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## Media Advisory

### NAACP, Indianapolis Recorder to Host Jan. 19 Public Forum: Racism is a Public Health Crisis

**Who:** The Greater Indianapolis NAACP Branch #3053, Education and Health Committees and the Indianapolis Recorder

**What:** Virtual Public Forum with Hospital CEOs and other community leaders on Racism as a Public Health Crisis

**When:** 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 19, 2021

**Where:** The forum can be viewed live at [facebook.com/IndyRecorder](https://facebook.com/IndyRecorder) and [facebook.com/IndyNAACP](https://facebook.com/IndyNAACP). Registration via Zoom is also available at [indynaacp.org](https://indynaacp.org)

**Why:** Hospital CEOs and other leaders in Marion County have acknowledged the disproportionate outcomes in health practices that have put people of color at risk. We will hear from Hospital CEOs working to deal with those concerns, as well as Vop Osili, President of the Indianapolis City-County Council, who has acknowledged that "Racism is a Public Health Crisis."

As advocates in educating our community about issues the community faces, the NAACP and the Indianapolis Recorder commend our local medical health care hospital CEOs for their public stance in acknowledging the problem and pledging to create a "culture of inclusion." Health officials have stated their determination to reduce the health disparities and inequities that so many African American and other historically disenfranchised communities face when they interact with the health care system. At the forum, we will explore several important questions such as: What resources and strategies do they currently utilize, and will they utilize, to eliminate racism in their institutions?

We invite the community to join us in a powerful conversation to learn about the current health care practices and plans underway to remedy disparity in health care outcomes in certain communities.

#### Panel Co-Moderators:

- Joseph Tucker Edmonds, Ph.D., NAACP Education Committee, Assistant Professor of Religious Studies and African Studies at IUPUI
- Marshawn Wolley, Indianapolis Recorder Newspaper Columnist

#### Panelists:

- Dr. Lisa E. Harris, CEO, Eskenazi Health
- Brian Mills, President and CEO, Community Health Network
- Dennis Murphy, President and CEO, IU Health Methodist

- Elizabeth Nelson, Assistant Professor and Medical Historian, Indiana University and Purdue University
- Vop Osili, President, Indianapolis City-County Council

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**About NAACP:** The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) is the nation's oldest, largest and most widely recognized civil rights organization. Our mission is to ensure the political, educational, social, and economic equality of rights for all persons and to eliminate racial hatred and racial discrimination.