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Community Urged to Attend Crucial Conversation on Ending Race-Based Medicine

Detroit, MI — In an urgent call to action, residents of Detroit and neighboring communities are invited to attend the End Race Based Medicine Community Conversation event. This pivotal gathering aims to mobilize public sentiment and action against practices in medicine that unfairly differentiate treatment based on race, underscoring the need for equitable healthcare for all.

The event is set to take place on **Tuesday, December 17, 2024**, from **6:00 PM to 8:30 PM** at the Third New Hope Baptist Church, located at 12850 Plymouth Rd., Detroit, MI 48227. The evening will feature leading voices from the medical field, community advocates, and individuals affected by race-based medicine, all contributing to a transformative dialogue focused on reform.

"In light of growing evidence and awareness that race-based medicine perpetuates health disparities, our community must come together to demand change," said David Underwood, Managing Director, Detroit Community Care Network. "This conversation is the first step in building a healthier, more just healthcare system for everyone."

The event will be hosted by Dr. Hayley S. Thompson, Ph.D., Director, Center for Health Equity & Community Knowledge in Urban Populations (CHECK-UP), Wayne State University School of Medicine. Dr. Ijeoma Nnodim Opara, Associate Professor, Internal Medicine-Pediatrics, and founding co-chair of Detroit End Race Based Medicine Taskforce, Wayne State University School of Medicine, will deliver a powerful keynote presentation on Race Based Medicine and how it impacts the health and wellbeing of Detroiters. An interactive and action-packed panel discussion will be moderated by Lisa Braddix, Chief Equity Officer, Southeastern Michigan Health Association, and feature dynamic speakers: Dr. Claudia Richardson, Medical Director, City of Detroit; Bishop Edgar Vann, Senior Pastor, Second Ebenezer Church and founder, Detroit Equity Report; Quantez Pressley, Lead Pastor, Third New Hope Baptist Church and Dr. Ijeoma Nnodim Opara. This panel will set the stage for our community conversation where residents will engage with experts and each other on how we work together to dismantle the practice of race based medicine. The event will provide attendees with an in-depth understanding of Race Based Medicine and present practical approaches to advocate for systemic change.

This call for participation emphasizes the significance of community involvement in shaping policies that affect public health. Attendees will have the opportunity to ask questions, engage in discussions, and leave equipped with tools to take an active role in eradicating this outdated and harmful practice.

To register please visit: https://bit.ly/EndRaceBasedMedicine_Register

For further information, please contact the Detroit End Race Based Medicine Taskforce (D-ERBMT) at DEIOffice@karmanos.org.

Join the movement for true health equity — because every patient deserves treatment based on their individual healthcare needs, not racial stereotypes and outdated science.

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