our opportunity to inform and educate our citizens about the prevalence and incidence of HIV in our city. We have an alarming crisis growing in our neighborhoods of our youth, young adults, adults and elders contracting HIV. We are impacted with co diagnosis of a piggy back phenomena of co infection with sexually transmitted diseases, viral hepatitis C, (to a lesser degree A and B), tuberculosis and stigma. the confluence of these co determinants are driving the contracting of the HIV. I have attached documents to further present the case to attack this vital health crisis in our city and its environs. I am a member of the Ryan white planning Council 7 years. We have epidemiology the Target Grant Area for the 10 central Indiana Counties. the information is attached.

Dr. Hampton our most important effort is to get 20 + African Americans, Hispanix, LGBTQ+, other persons who have interest or experience with HIV, to the International AIDS conference 2020 July 6th through the 10th in San Francisco, Oakland, California. This is a once in a lifetime opportunity. Our communities are poorly informed and educated not only about the disease but this golden opportunity to participate in a transformative experience that only a coming together of the worlds' family to address this issue can provide. I am asking for your help to secure funds to help these persons, who mostly live in poverty and have no excess resources, to make the trip and be a registered delegate.

We estimate that the cost for students would be \$2,100 and for adults would be \$3,000. Please visit the website at indianaiac.com. There you will find all pertinent information about the fees and accommodations and a plethora of research information about the disease. We can only end and find a cure if we have an informed citizenry devoted to meeting this goal. I must point out that the rate of contracting the virus in black and brown communities is occurring because of the lack of participation in the organization and administration of the health care organizations as well as stigma being a critical factor in these communities which diminishes the belief that HIV is a growing epidemic in our neighborhoods and communities.

Please see the attached documents. I need your help encouraging communities to send a representative to the International AIDS Conference. These persons will become participants in the conversation that is now once sided, coming from those who are informed to those who are uninformed. This dynamic will change when communities facing disparities are critically involved, informed and educated. Then we can have a more meaningful conversation leading to better outcomes for everyone.

My hope is that faith communities might step up and sponsor one person from one of the communities experiencing disparities in health outcomes. I need your help getting out the word for this opportunity, IAC 2020, to assistance in lowering the cost to attend as a registered delegate, identifying a hotel that would give a substantial discount for a group

rate and also an airline that would sponsor the round trip flight for our delegates or give a substantial discount as a responsible corporate member.

Please support our efforts to create a scholarship fund to address financial needs of persons who register as official delegates and attend the conference. Lastly I would ask your consideration of a grant to support my work on this from February 1st - July 31st . My efforts to succeed in bringing this mission to fulfillment have been without compensation since my return from Amsterdam, IAC 2018, that has led to our accomplishments thus far. I request an opportunity to meet with you to discuss this mission which has now received the support of the Health Foundation of Greater Indianapolis, IUPUI Multicultural Center, the BU Wellness Network, Marion County Central Library Computer Technology Lab and many community leaders and physicians who have lent their support and in kind services.

Please see the following link:

<https://matecindiana.com/2019/05/14/hiv-epidemiology-and-care-continuum-in-central-indiana-for-2018/>




P.S. My conviction to address health care needs in our community has also included an extensive effort to inform the Black and Hispanic Maternal Childbirth Death Committee of Indianapolis which presented at the National Urban League Conference 2019. Please see my attached photo album history of our work.

Humbly Presented,



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3 attachments

-  **BMHCD NULC Historical Photo Album 7-19 Final EDIT 8-19.pdf**
5532K
-  **Harold Brown Reference Letters.pdf**
1666K
-  **DR4297 One Pager on HIV_AIDS for RW Indy TGA.docx**
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