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Black Men's Health Clinic and Austin Community College District Form Partnership to Provide Cultural Experiences and Required Hands-On Training to Nursing Students

AUSTIN – The Black Men's Health Clinic (BMHC) and Austin Community College District (ACC) are pleased to announce a collaboration assisting RN-to-BSN nursing students in fulfilling the final clinical requirements to complete the Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) degree.

The RN-to-BSN students will earn their BSN and now have an opportunity to engage in hands-on clinical experiences that will enrich their learning and work toward the completion of their BSN degree. However, there are a few things that are distinctive about this win-win partnership. Through BMHC's care coordination and navigation model, students will integrate college classroom education with hands-on cultural engagement to meet the ongoing and growing demand for more personable healthcare services.

Through this partnership, the access to care for those in need is increased while supporting the career cultural competency of those already in or entering the health profession. With the expansion announcement of BMHC in Pflugerville through a partnership with Abundant Life Church and other locations in discussion, ACC students living within or attending school around BMHC locations can fulfill their clinical requirements by engaging directly within the communities closest to home.

Enabling a complimentary curriculum with priceless hands-on engagement with underserved and underrepresented communities where health rates are most concerning and trust in services is lower than their counterparts is crucial to reverting current impacts.

About ACC: <u>Austin Community College District</u> celebrates 50 years of service in 2023. ACC is a nationally recognized two-year college serving Central Texas. The college is focused on student success and building brighter futures through upward mobility. Through collaborative partnerships and innovative learning programs, ACC provides affordable, flexible pathways to help everyone reach their education goals, learn new job skills, or advance their career.

About Black Men's Health Clinic: <u>Black Men's Health Clinic</u> exists to lower barriers to 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.

BMHC has been servicing clients in the Austin-Metropolitan area for almost two years and is the first-of-its-kind holistic health clinic for men of color, their immediate families, and anyone with extenuating circumstances in the community. With an innovative partnership with CommUnityCare Health Centers (CUC), BMHC is listed as an official CommUnityCare location, affording BMHC the ability to support individuals with or without insurance due to CUC's federally qualified health center designation. Additionally, BMHC is the only Payer of Last Resort (PLR) facilities of two in the Austin/Travis County area, providing financial support to all clients in need

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