## Tulane University Health Equity Research Learning Collaborative, Partners for Advancing Health Equity, partners with the National Medical Association

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Dignitaries gather for the announcement of the new partnership between the P4HE and the NMA.

Tulane University School of Public Health and Tropical Medicine and its health equity research learning collaborative, <u>Partners for Advancing Health Equity (P4HE Collaborative)</u>, is pleased to announce it has entered into a partnership agreement

with the <u>National Medical Association (NMA)</u>. The goal of the partnership is to support the NMA in its efforts to improve health equity and practices within the organization and for those it serves.

The NMA promotes the collective interests of physicians and patients of African descent. The mission is carried out by serving as the collective voice of physicians of African descent and is a leading voice for parity in medicine, elimination of health disparities, and promotion of optimal health.

Through this partnership, the P4HE Collaborative will facilitate active collaboration with thought leaders in the health equity field and provide access to an extensive centralized resource library and learning activities such as workshops and webinars. The NMA will also have the opportunity to share its efforts and interventions to advance health equity to the collaborative's extensive network.

"The National Medical Association is enthusiastic about this collaboration, which advances health equity, and where everyone has a fair and just opportunity to attain their optimal health regardless of race, ethnicity, disability, sexual orientation, gender identity, socioeconomic, or geographic status," said Garfield A. D. Clunie, MD, NMA 123rd president.

"We are excited to work together with the National Medical Association to better understand the latest issues related to attaining health equity and align efforts to create consistency, processes, and guidance. We look forward to creating a community where we all work together toward the goal of health equity," said Thomas LaVeist, Dean, Tulane School of Public Health and Tropical Medicine, and Principal Investigator for the P4HE Collaborative.

Partners for Advancing Health Equity is actively working with other organizations to provide support in their efforts to improve health equity. Any organization interest in partnering is encouraged to contact <a href="mailto:partners4he@tulane.edu">partners4he@tulane.edu</a>.

Partners for Advancing Health Equity promotes innovation in health equity by facilitating active collaboration between people and organizations to inform and harmonize research to advance actionable and sustainable solutions. It is led by <a href="Tulane University School of Public Health and Tropical Medicine">Tulane University School of Public Health and Tropical Medicine</a>, is part of the Tulane Institute for Health Equity, and supported by a grant from the <a href="Robert Wood Johnson Foundation">Robert Wood Johnson Foundation</a>.