

Statement of Support for the Health, Safety and Just Treatment of All People

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“The senseless and reprehensible events of this past week have angered and saddened us all. It is clear that hate, racism and social injustice remain, unfortunately, alive and well in America.

The impact of violence on communities will continue to wreak havoc on the health and well-being of people of color—who are already struggling disproportionately with the impact of the current pandemic. We can – and must – do better.

MPCA and its member Community Health Centers oppose racism in all its forms, and stand united in support of the health, safety, and just treatment of all. Community Health Centers have long stood as leaders of social change and social justice efforts. In fact, the community health center model was born out of the civil rights movement of the 1960s and we will continue to push forward the legacy of those efforts through dialogue, policy change, and a commitment to addressing the many social constructs that keep people of color from leading healthy lives.”