

www.blackmenshealthclinic.org Follow Us on Facebook, Instagram, and YouTube @BlackMensHealth Clinic

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE October 11, 2024 Contact: BMHC Communications Email: communications.team@blackmenshealthclinic.org Phone: 737-210-8446

## Black Men's Health Clinic<sup>®</sup> to Support Dell Medical School's Community Outreach and Engagement Efforts through its Breast Cancer Screening Program in Central Texas

AUSTIN – The <u>Black Men's Health Clinic</u><sup>®</sup> (BMHC) is pleased to announce its collaboration with Advancing Breast Health among Uninsured Women in Central Texas (ABH-CTX), a cancer screening and early detection program created by the <u>Addressing Cancer Together (ACT) Coalition</u> with the Department of Population Health at <u>Dell Medical School at The University of Texas at Austin</u> and other community entities. BMHC's collaboration with ABH-CTX aims to address breast cancer screening by providing community outreach, engagement, and education to increase health promotion among people of color, with an intentional inclusion of men.

As part of the joint effort, BMHC will provide its clients with health education materials developed by ABH-CTX. Although breast cancer screenings and diagnostic services are commonly focused on biological women and less than 1% of men are diagnosed with breast cancer, BMHC intentionally includes men in its programming to raise men's health literacy and to facilitate discussions with the women in their lives (i.e., mothers, spouses, sisters, daughters) to support screening efforts. BMHC serves individuals with socioeconomic challenges, limited access to care, and low income -- regardless of race or ethnicity.

BMHC will provide culturally tailored health promotional materials and breast cancer screening referrals to both men and women clients to encourage timely screening. Uninsured women between the ages of 40 and 74 with no insurance and who are due for screening will be referred to ABH-CTX for help scheduling appropriate screening or diagnostic services at no cost. ABH-CTX program staff will also assist men and women in finding a medical home and/or referring them to other social services, as needed.

ABH-CTX, which serves a nine-county region, is supported by a \$2 million grant from the Cancer Prevention and Research Institute of Texas (CPRIT) awarded to Dell Medical School. ABH-CTX provides fixed-site or mobile mammography screening options, support for patient navigation, no-cost screening or diagnostic testing, and linkage to treatment for uninsured women. Additionally, the program funds mobile mammography through the Big Pink Bus operated by Lone Star Circle of Care.

## ABOUT

**Black Men's Health Clinic**<sup>®</sup> (BMHC) 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 over two years, and it is the first-of-its-kind holistic health that is available to all regardless of insurance status.

The Black Men's Health Clinic ~ Care You Can Trust ###