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Empowering Black Excellence: Black Health, Wealth, and Wellness Event Set to Celebrate Black History Month on February 22

Panel Discussion Presented by Champaign-Urbana Public Health District's Justice Coalition

CHAMPAIGN, IL – The Champaign-Urbana Public Health District (CUPHD), along with the District's Justice Coalition committee, is proud to announce, "Black Health, Wealth, and Wellness," a panel discussion in celebration of Black History Month. Scheduled for February 22 from 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm, with doors opening at 5:30 pm for light refreshments, this event promises to be an empowering gathering of local Black community leaders highlighting the vital intersections of health, wealth, and wellness within the Black community.

At the heart of "Black Health, Wealth, and Wellness" is a distinguished panel of speakers and leaders, each bringing their unique perspectives and insights to the forefront. The panel includes Jeffrey Trask, co-leader of the Champaign-Urbana Reparations Coalition and founder of the Champaign County Christian Health Center; Seon Williams, an army veteran and community educator running for coroner in Champaign County; Chaundra Bishop, regional health officer for the Illinois Department of Public Health and Urbana city council member; Karen Crawford Simms, founding director of the Trauma & Resilience Initiative; and Shevon Brown-Walker, licensed professional counselor and Unit 4 middle school counselor; along with pastor, coach, and Urbana Public Television host of "Let the Truth be Told" Herbert Burnett, who will be moderating.

In partnership with the District's Justice Coalition, CUPHD is honored to host this impactful event, underscoring the commitment to fostering dialogue and action around issues vital to the well-being of the Black community. Champaign-Urbana Public Health invites all members of the community to attend and celebrate the rich tapestry of Black history and reaffirm CUPHD's dedication to advancing health equity, economic empowerment, and holistic wellness for all.

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The event will be held in the main conference room. Those who attend should park in the north entrance parking lot and enter through the main conference room door (see attached map).

For more information, visit <https://fb.me/e/13U53Bund>. The Justice Coalition will also be speaking at the Champaign County Community Coalition meeting on February 14, 3:30 pm to 5:00 pm at the Holiday Inn Conference Center in Champaign, to share more about the group and event.

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