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Black Men's Health Clinic Helps Launch City of Manor Health Department

The Black Men's Health Clinic (BMHC) and the City of Manor are pleased to announce a collaboration to create and jointly operate a local health clinic through the City of Manor Health Department.

MANOR (Austin-Metropolitan Area) – Through an 18-month implementation grant from the Bristol Myers Squibb Foundation (BMS Foundation), the Black Men's Health Clinic is working with the City of Manor to establish a health department, coordinate services and programs throughout the community, and serve as a liaison to partnered health organizations and resources to enforce and establish interlocal agreements (ILAs) and memoranda of understanding (MOUs) while bridging programs and projects led by the City.

"The project activities and timeline create a critical pathway favorably impacting the health status of Manor residents," said Larry Wallace Sr., Founder and Executive Director of the Black Men's Health Clinic. "Although BMHC's primary goal is to connect men of color, their immediate families, and those with extenuating circumstances to healthcare they can trust, we acknowledge how BMHC can be the leader of change in other equally important ways."

Collaborating partners to support intervention goals and project activities over three phases include the American Heart Association, Population Health from the University of Texas at Austin and Dell Medical School, Austin Community College's Health Sciences Department, and Central Health's Eastern Crescent Subcommittee.

"The implementation grant from the BMS Foundation enables greater health awareness and advocacy of resources by the City of Manor and its leadership to meet the ongoing and growing needs of a minority-majority city," stated Dr. Larry Wallace Jr., BMHC Co-Founder and Board President of the Black Men's Health Clinic, who also served as Manor's mayor during COVID and Winter Storm Uri.

This effort began in 2018 with the launch of a Health Committee, which voters permanently established by proposition in 2020 and is currently led by Councilmember Anne Weir. Mayor Dr. Christopher Harvey stated, "The City of Manor is pleased to be a part of this initiative and looks forward to working with BMHC and the partners that assembled to work on this project."

About the City of Manor: The City of Manor is a minority-majority community with a population of 33,062-plus and an annual growth average of 2,733 residents. Community demographics are 64% Hispanic, 20% Black, 60% over the age of 18, and 50% are a gender-split population.

About the Black Men's Health Clinic: BMHC exists to lower barriers for successful healthcare by removing burdens men of color, their immediate family, and those with extenuating circumstances commonly experience such as scheduling, finances, and coordination between providers – at no additional cost to clients.

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