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**Our Healthy KC
Eastside
(OHKCE):**

**A Community-
wide COVID-19
Vaccination
and Health
Services
Project to
Address Health
Inequities**



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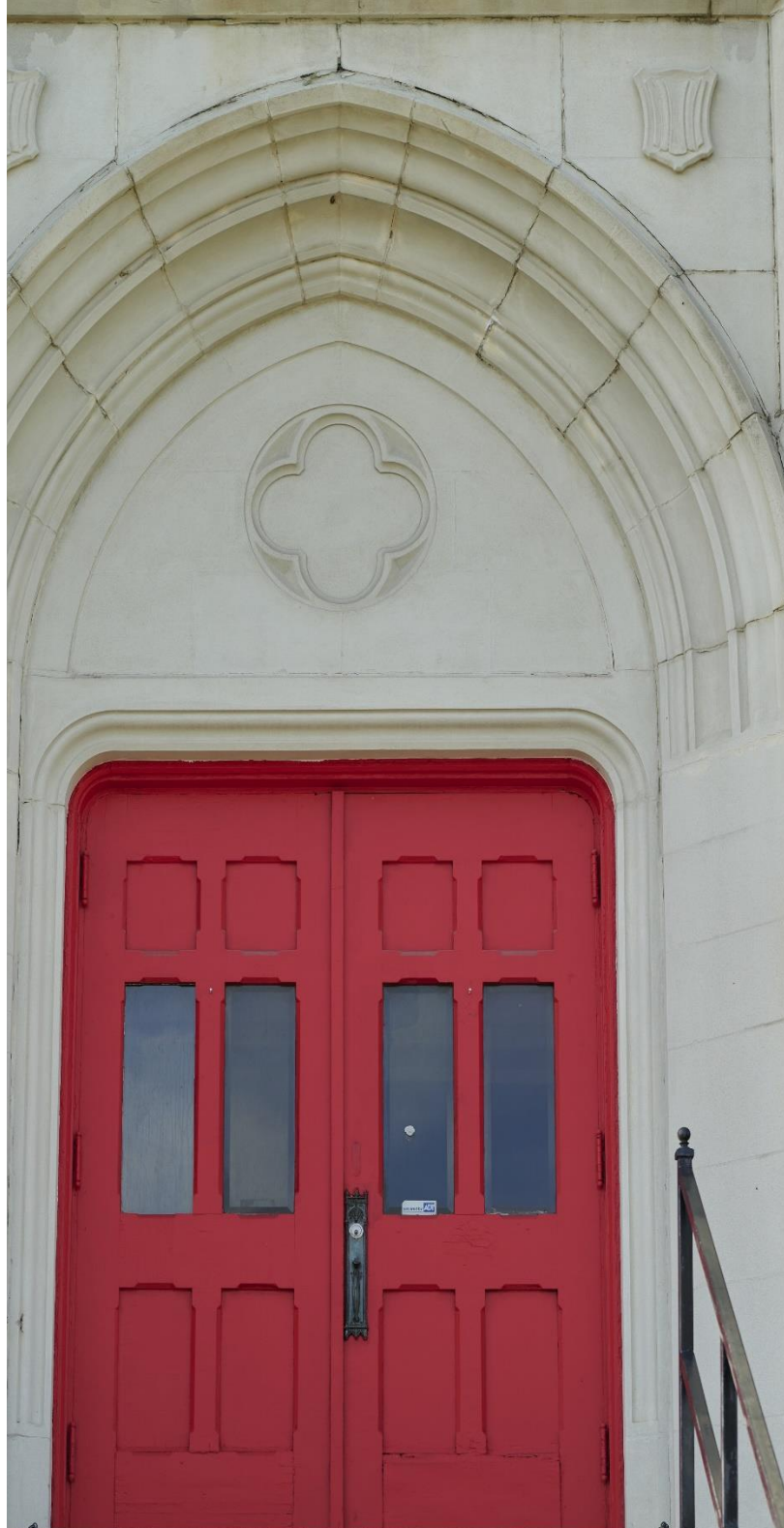


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This proposal was developed through a community-engaged process that included input from ten meetings with community stakeholders across KCMO's Eastside. These stakeholders were primarily from neighborhood associations, businesses, faith-based organizations, and youth organizations. Input was also gathered throughout the University of Missouri-Kansas City's health professional schools' (Schools of Pharmacy, Medicine, Dentistry, Nursing and Health Sciences) deans and several department chairs who attended 3 meetings. Additional meetings were held with UMKC units that provided input which included the Center for Neighborhoods, Multicultural Student Services Center, Roos Advocating for Change, Communications, Athletics Department, and Health Services Research Administration. Additionally, input was gathered from collaborative research partners representing faculty from several UMKC departments including the Bloch School, Center for Economic Information, Community Counseling and Assessment Services, SourceLink, Psychology, and Biomedical and Health Informatics, and from faculty and community partners who serve on the UMKC Health Equity Institute Steering Committee. We also sought input from Children's Mercy Kansas City research faculty. Lastly, we sought extensive input from Truman Medical Centers, the Black Health Care Coalition and the Kansas City Missouri Health Department to help inform strategic synergies between this project and their current and future work in providing COVID-19 related services and programming.

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Proposal Overview: Our Healthy KC Eastside

Our Healthy KC Eastside (OHKCE) is a community-wide project that aims to promote and deliver widespread COVID-19 vaccination and other health services with KCMO's most socially vulnerable community. Building on nearly two decades of large-scale collaborative community studies, we will fully engage community members in a multi-sectoral COVID-19 education, communication, and vaccination project. For the OHKCE project, we will also tap University of Missouri-Kansas City's, Truman Medical Center's, and the Black Health Care Coalition's extensive experience in providing health services in community and medical settings on KC's Eastside.

This project is important for several reasons. KC's Eastside has some of the highest socially vulnerable areas in Jackson County.¹ Eastside residents tend to be highly represented by minority populations, particularly African Americans, of lower-income and with less access to stable housing and transportation.^{1,2} Similar to other socially vulnerable communities across the country,³⁻⁴ the Eastside has experienced some of the highest rates of COVID-19 infections, hospitalizations, and deaths in Jackson County-KC.^{1,5} Also, low vaccination rates persist in KC's Eastside's socially vulnerable areas.¹ Nationwide, factors reported to be associated with vaccine hesitancy, particularly among minorities, include medical mistrust, inconsistent messaging, myths, limited vaccination access, and racism.⁶⁻⁷ Our community partners have also stated that these multi-faceted factors contribute to vaccine hesitancy and poor COVID-19 outcomes among Eastside residents. This proposal aims to address these issues.

COVID-19 has also contributed to a drastic reduction in use of prevention health services.⁸⁻¹¹ In socially vulnerable areas, prevention health services are critically needed considering these areas were already burdened by high rates of chronic health conditions. Our own large-scale studies conducted on the KC Eastside have found high rates of obesity, diabetes, cardiovascular disease, and mental health conditions.¹²⁻¹³

OUR APPROACH

The project will take place from June 1, 2021 – November 31, 2021. Our primary project outcomes, driven by Eastside community input, are to:

- Significantly increase vaccination uptake, and
- Significantly increase use of prevention health services

We will use a multifaceted approach to implement this project, which includes:

- Engaging ≥ 120 community leaders and liaisons across the Eastside in 4 community sectors:
 - Businesses, churches, neighborhood associations, and youth organizations
- Equipping community health liaisons with COVID-19 educational messaging communication tools
- Expanding vaccination and health service access with thousands of Eastside community members
- Conducting multiple innovative health science research projects with community partners to improve tailored prevention strategies and data collection procedures with Eastside communities
- Measuring community impact with a proven project implementation model (RE-AIM) widely used to design and examine large-scale NIH and CDC community health projects and studies

This project could provide the first community-wide model for delivering wide-reaching COVID-19 vaccination and other health services by increasing the capacity of organizations on KC's Eastside with training, tailored education/communications tools, and support from academic and health partners.

SOCIALLY VULNERABILITY AND LOW KC EASTSIDE COVID-19 VACCINATION RATES

Social vulnerability is determined by the degree a community exhibits four primary social determinants: socioeconomic status, household composition/ disability, minority status & language, and housing and transportation.¹⁴ These four determinants determine a community’s social vulnerability index (SVI). SVI is assessed for census tracts based on ranked percentiles that range from 0 to 1, with higher values indicating greater vulnerability.

Eastside zip codes with some of the highest SVI rankings and inclusive of the most number of high-SVI census tracts are: **64106, 64109, 64127, 64128, 64129, and 64130** (see table below).¹

Not surprising, 4 of KCMO’s six lowest life expectancy zip codes are on the Eastside and have some of the lowest life expectancy in KCMO. There is an 18.6-year difference from the lowest life expectancy zip codes to the highest in KCMO.



Priority SVI Zip Codes*	# of SVI Tracts in 75 th Percentile or Higher*	Average SVI for the Zip Code	Percent African American	Partially Vaccinated (At Least One Dose)		
				White	Black or African American	Hispanic or Latino
64106	4	.88	44%	22%	6%	17%
64109	4	.67	48%	23%	18%	15%
64127	6**	.95	51%	11%	15%	9%
64128	6**	.83	81%	9%	14%	19%
64129	3	.72	45%	12%	13%	9%
64130	4	.89	88%	13%	15%	28%

*Include ≤3 or more census tracts that are above the 75th percentile per Social Vulnerability Index (SVI)
 **Largest number of census tracts in the 75th percentile per the SVI

These Eastside zip codes are among some of the lowest partially vaccinated zip codes in Jackson County and are largely made up of African Americans.

Our studies with Eastside African American residents have also found high rates of underlying health conditions, such as hypertension, diabetes and obesity,^{12-13,15-16} which further exacerbate COVID-19 burdens. These along with other Eastsiders are persons who most likely need to leave home to work, live in a crowded often multi-generational housing, use public transportation, and enter crowded workplaces where social distancing and personal protective equipment (PPE) have not been widely available. Together, these factors place them at higher risk of COVID-19 exposure to the virus and with great need for COVID-19 vaccination and other health services.

ENGAGING COMMUNITY SECTORS ACROSS THE EASTSIDE

We will build on lessons learned over the past 15 years in conducting large-scale, community-engaged studies in collaboration with KC Eastside community partners. Our history of creating equitable partnerships to address health inequities is based on **Community-based Participatory Research** principles to ensure our projects reflect the values, knowledge-base, strength, and experience of the Eastside. We will share leadership and ownership of the project with our Eastside partners in jointly implementing the project. To prepare this proposal, we had ten meetings with leaders in these sectors – businesses owners, pastors, neighborhood association presidents, and youth organization leaders – who contributed to the project’s design and are already recruiting their peer organizations.

Community-based Participatory Research (CBPR)¹⁷

Collaborative approach to research that equitably involves all partners in the research process and recognizes the unique strengths that each brings.

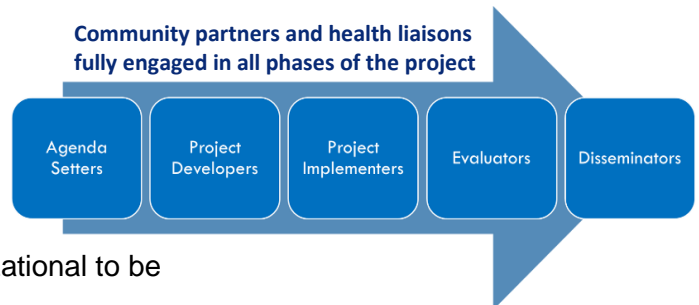
CBPR begins with a research topic of importance to the community with the aim of combining knowledge and action for social change to improve community health and eliminate health disparities.

-W.K. Kellogg Community Scholar’s Program, 2001

Role of Community Partners (≥60 partners)

Community partners participating in the project (see letters of support from 30 community partners representing the sectors) will:

- a) Assist in identifying research questions
- b) Assist designing project materials/procedures
- c) Identify 2-3 community influencers in the organizational to be trained as health liaisons
- d) Promote vaccination and health service events and other health programs in their venues
- e) Provide implementation evaluation data
- f) Assist with interpreting project findings, refining processes, and sharing findings



Role of Community Partner Influencers as Health Liaisons (≥120 health liaisons)

Community influencers serving as health liaisons in their organization will:

- a) Assist with coordinating/promoting vaccination and other health services with their constituents
- b) Be trained on COVID-19 topics and implement the project, which will include communicating the importance of COVID-19 vaccination and healthy behaviors using a project tool kit tailored for their sector
- c) Assist with recruitment of participants in a city-wide survey study focused on understanding factors related to receipt of COVID-19 vaccination and use of health services;
- d) provide information on how they are implementing the project with their organization and constituents

Memorandum of Agreements

Leaders of community partners (pastors, business owners, youth organization directors, neighborhood association presidents) will provide signed Memorandum of Agreements which will detail the role of: their organization, the community influencers who will serve as health liaisons, and UMKC and health partners.

Community Action Boards (CABs)

We will formalize an OHKCE Community Action Board (CAB) made of up sector leaders and will also engage our existing CABs (KC FAITH Initiative, Clergy Response Network, Building Bonds with Youth) to ensure full community engagement occurs across the project and to also plan for project maintenance.

EQUIPPING COMMUNITY INFLUENCERS WITH TRAINING AND COMMUNICATION TOOLS

Our successful approach to rapid design and delivery of large-scale health promotion projects that are tailored specifically for selected settings is enabled by actively engaging community members in the creation process. Among several tasks, the creative process includes identifying existing, naturalistic communication channels and appropriate materials/activities that can be readily delivered by community members. These materials/ activities will be packaged in easy-to-use tool kits to support community influencers, who will serve as health liaisons, in using effective communication to motivate their constituents to make an informed decision to get COVID-19 vaccinated and use health services.

In preparation for this proposal, we met with representatives from each sector to begin gathering information to build tool kits for the four sectors. Their suggestions are shown in the table below. The list of tools will be refined and actual materials/activities will be created with our Community Action Boards.

Community leaders and health liaisons will be trained to talk about COVID-19 vaccination and health services messages with support of the tool kits, with guidance from CDC’s Vaccinate with Confidence initiative.¹⁸ Two trainings will be held: 1 training prior to launch and 1 booster training, and will include:

- a) Training on COVID-19 vaccination (e.g., COVID-19 disparities on the Eastside, how vaccines were made and approved, benefits of vaccination to individuals and the community, potential vaccine side effects) topics and prevention health service (importance of safe and healthy behaviors, resources)
- b) Enhanced communication skills to share information and motivate vaccination and health service use
- c) Delivery of OHKCE Tool Kit materials and activities
- d) Project implementation reporting (monthly) using an easy-to-use online tracking system

Community health liaisons will participate in brief monthly check-ins to ensure they have needed materials and ensure their questions and accomplishments are discussed. Additionally, each sector will have a sector community lead director, supported by the project, working alongside a sector UMKC director (see below).

Our Healthy KC Eastside Tool Kit Materials/Activities Per Sector and Across All Sectors

Sectors	Sector Community Lead	Sector UMKC Lead	Tool Kit Materials/Activities Tailored for Each Sector	Tool Kit Materials/Activities Across All Sectors
Businesses	Daniel Smith, The Porter House KC	Maria Myers, SourceLink	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Table, counter, door signs QR code • Sidewalk tents • Coffee mugs, non-disposable straws • Combs/brushes 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Business cards • Fact sheets • Testimonials • Text messages • Pens • Banners and posters • Promotional items (t-shirts, hats) • COVID-19 self-test kits • COVID-19 vaccination and health services events in small venues in each sector
Faith-based Organizations	Rev. Eric Williams, Calvary Community Outreach Network	Jannette Berkley-Patton, Community Health Research Group	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sermon guides • Responsive readings • Church bulletins • Church fans 	
Neighborhood Associations	Gregg Wilson and Cashe Wilson, from Seven Oaks	Dina Newman, Center for Neighborhoods	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Door knockers • Home health kits • Yard signs • Buttons 	
Youth Organizations	Teesha Miller, Youth Ambassadors	Amanda Grimes & Joey Lightner, School of Nursing and Health Sciences	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Peer-to-peer training in mental health • Outdoor fun and fitness events • Arts events (painting, skits, music) • Contests • Promotional items tailored for youth 	

EXPANDING HEALTH PREVENTION SERVICES AND PROGRAMS

To increase access to COVID-19 vaccinations and other health services (and programs) to address health inequities in KCMO’s Eastside, community-based comprehensive health services will be delivered by several health organizations. These include: UMKC health professional schools (Schools of Medicine, Dentistry, Nursing and Health Sciences, and Pharmacy), UMKC’s Community Counseling and Assessment Services, Truman Medical Center (TMC), and the Black Health Care Coalition. UMKC faculty, staff, students, community health agency partners, and community health workers. All will receive training in COVID-19 topics and will deliver services which will include, but are not limited to:

- a) COVID-19 vaccinations and testing. These services will be held at TMC’s existing vaccination and testing sites on Hospital Hill and at a new site that TMC will open as a part of this project in Southeast KC. Smaller “pop-up” vaccination and health service events will be held in sector venues.
- b) Health screenings (e.g., COVID-19, blood glucose, hypertension, dental, mental health), other vaccinations (e.g., flu, HPV), and health education (e.g., health literacy, dental care, maternal and child health, disabilities) programs.
- c) Linkage to care services (e.g., health insurance including Medicaid, a medical home, medical appointment) and linkage to community resources (e.g., personal protective equipment, food, utility assistance) provided by community health workers.

Health Services and Programs Delivered in Community and Health Settings

Health Unit Delivery Services	Setting for Health Service Delivery	Health Services to be Delivered
School of Pharmacy (SOP)	Community	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • COVID-19 vaccinations in community settings • Diabetes screenings and referrals • Education on various recommended vaccines (e.g., HPV, flu)
School of Dentistry (SOD)	Community and On-campus clinic	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Verbal dental screenings and referral to free dental exams at the School of Dentistry • Dental education, toothbrushes, toothpaste, and floss kits • Brush, Book, Bed program for parents and children • Lessons in a Lunchbox program for children
School of Nursing & Health Sciences (SONHS)	Community	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • COVID-19 vaccinations • Diabetes, hypertension and glucose screening and referral
School of Medicine (SOM)	Community and Truman Medical Center	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • COVID-19 vaccinations and testing in community settings • Hypertension, diabetes, sexually transmitted infections screenings • Dietician booth and referrals for food • Talk with a Doc and Walk with a Doc events
Community Counseling and Assessment Services	Community and On-campus clinic	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mental health screening, feedback, and linkage to care • Counseling and assessment services
Truman Medical Center (TMC)	Community and at Truman Medical Center	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • COVID-19 vaccination and testing at TMC-Hospital Hill with set hours of operation and creation of a vaccination and testing site in KC’s Southeast Eastside area; pop-up vaccination events • Call center for persons with questions on scheduling COVID-19 vaccinations/testing and answering other health questions
Black Health Care Coalition (BHCC)	Community and medical settings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Linkage to medical care and community resources by community health workers • Health literacy booths at vaccination and health service events

CONDUCTING INNOVATIVE RESEARCH

OHKCE is primarily a health service delivery project to expand vaccinations, and prevention services and programs in KC’s Eastside. To understand the impact of the project on increasing vaccination rates and use of health services, we will collect project data at multiple levels with:

- Participating organizations in each sector to understand the adoption and reach of the project (N=60 organizations), via an online implementation tracking database
- Community health liaisons in participating organizations to examine their implementation of the project (N=150-180 youth and adults ≥aged 16) via an online implementation tracking database
- Eastside community members (N=2,000 youth and adults ≥ aged 16) to understand their COVID-19 vaccination and health service use behaviors and other factors that contribute to these behaviors. They will complete 2 surveys during COVID-19 vaccination, health service, and other project events.

We will also use other methods of data collection to examine geographical impact, communication channels and social networks, and project feasibility (e.g., challenges, facilitators, accomplishments).

We conservatively anticipate that at least 10,000 people (inclusive of about 1,000 youth) will be directly exposed to this community-wide intervention (e.g., vaccinations, health screenings, exposure to information communicated or distributed by community health liaisons, prevention programs). Overall, we aim to vaccinate at least 5,000 people who may be directly or indirectly exposed to the project.

Additionally, 13 independent research studies will be conducted to more rigorously understand delivery and outcomes of prevention programs focused on several areas (e.g., physical activity, mental health, health literacy, vaccine hesitancy, use of linkage to care services, adolescent health). These studies will be led by faculty researchers located at UMKC and Children’s Mercy Hospital Kansas City.

Overall, we anticipate over 3,000 Eastside residents will participate in one of these studies at some level. This will be a remarkable contribution in increasing participation in COVID-19 research with populations that have traditionally *not* participated in a research study and will aid in understanding COVID-19 vaccination and health service use along with outcomes of prevention services and programs. [Findings from these studies can also be used to guide future county funding and studies to address health inequities on KC’s Eastside.](#) The table below provides an overview of these studies. More detailed information on the proposed studies will be provided upon request.

Independent COVID-19 Related Research Studies with Eastside Participants

Study Title and Researcher	Study Focus	Population; N	Primary and Secondary Outcomes	Plans for Sustainability	Primary Sector
Psychological First Aid and Skills for Psychological Recovery Programs Joah Williams, PhD Erin Hembrick, PhD UMKC	Prevention services (mental health trainings)	Community health liaisons trained as lay community mental health workers N=100	-Participation (attendance at trainings) -Satisfaction with the training format, knowledge, perceived preparedness, adoption/performance-based outcomes	Community-capacity building activities to enhance future disaster and trauma response and coordination efforts; Grant funding for community-organizations trained to deliver early interventions	All

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Understanding Long-Haul COVID-19 Impact on Psychological and Other Health Outcomes Jared Bruce, PhD UMKC Biomedical & Health Informatics (BHI)	Understanding cognitive, emotional and olfactory effects of long-haul COVID-19; reducing barriers to care.	Persons who report persistent COVID-19 symptoms N=50	-Patterns and risks for persisting cognitive, emotional, and olfactory COVID-19 effects identified -Quantitative and qualitative feedback to identify neurobehavioral treatment needs/ barriers obtained.	Identification of persisting COVID-19 symptoms as well as barriers to care will inform the development/quality improvement of specialty clinics that provide assessment and triage within Truman Medical Center	All; Faith Organizations
Language and Nutrition Program for Toddlers; Baby Shower Program Kai Ling Kong, PhD Brenda Salley, PhD Deanna Hanson-Abromeit, PhD Children's Mercy KC	Obesity prevention, language development, and maternal and child health	Caregiver-infant dyads (parent and infant) N=40	-An increase in the total number of words spoken and conversational turns shared between the caregiver and infant -An increase in the infant in home observational score	We will teach and coach community volunteers the principles of Talk and Sing with Me program	All
Stay Active Jordan Carlson, PhD Children's Mercy KC	Garmin-based tools for supporting physical activity during the COVID-19 pandemic	Youth and adult individuals N=300-350	-Overall physical activity -Engagement with program	Program teaches participants skills and uses a transition period to help them carry the skills forward longer term	All
Understanding Use of Linkage to Care Services Helena Laroche, MD Children's Mercy KC	Focus groups and interviews to understand barriers to receiving resources after referral	Adults N=44	-Barrier to receiving resources -Intervention strategies to improve the linkage to care process	This data will be disseminated to community partners and used in future intervention to improve connection to resources	All
Vaccine Info and Access with People with Intellectual/developmental disabilities George Gotto, PhD UMKC Institute of Human Development (IHD)	Vaccination and information dissemination	People with intellectual/developmental disabilities (IDD) N=100-200	-Vaccination of people with intellectual/developmental disabilities; -Development of cognitively accessible information about COVID-19 vaccination	Continued education through neighborhood associations that serve people with IDD	Neighborhood Associations; Persons with IDD.
Understanding Social Media and COVID-19 Communications Erin Willis, Yugyung Lee, Ye Wang UMKC Computing and Engineering (C&E)	Health communication	Community health liaisons trained in each sector N=100	-Visualization data on public opinion and personal experience w/ COVID19 vaccination; -Social media metrics to measure COVID19 vaccination campaigns and health services; -Health information app tailored to local health needs, especially during a public health crisis	The visualization model and the app can be reused. The insights can inform future similar events.	Neighborhood Associations; but will include all sectors

Study Title and Researcher	Study Focus	Population; N	Primary and Secondary Outcomes	Plans for Sustainability	Primary Sector
Youth and Physical Activity Amanda Grimes, PhD Joey Lightner, PhD UMKC School of Nursing & Health Sciences (SONHS)	Physical Activity & Nutrition Intervention; Youth tailored vaccine education	Urban middle school youth and families (Hogan Prep, Center School District, KC Public Schools) N=1,000	-Physical activity increased and mental health improved; -Youth vaccinated; -Family vaccinated	Carry-over funds to support the intervention for 2021-2022 academic year. Parks and Rec may be able support programming	Youth Organizations
Sexual and Mental Health Telemedicine and Mobile Health Access Melissa Miller, MD Emily Hurley, PhD Children's Mercy KC	Community-based intervention using social networks to build trust in the medical system and increase access to sexual and reproductive care and mental health care	Adolescents from Eastside communities, KCMO N=100	Feasibility constructs: acceptability, demand, implementation, practicality, integration, expansion, and limited-efficacy. Care sought for sexual health and mental health needs Any telemedicine use and/or registration	The mobile unit is paid for and maintained by the Telemedicine team at Children's Mercy. CM community benefit programming is actively engaged in developing novel strategies to meet care needs, especially for families in zip codes 64123-4, 64126-33	Youth Organizations
SPARCS Skills Training and Mental Health Wood-Jaeger, PhD Emory University	Mental health promotion skills training with youth and adults	Teenage youth and adults from Operation Breakthrough and Boys and Girls Club N=160	-Improve mental health status -Reduced loneliness -Improved family relationships	Operation Breakthrough has piloted this project and plans to continue it after testing it in the proposed project	Youth Organizations
Baby Shower Program Kai Long Melissa Robinson, Black Health Care Coalition (BHCC)	Maternal and child health education program; health advocacy and services for new moms	New mom and babies N=500	-Improved knowledge on infant/toddler childcare -Health literacy	This has been an ongoing BHCC program and will continue to be expanded	All
COVID-19 Education for Health Providers Angie Myers, M.D. Andrea Bradley-Ewing, MPH, MA Children's Mercy KC	COVID-19 Vaccine education modules	Clinicians who care for children of color East of Troost (Pediatricians & Family Medicine) N=30	-Clinician knowledge about COVID-19 vaccines -Self-efficacy to answer questions from families and to address vaccine hesitancy	These modules will be available free of charge during and after the study and will be updated as new information emerges	All; Primarily hospital and Clinic healthcare providers
Community Mapping COVID-19 Impact using GIS Doug Bowles, Brent Never Taki Manolakos, Center for Economic Information (CEI)	Spatial Analysis	KCMo Eastside population N ~50,000	Formative Outcomes Evaluation	IT platforms for data access, curation, storage, cataloging, mapping, and analysis all developed for KC Health CORE with leveraged funding from multiple past and ongoing projects.	All, inclusive of public health

MEASURING IMPACT

The RE-AIM model will be used to guide the evaluation. RE-AIM helps to understand Reach, Effectiveness, Adoption, Implementation, and Maintenance of large-scale projects designed to bring about behavior change.¹⁹ RE-AIM has been used extensively by NIH and CDC researchers to examine individual, organization, and community level impact on receipt of health services and health outcomes.

Measuring Impact Using the RE-AIM Model

RE-AIM Components	RE-AIM Measures
Reach	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number and proportion on persons reached with project • Number of persons recruited to complete project surveys • Number of intervention components persons were exposed to within project • Extensiveness of social networks (communication) used by health liaisons
Effectiveness	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number and trends over time of persons fully vaccinated and who received health services • Impact of intervention exposure on receipt of vaccination and health services • Comparisons of vaccinations and health services received on Eastside with other Jackson County geographical areas where the project wasn't implemented • Individual, social, and other factors related to receipt of vaccination and health services
Adoption	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proportion of organizations approached that sign an agreement to implement the project • Strategies used that were most successful in organizations adopting the project • Number of community health liaisons trained to implement the project in each organization
Implementation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of and type of tools delivered and how delivered • Facilitators, challenges, and successes in implementing the project • Number of vaccination and health service events completed in the community • Number of referrals and follow-ups completed • Number of University of Missouri-Kansas City and Truman Medical Center faculty, staff, and students providing health services at community events and in medical settings
Maintenance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • University of Missouri-Kansas City and Truman Medical Center plans for sustainability • Participating organizations plan for sustainability established • Ongoing Community Action Board meetings planned into the following years • CDC and NIH grant funding pursued with project partners; funding pursued in collaboration with other longtime partners (KCMO Health Department) and with Jackson County.

OHKCE project impact will be assessed overall and with each of the four sectors using:

- Implementation data on contacts made, persons reached, materials distributed, and other project related activities collected from community health liaisons using an online data tracking system;
- Implementation data on vaccinations, health screenings, and other services/programs delivered and received as collected from health service organizations using an online system;
- Survey data on vaccine and health service beliefs/behaviors collected with 2,000 consented participants aged ≥ 16 and older at 2 timepoints, with UMKC Institutional Review Board approval;
- Geographical information systems to capture density of receipt of vaccinations and health services across the Eastside and other Jackson County areas;
- Information on feasibility (facilitators, challenges, and successes) will be collected using focus groups and interviews with sector leaders and community health liaisons within each sector.

The OHKCE Logic Model to Guide the Work and Evaluation

INPUTS	ACTIVITIES	OUTPUTS	INITIAL OUTCOMES	INTERMEDIATE OUTCOMES	LONG-TERM OUTCOMES
<p><u>UMKC CHRG and HEI</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Extensive experience in conducting large-scale health screening and service delivery project studies in collaboration with Eastside community partners <p><u>UMKC Health Professional Schools and TMC</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Extensive experience in delivering community-based vaccinations and health services <p><u>Black Health Care Coalition</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Extensive experience in providing health literacy and linkage to care services with community health workers from the community <p><u>Community Partners</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Expert community influencers with expert knowledge in community culture, values, and experiences in business, faith, neighborhood, and youth sectors who serve as health liaisons <p><u>UMKC and CMKC Researchers</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Extensive experience in conducting health science research 	<p><u>UMKC and HEI</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coordinate project across all partners • Lead the overall project evaluation <p><u>UMKC and TMC</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prepare for vaccinations and health services in 2 stationary sites (existing TMC Hospital Hill site and new Southeast KC site) with established hours of operation • Plan “pop-up” vaccination and health service events in smaller sector venues <p><u>Black Health Care Coalition</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community health workers (CHWs) train on project/study and data collection systems <p><u>Community Partners</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Train to communicate COVID-19 information and motivate vaccination and health service use with OHKCE Tool Kits <p><u>UMKC and CMKC Researchers</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Finalize IRB applications to be able to conduct studies <p><u>Community Action Boards</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assist in refining project materials/activities and procedures 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Study evaluation is taking place across sectors and with health partners • Vaccinations and health services delivered in stationary sites and across sectors • 2,000 participants are recruited to participate in citywide project surveys to understand factors that contribute to receipt of vaccinations and health services • Community health liaisons deliver COVID-19 information using toolkits • CHWs linking community members to health services and community resources • Community Action Boards review project progress and provide ongoing input • UMKC and CMKC researchers are collecting data with Eastside participants on COVID-19 related studies 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • UMKC and TMC implement COVID-19 vaccination/ health service delivery • Community health liaisons are expanding their sphere of communication and influence • Eastside community members are exposed to project materials/activities • Eastside community members are getting their first vaccination dose and using community-based health services • Community members are participating in health science prevention programs and research studies • CHRG, UMKC, and CMKC are feeding what they are learning with the community and with Jackson County officials 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5,000–7,000 persons fully vaccinated and using at least one health service • Engagement in follow-up with health services in medical settings has increased • Community members are highly satisfied with project • Community health liaisons and CHWs have reported implementation data • Community CAB members and partners provide ongoing feedback • Community partners plan for sustainability based in collaboration with UMKC and health agency partners • Factors understood that contribute to vaccinations/health service use • Studies with positive outcomes are planned for expansion and all findings are reported 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Eastside on par with other KC communities with higher vaccination rates • Ongoing health services are available in KC’s Eastside • The project design is refined for long-term maintenance • The project is established as a practice-based intervention with the opportunities to address other Eastside zip codes and inequities • Public health indicators are improved per data findings, including mapping data, in Eastside zip codes • A committed partnership with community leaders, health agencies, and health researchers maintaining the project and preparing other large-scale proposals to address other health inequities will grow.

Our UMKC Community Health Research Team and the Health Equity Institute

The UMKC Community Health Research Group (CHRG) is located in the UMKC School of Medicine Biomedical and Health Informatics Department conducts health disparity research with underserved populations through collaborative partnerships. The UMKC Health Equity Institute (HEI) was founded as a Chancellor's Office special initiative in 2019. The HEI aims to expand collaboration, communication, and innovation with community partners and across campus to address inequities in KC's urban Eastside area.

Jannette Berkley-Patton, PhD is the project's principal investigator and the Director of the CHRG and HEI. She has an endowed professorship in the UMKC School of Medicine, Department of Biomedical Health Informatics. Her research team has led many large-scale health behavior change interventions in KC Eastside. Also of note, she was born and raised on KC's Eastside and graduated from Paseo High School. Other key personnel of the CHRG and HEI team includes **Carole Bowe Thompson**, CHRG and HEI Project Director. Together, she and Dr. Berkley-Patton have grown the work of the CHRG over the past 15 years. The team includes **Jenifer Allsworth**, PhD, a leading epidemiologist with extensive experience in examining large datasets. The team also includes **Steve Simon** as a biostatistician and expert on conducting statistical analysis using multiple software programs. The team includes research associates, doctoral students, and undergraduate students from multiple disciplines across campus who receive training in the CHRG. Additionally, CHRG and HEI studies have included thousands of participants, primarily underserved minorities from KC's Eastside, particularly African Americans – a population that has traditionally been difficult to engage in research.

With faith-community-health-academic partnerships, we have conducted many large-scale studies that have examined uptake of prevention, screening, and linkage to care with underserved populations (see a sample of our published works in References^{12-13,15-16, 20-28}). These projects have focused on:

- COVID-19
- HIV and other sexually transmitted infections
- Hepatitis C virus
- Diabetes and cardiovascular disease
- Mental health
- Dementia

We have also conducted city-wide studies on resilience with youth exposed to community violence and a city-wide study on health impacts (physical activity, access to health services and livable wage jobs) of KCMO's one-of-a-kind free transit system with Eastside residents recruited from bus stops. We are currently conducting a religiously-tailored COVID-19 testing intervention study with 16 African American faith organizations on the Eastside (N=1,000 participants). We have collaborated with over 50 KCMO and KCKS churches, 10 churches in Alabama, and 6 churches in Jamaica, West Indies on our studies. Later this year, we will launch a culturally-tailored diabetes prevention program with prediabetic African American TMC patients (N=360) who mostly reside in KC's Eastside. Participants in these projects will all be encouraged to get their COVID-19 vaccination and use of health services.

Our research team has conducted this work with extensive funding from the National Institutes of Health, Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, and Health Forward Foundation. We will continue to seek funding from these and other sources to maintain the project and build a lasting infrastructure to expand the work.

Dissemination of Project Findings. Lastly, our team along with our community, health, and academic partners will disseminate project findings through a KC citywide forum; within each Eastside community sector; at local, regional, and national conferences; and through peer-reviewed publications.

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APPENDIX

Community Partners and Consultants Letters of Support

Business Sector

1. Aya Coffee and Books
2. Heartland Black Chamber of Commerce
3. KC Daquiri Shop
4. Porter House KC*
5. Reconciliation Services
6. Ruby Jeans Juicery
7. The Next Paige
8. The Prospect Urban Eatery

Church Sector

9. Boone COGIC and Boone Tabernacle CDC
10. Calvary Community Outreach Network*
11. Calvary Temple Baptist Church
12. Centennial United Methodist Church
13. Concerned Clergy Coalition
14. Heaven Sent Outreach Ministries
15. Jamison Memorial Temple CME
16. Kingdom Word Ministries
17. Sunlight Missionary Baptist Church
18. United Believers Community Church

Neighborhood Association Sector

19. Blue Hills Neighborhood Association
20. Boston Heights and Mt Hope Neighborhood Association
21. Eastwood Hills Community Association
22. Ivanhoe Neighborhood Council
23. Key Coalition
24. Vineyard Neighborhood Association

Youth Sector

25. Arts Tech: A Center for Youth Enterprise
26. Hickman Mills Prevention Coalition
27. UMKC Multicultural Student Affairs
28. Operation Breakthrough
29. Youth Ambassadors*
30. HYPE: Helping Youth Plan For Excellence (see Calvary Community Outreach Network letter)

Consultants

Vicki Collie-Akers, Kansas University Medical Center
Kathryn DeRose, University of Massachusetts-Amherst

**Lead organization in each sector*



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April 6, 2021

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Dr. Berkley-Patton,

I am submitting this letter of support on behalf of Aya Coffee and Books. We are excited to be able to support your grant application to the Jackson County Office for our grant title, "Addressing COVID-19 and Social Determinants in KC's Eastside." We believe it is critically important to address the health of our employees, customer and the surrounding community, especially as the COVID-19 pandemic continues to disproportionately affect our Eastside community.

Aya Coffee and Books is an independent book store that has been located in Kansas City, MO for 1 year and has 2 employees.

Through our pop-up events and online sales, we have served an average of 100 customers per week. Most of our customers/clients are Black women ages 25 -64. Additionally, our business has a robust social media following, and partners with other local businesses and non-profit organizations to host events.

We understand that this project's goal is to expand opportunities and access for vaccinations and access to healthcare services to people in Kansas City's Eastside. We also understand that this project includes a community-wide research study to understand how people make decisions to get vaccinated and use health services that will be provided.

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For your proposed project, we pledge to: a) provide committed owner leadership and opportunities to hold vaccination and prevention health service events; b) appoint 2 employees to serve as health liaisons to be trained to learn more about COVID-19, implement the project by discussing the importance of COVID-19 vaccination and healthy behaviors, and distribute project materials with our customers/clients; c) assist in promoting the project with our customers/clients; d) assist with recruitment of customers/clients as participants in the study portion of the project to complete surveys that will ask about their vaccination and health service use decisions; e) have our health liaisons coordinate vaccination and health service events with your team; and f) provide information on how we are implementing the project in our business. We will also assist in bringing in 3 to 4 other businesses into the project.

We understand that the project will span over a course of 6 months this year. Additionally, we look forward to our business/business organization receiving a stipend of \$5,000 for assisting in implementing this project and for our appointed employee health liaisons to receive stipends of \$1,500 each.

Our business sees great merit in being involved in efforts to support the collective goal of eliminating COVID-19 health disparities across our community. Therefore, we are extremely pleased to collaborate with you, UMKC's health professional schools and faculty, and other partners including Truman Medical Centers and Children's Mercy Hospital to bring more COVID-19 vaccinations and education, linkage to health services, and prevention health programs to Kansas City's Eastside. I enthusiastically look forward to collaborating with you on this study project and helping our community respond to the COVID-19 pandemic that has so heavily burdened us. I am, therefore, fully committed to having Aya Coffee and Books participate in your proposed project study.

Respectfully yours;

Jahna Riley

Founder

Aya Coffee and Books



April 7, 2021

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Dr. Berkley-Patton,

I am submitting this letter of support on behalf of Heartland Black Chamber of Commerce. We are excited to be able to support your grant application to the Jackson County Office for our grant title, "Addressing COVID-19 and Social Determinants in KC's Eastside." We believe it is critically important to address the health of our employees, customer and the surrounding community, especially as the COVID-19 pandemic continues to disproportionately affect our Eastside community.

Heartland Black Chamber of Commerce is a non-profit organization that has been located in metropolitan Kansas City for over 20 years and has 5 employees.

We serve about 175 members weekly. Most of our customers/clients are black business owners of various ages. Additionally, our business provides resources, training, and mentoring.

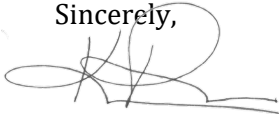
We understand that this project's goal is to expand opportunities and access for vaccinations and access to healthcare services to people in Kansas City's Eastside. We also understand that this project includes a community-wide research study to understand how people make decisions to get vaccinated and use health services that will be provided.

For your proposed project, we pledge to: a) provide committed owner leadership and opportunities to hold vaccination and prevention health service events; b) appoint 2 employees to serve as health liaisons to be trained to learn more about COVID-19, implement the project by discussing the importance of COVID-19 vaccination and healthy behaviors, and distribute project materials with our business community; c) assist in promoting the project with our business community; d) assist with recruitment of black businesses as participants in the study portion of the project to complete surveys that will ask about their vaccination and health service use decisions; e) have our health liaisons coordinate vaccination and health service events with your team; and f) provide information on how we are implementing the project in our business community. We will also assist in bringing in 3 to 4 other businesses into the project.

We understand that the project will span over a course of 6 months this year. Additionally, we look forward to our business/business organization receiving a stipend of \$5,000 for assisting in implementing this project and for our appointed employee health liaisons to receive stipends of \$1,500 each.

Our business/business organization sees great merit in being involved in efforts to support the collective goal of eliminating COVID-19 health disparities across our community. Therefore, we are extremely pleased to collaborate with you, UMKC's health professional schools and faculty, and other partners including Truman Medical Centers and Children's Mercy Hospital to bring more COVID-19 vaccinations and education, linkage to health services, and prevention health programs to Kansas City's Eastside. I enthusiastically look forward to collaborating with you on this study project and helping our community respond to the COVID-19 pandemic that has so heavily burdened us. I am, therefore, fully committed to having Heartland Black Chamber of Commerce participate in your proposed project study.

Sincerely,



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Dr. Berkley-Patton,

I am submitting this letter of support on behalf of KC Daquiri Shop. We are excited to be able to support your grant application to the Jackson County Office for our grant title, "Addressing COVID-19 and Social Determinants in KC's Eastside." We believe it is critically important to address the health of our employees, customer and the surrounding community, especially as the COVID-19 pandemic continues to disproportionately affect our Eastside community.

KC Daquiri Shop is a restaurant that has been located in down town Kansas City, MO for 2 years and has 14 employees.

We serve about 700-900 customer weekly. Most of our customers/clients are African American between the age of 21-50 years of age.

We understand that this project's goal is to expand opportunities and access for vaccinations and access to healthcare services to people in Kansas City's Eastside. We also understand that this project includes a community-wide research study to understand how people make decisions to get vaccinated and use health services that will be provided.

For your proposed project, we pledge to: a) provide committed owner leadership and opportunities to hold vaccination and prevention health service events; b) appoint 2 employees to serve as health liaisons to be trained to learn more about COVID-19, implement the project by discussing the importance of COVID-19 vaccination and healthy behaviors, and distribute project materials with our customers assist in promoting the project with our customers assist with recruitment of customers as participants in the study portion of the project to complete surveys that will ask about their vaccination and health service use decisions; e) have our health liaisons coordinate vaccination and health service events with your team; and f) provide information on how we are implementing the project in our KC Daquiri Shop. We will also assist in bringing in 3 to 4 other businesses into the project.

We understand that the project will span over a course of 6 months this year. Additionally, we look forward to our business receiving a stipend of \$5,000 for assisting in implementing this project and for our appointed employee health liaisons to receive stipends of \$1,500 each.

Our business sees great merit in being involved in efforts to support the collective goal of eliminating COVID-19 health disparities across our community. Therefore, we are extremely pleased to collaborate with you, UMKC's health professional schools and faculty, and other partners including Truman Medical Centers and Children's Mercy Hospital to bring more COVID-19 vaccinations and education, linkage to health services, and prevention health programs to Kansas City's Eastside. I enthusiastically look forward to collaborating with you on this study project and helping our community respond to the COVID-19 pandemic that has so heavily burdened us. I am, therefore, fully committed to having KC Daquiri Shop participate in your proposed project study.



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Dr. Berkley-Patton,

I am submitting this letter of support on behalf of The Porter House KC/Ches INC. We are excited to be able to support your grant application to the Jackson County Office for our grant title, "Addressing COVID-19 and Social Determinants in KC's Eastside." We believe it is critically important to address the health of our employees, customer and the surrounding community, especially as the COVID-19 pandemic continues to disproportionately affect our Eastside community.

The Porter House KC/Ches INC is an entrepreneurial support organization that has been located in Kansas City, MO for 4 years and has 4 employees.

We serve about 30 clients weekly. Most of our customers/clients are low to moderate income individuals that reside in the KCMO metro area. Additionally, our business currently has served more than 200 entrepreneurs in the last 2 years,

We understand that this project's goal is to expand opportunities and access for vaccinations and access to healthcare services to people in Kansas City's Eastside. We also understand that this project includes a community-wide research study to understand how people make decisions to get vaccinated and use health services that will be provided.

For your proposed project, we pledge to: a) provide committed owner leadership and opportunities to hold vaccination and prevention health service events; b) appoint 2 employees to serve as health liaisons to be trained to learn more about COVID-19, implement the project by discussing the importance of COVID-19 vaccination and healthy behaviors, and distribute project materials with our clients c) assist in promoting the project with our clients, d) assist with recruitment of clients as participants in the study portion of the project to complete surveys that will ask about their vaccination and health service use decisions; e) have our health liaisons coordinate vaccination and health service events with your team; and f) provide information on how we are implementing the project in our organization. We will also assist in bringing in 3 to 4 other businesses into the project.

We will also serve as the lead organization in assisting the CHRG in tailoring the project for business settings, recruiting and communicating with businesses, and providing feedback on findings. We will also attend project planning meetings. Additionally, we will assist in planning for sustainability of the project. We will provide these services for a total of \$40,000, for a total of \$45,000 overall over the 6-month grant period.

Our organization sees great merit in being involved in efforts to support the collective goal of eliminating COVID-19 health disparities across our community. Therefore, we are extremely pleased to collaborate with you, UMKC's health professional schools and faculty, and other partners including Truman Medical Centers and Children's Mercy Hospital to bring more COVID-19 vaccinations and education, linkage to health services, and prevention health programs to Kansas City's Eastside. I enthusiastically look forward

to collaborating with you on this study project and helping our community respond to the COVID-19 pandemic that has so heavily burdened us. I am, therefore, fully committed to having The Porter House KC participate in your proposed project study.

Dan Smith - Co Founder The Porter House KC

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'Dan Smith', written over a horizontal line.



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Dr. Berkley-Patton,

I am submitting this letter of support on behalf of **Reconciliation Services [RS]**. We are excited to be able to support your grant application to the Jackson County Office for our grant title, "Addressing COVID-19 and Social Determinants in KC's Eastside." We believe it is critically important to address the health of our employees, clients and the surrounding community, especially as the COVID-19 pandemic continues to disproportionately affect our Eastside community.

RS is a 30-year old non-profit agency that is located at 3101 Troost Ave. and has 25 employees. We serve about 4,000 clients annually. Most of our clients are African American and 99% of those we serve live below the Federal Poverty Line.

Additionally, our agency has as its mission to cultivate a community seeking racial and economic reconciliation to transform Troost from a dividing line into a gathering place, to reveal the strength of all. Much of our work centers around improving wellbeing and access to vital resources that directly impact the social determinants of health for our neighbors.

We understand that this project's goal is to expand opportunities and access for vaccinations and access to healthcare services to people in Kansas City's Eastside. We also understand that this project includes a community-wide research study to understand how people make decisions to get vaccinated and use health services that will be provided.

For your proposed project, we pledge to: a) provide committed owner leadership and opportunities to hold vaccination and prevention health service events; b) appoint 2 employees to serve as health liaisons to be trained to learn more about COVID-19, implement the project by discussing the importance of COVID-19 vaccination and healthy behaviors, and distribute project materials with our customers/clients; c) assist in promoting the project with our customers/clients; d) assist with recruitment of customers/clients as participants in the study portion of the project to complete surveys that will ask about their vaccination and health service use decisions; e) have our health liaisons coordinate vaccination and health service events with your team; and f) provide information on how we

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are implementing the project in our business/business organization. We will also assist in bringing in 3 to 4 other businesses into the project.

We understand that the project will span over a course of 6 months this year. Additionally, we look forward to our business/business organization receiving a stipend of \$5,000 for assisting in implementing this project and for our appointed employee health liaisons to receive stipends of \$1,500 each.

Our organization sees great merit in being involved in efforts to support the collective goal of eliminating COVID-19 health disparities across our community. Therefore, we are extremely pleased to collaborate with you, UMKC's health professional schools and faculty, and other partners including Truman Medical Centers and Children's Mercy Hospital to bring more COVID-19 vaccinations and education, linkage to health services, and prevention health programs to Kansas City's Eastside.

I enthusiastically look forward to collaborating with you on this study project and helping our community respond to the COVID-19 pandemic that has so heavily burdened us. I am, therefore, fully committed to having Reconciliation Services participate in your proposed project study.

Sincerely,



Father Justin R. Mathews
Executive Director



RUBY JEAN'S JUICERY

Dr. Berkley-Patton,

I am submitting this letter of support on behalf of Ruby Jean's Juicery. We are excited to be able to support your grant application to the Jackson County Office for our grant title, "Addressing COVID-19 and Social Determinants in KC's Eastside." We believe it is critically important to address the health of our employees, customer and the surrounding community, especially as the COVID-19 pandemic continues to disproportionately affect our Eastside community.

Ruby Jean's Juicery is a Juice Bar & healthy kitchen that has been located at 3000 Troost Avenue for 3.5 years and has 12 employees.

We serve about 800 customers weekly. Most of our customers are between the ages of 21-40 and represent a very broad range of ethnicities and socio-economic statuses. Additionally, our business is the only all healthy establishment ever to exist on the East side of Kansas City, MO.

We understand that this project's goal is to expand opportunities and access for vaccinations and access to healthcare services to people in Kansas City's Eastside. We also understand that this project includes a community-wide research study to understand how people make decisions to get vaccinated and use health services that will be provided.

For your proposed project, we pledge to: a) provide committed owner leadership and opportunities to hold vaccination and prevention health service events; b) appoint 2 employees to serve as health liaisons to be trained to learn more about COVID-19, implement the project by discussing the importance of COVID-19 vaccination and healthy behaviors, and distribute project materials with our customers; c) assist in promoting the project with our customers; d) assist with recruitment of customers as participants in the study portion of the project to complete surveys that will ask about their vaccination and health service use decisions; e) have our health liaisons coordinate vaccination and health service events with your team; and f) provide information on how we are implementing the

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RUBY JEAN'S JUICERY

project in our business. We will also assist in bringing in 3 to 4 other businesses into the project.

We understand that the project will span over a course of 6 months this year. Additionally, we look forward to our business receiving a stipend of \$5,000 for assisting in implementing this project and for our appointed employee health liaisons to receive stipends of \$1,500 each.

Our business sees great merit in being involved in efforts to support the collective goal of eliminating COVID-19 health disparities across our community. Therefore, we are extremely pleased to collaborate with you, UMKC's health professional schools and faculty, and other partners including Truman Medical Centers and Children's Mercy Hospital to bring more COVID-19 vaccinations and education, linkage to health services, and prevention health programs to Kansas City's Eastside. I enthusiastically look forward to collaborating with you on this study project and helping our community respond to the COVID-19 pandemic that has so heavily burdened us. I am, therefore, fully committed to having Ruby Jean's Juicery participate in your proposed project study.

With gratitude,

Chris Good, Founder and CEO

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Jannette Y. Berkley-Patton, PhD
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Dr. Berkley-Patton,

I am submitting this letter of support on behalf of The Next Paige LLC. We are excited to be able to support your grant application to the Jackson County Office for our grant title, "Addressing COVID-19 and Social Determinants in KC's Eastside." We believe it is critically important to address the health of our employees, customers and the surrounding community, especially as the COVID-19 pandemic continues to disproportionately affect our Eastside community.

The Next Paige LLC is a full service talent agency that has been located in Kansas City MO for 2 years that has 2 employees, and many contractors.

We serve about 20 clients weekly. Most of our clients are african american youth and adults aging between 18-45 in the arts community. Additionally, our business helps creatives pursue their dreams by providing resources, opportunities, and training within the entertainment industry.

We understand that this project's goal is to expand opportunities and access for vaccinations and access to healthcare services to people in Kansas City's Eastside. We also understand that this project includes a community-wide research study to understand how people make decisions to get vaccinated and use health services that will be provided.

For your proposed project, we pledge to: a) provide committed owner leadership and opportunities to hold vaccination and prevention health service events; b) appoint 2 employees to serve as health liaisons to be trained to learn more about COVID-19, implement the project by discussing the importance of COVID-19 vaccination and healthy behaviors, and distribute project materials with our clients; c) assist in promoting the project with our clients; d) assist with recruitment of clients as participants in the study portion of the project to complete surveys that will ask about their vaccination and health service use decisions; e) have our health liaisons coordinate vaccination and health service events with your team; and f) provide information on how we are implementing the project in our business. We will also assist in bringing in 3 to 4 other businesses into the project.

We understand that the project will span over a course of 6 months this year. Additionally, we look forward to our business receiving a stipend of \$5,000 for assisting in implementing this project and for our appointed employee health liaisons to receive stipends of \$1,500 each.

Our business sees great merit in being involved in efforts to support the collective goal of eliminating COVID-19 health disparities across our community. Therefore, we are extremely pleased to collaborate with you, UMKC's health professional schools and faculty, and other partners including Truman Medical

Centers and Children's Mercy Hospital to bring more COVID-19 vaccinations and education, linkage to health services, and prevention health programs to Kansas City's Eastside. I enthusiastically look forward to collaborating with you on this study project and helping our community respond to the COVID-19 pandemic that has so heavily burdened us. I am, therefore, fully committed to having The Next Paige LLC participate in your proposed project study.

Gracefully,

Elaina Paige Thomas

Owner/Founder



Jannette Y. Berkley-Patton, PhD
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Dr. Berkley-Patton,

I am submitting this letter of support on behalf of The Prospect Urban Eatery. We are excited to be able to support your grant application to the Jackson County Office for our grant title, "Addressing COVID-19 and Social Determinants in KC's Eastside." We believe it is critically important to address the health of our employees, customer and the surrounding community, especially as the COVID-19 pandemic continues to disproportionately affect our Eastside community.

The Prospect Urban Eatery is a nonprofit whose service area that has been located in the 3rd and 5th district for two years.

We serve about multiple families weekly. Most of our customers/clients are [describe your customers/clientele by ethnicity and age]. Additionally, our mission is to support and empowers under-resourced communities and individuals with access to nutritional literacy, culinary training, and entrepreneurship training.

We understand that this project's goal is to expand opportunities and access for vaccinations and access to healthcare services to people in Kansas City's Eastside. We also understand that this project includes a community-wide research study to understand how people make decisions to get vaccinated and use health services that will be provided.

For your proposed project, we pledge to: a) provide committed owner leadership and opportunities to hold vaccination and prevention health service events; b) appoint 2 employees to serve as health liaisons to be trained to learn more about COVID-19, implement the project by discussing the importance of COVID-19 vaccination and healthy behaviors, and distribute project materials with our clients; c) assist in promoting the project with our clients; d) assist with recruitment of clients; as participants in the study portion of the project to complete surveys that will ask about their vaccination and health service use decisions; e) have our health liaisons coordinate vaccination and health service events with your team; and f) provide information on how we are implementing the project in our business organization. We will also assist in bringing in 3 to 4 other businesses into the project.

We understand that the project will span over a course of 6 months this year. Additionally, we look forward to our business organization receiving a stipend of \$5,000 for assisting in implementing this project and for our appointed employee health liaisons to receive stipends of \$1,500 each.

Our business organization sees great merit in being involved in efforts to support the collective goal of eliminating COVID-19 health disparities across our community. Therefore, we are extremely pleased to collaborate with you, UMKC's health professional schools and faculty, and other partners including Truman Medical Centers and Children's Mercy Hospital to bring more COVID-19 vaccinations and education, linkage to health services, and prevention health programs to Kansas City's Eastside. I enthusiastically look forward to collaborating with you on this study project and helping our community respond to the COVID-19 pandemic that has so heavily burdened us. I am, therefore, fully committed to having business organization participate in your proposed project study.

Respectfully,

Shanita McAfee Bryant

Shanita McAfee Bryant
Executive Director

April 5, 2021

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Dr. Jannette Berkley-Patton:

I am delighted to provide this letter of support from Boone Tabernacle Church of God in Christ and Boon Tabernacle Community Development Center for UMKC's grant proposal, "Addressing COVID-19 and Social Determinants in KC's Eastside," to the Jackson County Office. Addressing COVID-19 with our urban church population is so important. The proposed project will greatly benefit our members and the communities we serve through our outreach ministries in having access to COVID-19 vaccinations, health services, and other services that address their needs.

Boone Tabernacle Church of God in Christ is comprised of roughly 300 members with 99% identifying as African American. Our community affiliate is Tabernacle Community Development Center (TCDC) where our mission is to help create a thriving, viable, residential and business community by developing opportunities, programs and initiatives that enhance the quality of life for area residents. Residents served by TCDC experience both socioeconomic and health disparities. The TCDC target area is in the urban core of Kansas City, MO from 8th Street to Truman Road; and Brooklyn Avenue to Highway 70, and encompasses several public housing complexes including Wayne Minor, Parker Square, and T.B. Watkins where the residents are predominately African American. The TCDC, in collaboration with Boone Tabernacle, presently supports a food bank outreach program which serves an average of 400 families from surrounding communities biweekly.

We understand that this project's goal is to expand opportunities to access vaccinations and other health services (e.g., screenings and prevention programs) as a key strategy to address health disparities in Kansas City's Eastside. We also understand that this project includes a community-wide research study to understand how people make decisions to get vaccinated and use healthcare and other services that will be provided..

For your proposed project, we agree to: a) provide committed church leadership and opportunities to hold vaccination, and prevention health service and program activities with our church members and community outreach participants; b) appoint 2-3 adults to serve as health liaisons and to be trained to learn more about COVID-19, implement the project by discussing the importance of COVID-19 vaccination and healthy behaviors, and distribute project materials with their peers and family members; c) assist in promoting the project with our church members and persons receiving services through our outreach ministries; d) assist with recruitment of church members and outreach ministries participants in the study portion of the project to complete surveys, for which they will be reimbursed for their time (about \$50 per survey and other promotional items), that will ask about their decisions to get vaccinated and use health services; e) have our church health liaisons coordinate vaccination and health service events with your team; and f) provide information on how we are implementing the project with our organization. We will also assist in bringing at least one other church into the project.

We understand that the project will span over a course of 6 months this year, from June through November 2021. Additionally, we look forward to our church receiving a stipend of \$5,000 for assisting in implementation of this project and for our pastor and appointed church health liaisons who will be trained to implement the project to receive a \$1,500 stipend each.

We believe our participation in this project will increase the capacity of our team and our participating church to be more informed about COVID-19 in general and about COVID-19 vaccines and be equipped to discuss these topics with their peers and families. We look forward to collaborating with the team of health professionals, faculty, students, and most importantly community leaders to implement this incredibly important project on a large scale. We commit to working with your and other partners (e.g., Truman Medical Centers, Children's Mercy Hospital) to expand COVID-19 vaccinations and education, linkage to health services, and prevention health programs to greatly improve the health of Kansas City's Eastside.

Boone Tabernacle Church of God in Christ and Boone Tabernacle Community Development Center are fully committed to participating in your proposed project study.



Lemuel F. Thuston

Senior Pastor/Executive Director, Tabernacle Community Development Center



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Dr. Berkley-Patton:

Calvary Community Outreach Network (CCON) writes this letter of support UMKC's grant proposal, "Addressing COVID-19 and Health Equity with KC's Eastside," to the Jackson County Office. Addressing COVID-19 with our urban youth population is so important, especially considering youth have not received much attention regarding the pandemic over the past year. The proposed project will greatly benefit youth and their families in having access to COVID-19 vaccinations, health services, and other services that address their needs.

We appreciate the value of the university-community partnerships to address the needs of community. Our extensive collaborations with the University of Missouri Kansas City (UMKC) and the UMKC Community Health Research Group (CHRG) team for well over a decade has resulted in the development, implementation, and evaluation of church-based HIV, STD, diabetes, heart disease, and mental health projects funded by local governmental agencies, local foundations, and federal institutions. We have a shared belief that the health disparities affecting the community can be addressed through strong collaborative partnerships similar to those we have built with CCON, UMKC, Truman Medical Center and over 40 churches in the Kansas City area. Additionally, as an active and engaged partner with the Health Equity Institute we believe in their ability to provide informed, innovative and successful faith-community engaged research projects. We also believe there is a great need to respond to the need for creating access to COVID-19 Vaccinations for youth and adults in our community. In addition, being able to impact social determinates of health facing our Kansas City citizens aligns with our vision.

CCON, which was founded in 1994, began as an outreach ministry of Calvary Temple Baptist Church and evolved into a distinct legal entity with 501(c)3 status. Our mission is to improve the quality of life in our community by attending to the spiritual, physical, economic, and social needs of individuals and families through innovative programming. CCON is staffed by four key personnel who guide and facilitate programming and 15 volunteers who support all program activities.

We understand that this project's goal is to expand opportunities to access vaccinations and other health services (e.g., screenings and prevention programs) as a key strategy to address health disparities in Kansas City's Eastside. We also understand that this project includes a community-wide research study to understand how people make decisions to get vaccinated and use healthcare and other services that will be provided.

For your proposed project, we agree to: a) provide committed youth leadership and opportunities to hold vaccination, and prevention health service and program activities with our youth and their families; b) appoint 2-3 adults to serve as health liaisons and at least 10 youth to be trained to learn more about COVID-19, implement the project by discussing the importance of COVID-19 vaccination and healthy behaviors, and distribute project materials with their peers and family members; c) assist in promoting the project with our youth and their families; d) assist with recruitment of youth and their family members as participants in

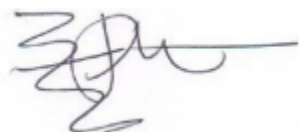
the study portion of the project to complete surveys, for which they will be reimbursed for their time (about \$50 per survey and other promotional items), that will ask about their decisions to get vaccinated and use health services; e) have our health liaisons coordinate vaccination and health service events with your team; and f) provide information on how we are implementing the project with our organization. We will also assist in bringing at least one other youth organization into the project.

We understand that the project will span over a course of 6 months this year, from June through November 2021. Additionally, our HYPE program looks forward to receiving a stipend of \$5,000 for assisting in implementation of this project and for our appointed adult health liaisons who will be trained to implement the project to receive a \$1,500 stipend each, and our youth liaisons who will be trained to implement the project to receive a \$500 stipend each.

We will serve as the lead organization in assisting the CHRG in tailoring the project for faith-based settings, recruiting churches, and providing feedback on findings. We will also disseminate COVID-19 information broadly with Eastside churches through two faith-based forums. Additionally, we will assist in planning for sustainability of the project. We will also conduct 2 webinars in partnership with the Clergy Response Network to disseminate COVID-19 vaccination more broadly with the faith community. We will provide these services for a total of \$75,000, for a total of \$80,000 overall over the 6-month grant period. We believe our participation in this project will increase the capacity of our team and our participating youth and our faith-community to be more informed about COVID-19 in general and about COVID-19 vaccines, and be equipped to discuss these topics with their peers and families.

We look forward to collaborating with the team of health professionals, faculty, students, and most importantly community leaders to implement this incredibly important project on a large scale. We commit to working with your and other partners (e.g., Truman Medical Centers, Children's Mercy Hospital) to expand COVID-19 vaccinations and education, linkage to health services, and prevention health programs to greatly improve the health of Kansas City's Eastside. Calvary Community Outreach Network and our HYPE Youth Leadership Program are fully committed to participating in your proposed project study.

Sincerely submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Eric D. Williams', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Eric D. Williams Executive Director

Calvary Temple Baptist Church

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Rev. Eric D. Williams, Pastor

April 2, 2021

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Dr. Jannette Berkley-Patton:

I am submitting this letter on behalf of Calvary Temple Baptist Church. We are excited to be able to support your grant application for UMKC's grant proposal, "Addressing COVID-19 and Social Determinants in KC's Eastside," to the Jackson County Office. Addressing COVID-19 with our urban church population is so important. The proposed project will greatly benefit our members and the communities we serve through our outreach ministries in having access to COVID-19 vaccinations, health services, and other services that address their needs.

Calvary Temple Baptist Church ministers to 300 congregants. We have members who are located in resource poor, low-income areas in Kansas City, Missouri and Kansas that consist predominately of African Americans. We are located at 2940 Holmes, Kansas City, Missouri which is made up of 70% African American and 30% other races. The "Temple" offers our surrounding community support services through our after-school program that provides 40 youth and their families with access to tutoring, internet, and physical activities. Our summer academic enrichment camp provides 100 youth with 8 weeks of free summer reading and enrichment activities.

We understand that this project's goal is to expand opportunities to access vaccinations and other health services (e.g., screenings and prevention programs) as a key strategy to address health disparities in Kansas City's Eastside. We also understand that this project includes a community-wide research study to understand how people make decisions to get vaccinated and use healthcare and other services that will be provided.

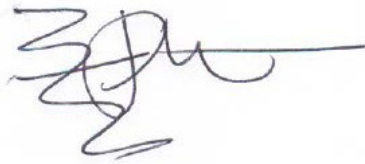
For your proposed project, we agree to: a) provide committed church leadership and opportunities to hold vaccination, and prevention health service and program activities with our church members and community outreach participants; b) appoint 2-3 adults to serve as health liaisons and to be trained to learn more about COVID-19, implement the project by discussing the importance of COVID-19 vaccination and healthy behaviors, and distribute project materials with their peers and family members; c) assist in promoting the project with our church members and persons receiving services through our outreach ministries; d) assist with recruitment of church members and outreach ministries participants in the study portion of the project to complete surveys, for which they will be reimbursed for their time (about \$50 per survey and other promotional items), that will ask about their decisions to get vaccinated and use health services; e) have our church health liaisons coordinate vaccination and health service events with your team; and f) provide information on how we are implementing the project with our organization. We will also assist in bringing at least one other church into the project.

We understand that the project will span over a course of 6 months this year, from June through November 2021. Additionally, we look forward to our church receiving a stipend of \$5,000 for assisting in implementation of this project and for our pastor and appointed church health liaisons who will be trained to implement the project to receive a \$1,500 stipend each.

We believe our participation in this project will increase the capacity of our team and our participating church to be more informed about COVID-19 in general and about COVID-19 vaccines and be equipped to discuss these topics with our congregants and outreach ministry participants. We look forward to collaborating with the team of health professionals, faculty, students, and most importantly community leaders to implement this incredibly important project on a large scale. We commit to working with your and other partners (e.g., Truman Medical Centers, Children's Mercy Hospital) to expand COVID-19 vaccinations and education, linkage to health services, and prevention health programs to greatly improve the health of Kansas City's Eastside.

Calvary Temple Baptist Church is fully committed to participating in your proposed project study.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Eric Williams", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Rev. Eric D. Williams
Senior Pastor



Centennial United Methodist Church

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Reverend Jason D. Bryles, Pastor

Date: April 5, 2021

Jannette Y. Berkley-Patton, PhD
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Dr. Berkley-Patton:

I am submitting this letter on behalf of Centennial United Methodist Church for UMKC's grant proposal, "Addressing COVID-19 and Social Determinants in KC's Eastside," to the Jackson County Office. Addressing COVID-19 with our urban church population is so important. The proposed project will greatly benefit our members and the communities we serve through our outreach ministries in having access to COVID-19 vaccinations, health services, and other services that address their needs.

Centennial United Methodist Church is a progressive church of about 200 -250 regular attenders. We are located in a resource poor, low income area at 1834 Woodland Avenue, Kansas City, Missouri which is made up of about 70% African Americans and 30% other races. Centennial has hosted a Upper Room Summer Reading Program for the last three summers. This a grant project that seeks to empower 75-100 children each summer to make a difference in themselves, their families, their communities, the country, and the world. The Upper Room summer program is provided free to children in our community and has a mandatory parent participation component. We recently adopted an area high school where we currently providing mentoring. Also, we have adopted a local elementary school in partnership with the Kauffman Foundation where we provide support to students, parents, and staff to increase parent participation and attendance. We also feed about 300 people a month through our food pantry, providing fresh produce and healthy options in an area that would be considered a food swamp. We are committed to continuing all of these programs in future years and to developing new innovative programs effecting the health disparities of our community.

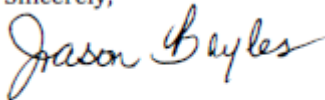
We understand that this project's goal is to expand opportunities to access vaccinations and other health services (e.g., screenings and prevention programs) as a key strategy to address health disparities in Kansas City's Eastside. We also understand that this project includes a community-wide research study to understand how people make decisions to get vaccinated and use healthcare and other services that will be provided.

For your proposed project, we agree to: a) provide committed church leadership and opportunities to hold vaccination, and prevention health service and program activities with our church members and community outreach participants; b) appoint 2-3 adults to serve as health liaisons and to be trained to learn more about COVID-19, implement the project by discussing the importance of COVID-19 vaccination and healthy behaviors, and distribute project materials with their peers and family

members; c) assist in promoting the project with our church members and persons receiving services through our outreach ministries; d) assist with recruitment of church members and outreach ministries participants in the study portion of the project to complete surveys, for which they will be reimbursed for their time (about \$50 per survey and other promotional items), that will ask about their decisions to get vaccinated and use health services; e) have our church health liaisons coordinate vaccination and health service events with your team; and f) provide information on how we are implementing the project with our organization. We will also assist in bringing at least one other church into the project. We understand that the project will span over a course of 6 months this year, from June through November 2021. Additionally, we look forward to our church receiving a stipend of \$5,000 for assisting in implementation of this project and for our pastor and appointed church health liaisons who will be trained to implement the project to receive a \$1,500 stipend each.

As pastor, I am fully committed to motivating our church members and community to improve their overall health through COVID-19 vaccination uptake. We believe our participation in this project will increase the capacity of our collaboration to be more informed about COVID-19 in general and about COVID-19 vaccines and be equipped to discuss these topics with their peers and families. We look forward to collaborating with the team of health professionals, faculty, students, businesses, neighborhood associations and most importantly community leaders to implement this incredibly important project on a large scale. We also commit to working with your and other partners (e.g., Truman Medical Centers, Children's Mercy Hospital) to expand COVID-19 vaccinations and education, linkage to health services, and prevention health programs to greatly improve the health of Kansas City's Eastside.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jason Bryles".

Pastor Jason Bryles,
Senior Pastor

"Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors"

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April 2, 2021

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Dr. Jannette Berkley-Patton:

Concerned Clergy Coalition (CCC) strongly supports your grant application for UMKC's grant proposal, "Addressing COVID-19 and Social Determinants in KC's Eastside," to the Jackson County Office. Addressing COVID-19 with our urban church population is so important. The proposed project will greatly benefit our members and the communities we serve through our outreach ministries in having access to COVID-19 vaccinations, health services, and other services that address their needs.

The CCC has a longstanding relationship with your Community Health Research Group. We have also been involved from the very beginning of the Clergy Resource Network and I am excited about the extraordinary promise of this study.

The Concerned Clergy Coalition of Kansas City was founded nearly 40 years ago by small group of local Pastors and Ministers with the mission to serve as a clearinghouse for the discussion and resolution of community problems in Kansas City's Urban Core. The organization hosts meetings to develop strategies to deal with issues that impact Kansas City, such as public health, community development, education and youth development. The members of the organization consist of Ministers and other Faith Leaders drawn mainly from faith-based organizations that represent a diverse sect of the faith community inclusive of Jewish, Christian and Islamic leaders in and surrounding the urban core of Kansas City. There are approximately 45 such organizations in the Concerned Clergy's membership. Representatives of these institutions meet monthly to discuss community issues and plan activities related to them.

We understand that this project's goal is to expand opportunities to access vaccinations and other health services (e.g., screenings and prevention programs) as a key strategy to address health disparities in Kansas City's Eastside. We also understand that this project includes a community-wide research study to understand how people make decisions to get vaccinated and use healthcare and other services that will be provided.

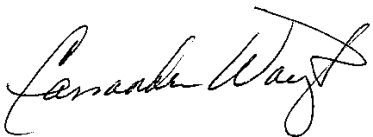
For your proposed project, we agree to seek out and assist in recruiting churches to: a) provide committed church leadership and opportunities to hold vaccination, and prevention health service and program activities with our church members and community outreach participants; b) appoint 2-3 adults to serve as health liaisons and to be trained to learn more about COVID-19, implement the project by discussing the importance of COVID-19 vaccination and healthy behaviors, and distribute project materials with their peers and family members; c) assist in promoting the project with our church members and persons receiving services through our outreach ministries; d) assist with recruitment of church members and outreach ministries participants in the study portion of the project to complete surveys, for which they will be reimbursed for their time (about \$50 per survey and other promotional items), that will ask about their decisions to get vaccinated and use health services; e) have our church health liaisons coordinate vaccination and health service events with your team; and f) provide information on how we are implementing the project with our organization.

We understand that the project will span over a course of 6 months this year, from June through November 2021. Additionally, we look forward to our group receiving a stipend of \$5,000 for assisting in implementation of this project and for our leadership and appointed church health liaisons who will be trained to implement the project to receive a \$1,500 stipend each.

Our coalition of churches recognizes the importance of being active participants in efforts across our community to support the collective goal of eliminating COVID-19 as a health disparity. Therefore, I enthusiastically look forward to contributing to these efforts with others to share what we accomplish together with my wide network of faith-based organizations.

Concerned Clergy Coalition is fully committed to recruiting additional churches to participate in the proposed study.

In His Service,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Cassandra Wainright". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the typed name.

Rev. Cassandra Wainright
President



Heaven Sent Outreach Ministries

April 2, 2021

Jannette Y. Berkley-Patton, PhD
School of Medicine
Biomedical and Health Informatics Community Health
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Dr. Jannette Berkley-Patton:

We welcome the opportunity to submit this letter in support of your grant for UMKC's grant proposal, "Addressing COVID-19 and Social Determinants in KC's Eastside," to the Jackson County Office. Addressing COVID-19 with our urban church population is so important. The proposed project will greatly benefit our members and the communities we serve through our outreach ministries in having access to COVID-19 vaccinations, health services, and other services that address their needs.

Heaven Sent Outreach Ministries is a progressive church that collaborates with Lift Him Up Ministries to serve about 75 regular members. We are located in a low-income area among residents with extremely limited resources at 6940 James A. Reed Road, Kansas City, Missouri. Our immediate community is made up of approximately 1,500 African Americans and nearly 20% of other racial designations.

Heaven Sent believes in servicing our surrounding community in many ways. We have hosted and coordinated annual health Fair events; a "Bridging the Gap" Community Summit, food pantry, clothing outreach, a nutritional Food Program in partnership with Harvesters Food Network and Active Living KC, financial workshops, outdoor Back to School Rallies as well as a heavy involvement with street outreaches which take us to the street corners of high-risk populations. Heaven Sent has successfully partnered with Dr. Berkley-Patton and her research team in the past with great success. We have also been the recipient of the Heartland Health Network mini grant award from your research team which enabled our Ministry to increase our technology capacity with a digital projector, sanctuary screen, computers, wi-fi network and begin developing an electronic fiscal management system.

We understand that this project's goal is to expand opportunities to access vaccinations and other health services (e.g., screenings and prevention programs) as a key strategy to address health disparities in Kansas City's Eastside. We also understand that this project includes a community-wide research study to understand how people make decisions to get vaccinated and use healthcare and other services that will be provided.

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We believe our participation in this project will increase the capacity of our team and our participating church to be more informed about COVID-19 in general and about COVID-19 vaccines and be equipped to discuss these topics with their peers and families. We look forward to collaborating with the team of health professionals, faculty, students, and most importantly community leaders to implement this incredibly important project on a large scale. We commit to working with your and other partners (e.g., Truman Medical Centers, Children's Mercy Hospital) to expand COVID-19 vaccinations and education, linkage to health services, and prevention health programs to greatly improve the health of Kansas City's Eastside.

Heaven Sent Outreach Ministries is fully committed to participating in your proposed project study.

Sincerely,



Calvin Wainright
Pastor, Heaven Sent Outreach Ministries

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"A Place Where Everyone Can Belong!"

Jamison Memorial Temple

Christian Methodist Episcopal Church

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Rev. Dr. Faith A. Allen
Pastor

Rev. Dr. Patricia Havis
Presiding Elder
Rt. Rev. Sylvester Williams Sr.
Presiding Bishop

April 5, 2021

Jannette Y. Berkley-Patton, PhD
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Dr. Jannette Berkley-Patton:

I am submitting this letter on behalf of Jamison Memorial Temple Christian Methodist Episcopal Church. We are excited to be able to support your grant application for UMKC's grant proposal, "Addressing COVID-19 and Social Determinants in KC's Eastside," to the Jackson County Office. Addressing COVID-19 with our urban church population is so important. The proposed project will greatly benefit our members and the communities we serve through our outreach ministries in having access to COVID-19 vaccinations, health services, and other services that address their needs.

Jamison Memorial Temple CME Church was established in 1887. "The Temple" ministers to approximately 300 faithful congregants. We are located at 3115 E. Linwood Blvd., Kansas City, Missouri, which is made up of about 90% African American and 10% other races.

Throughout the years our leadership recognized great and many needs within our community; therefore, we have serviced not only as a place of worship but also as a place of education, awareness and service for our community. Understanding the depth of our charge in 2003 Jamison Memorial Temple received our 501 (c) 3 status as a Community Development Corporation in order to provide affordable housing and work on economic development. Presently, under the leadership of Rev. Dr. Faith A. Allen we offer the following services: Eagle's Wing Child Care Daycare currently serves 50-75 children and as many as 30 families yearly. Freedom School is our Summer School Program mentoring children ages 5 to 17 yrs. Our program consists of a reading curriculum, math, art/craft and field trips and child development games. Approximately 100-150 children attend yearly.

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Jamison Memorial Temple is fully committed to participating in your proposed project study.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Faith A. Allen". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the typed name.

Rev. Dr. Faith A. Allen, Pastor



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April 2, 2021

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Dr. Berkley-Patton:

It is my pleasure to submit this letter on behalf of Kingdom Word Ministries for UMKC's grant proposal, "Addressing COVID-19 and Social Determinants in KC's Eastside," to the Jackson County Office. Addressing COVID-19 with our urban church population is so important. The proposed project will greatly benefit our members and the communities we serve through our outreach ministries in having access to COVID-19 vaccinations, health services, and other services that address their needs.

Kingdom Word is comprised of approximately 250 members with 99% identifying as African American. We serve approximately 50 community residents bi-weekly through our church's pantry and 75 students and family members through our summer youth enrichment program.


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As pastor, I am fully committed to motivating our church members and community to improve their overall health through COVID-19 vaccination uptake. We believe our participation in this project will increase the capacity of our collaboration to be more informed about COVID-19 in general and about COVID-19 vaccines and be equipped to discuss these topics with their peers and families. We look forward to collaborating with the team of health professionals, faculty, students, businesses, neighborhood associations and most importantly community leaders to implement this incredibly important project on a large scale. We also commit to working with your and other partners (e.g., Truman Medical Centers, Children's Mercy Hospital) to expand COVID-19 vaccinations and education, linkage to health services, and prevention health programs to greatly improve the health of Kansas City's Eastside.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Regina Morrison". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned to the left of the typed name.

Pastor Regina Morrison
Kingdom Word



Deacon Hubert Williams
Chairman of the
Deacons/Trustees

Bobbie Miller Administrative
Assistant/Church Secretary

Rev. Rickey D.
Rambo Pastor

Judy Stennis
Financial Secretary

Rev. Julius Rambo
Pastor Emeritus

April 5, 2021

Jannette Y. Berkley-Patton, PhD
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Dr. Berkley-Patton:

On behalf of Sunlight Missionary Baptist Church, we are excited to support your grant application for UMKC's grant proposal, "Addressing COVID-19 and Social Determinants in KC's Eastside," to the Jackson County Office. Addressing COVID-19 with our urban church population is so important. The proposed project will greatly benefit our members and the communities we serve through our outreach ministries in having access to COVID-19 vaccinations, health services, and other services that address their needs.

It is important to mention that we have experienced a high level of success in implementing your studies at our church including Taking it to the Pews where we provided HIV/AIDS education and access to testing on Sunday mornings for our church members and then during the week for residents served through our community outreach. Also, Project FIT where congregation learned to eat healthy, exercise with UMKC students and experience weight loss. These projects proved successful and fruitful for our ministry and we are sure the COVID-19 project will also!

Sunlight Missionary Baptist Church is a traditional Missionary Baptist Church that serves 600 regular members. We are located in a low-income area 4444 Woodland Ave, Kansas City, Missouri 64110, which is made up of about 90% African American and 10% other races.

In the tradition of the Missionary Baptist church, we believe in serving our surrounding community in several ways. Sunlight hosts and coordinates a weekly food pantry ministry that serves an average of 60 families a week. We go to the prison and facilitate our "Brotherhood Ministry" once per month educating 25-30 men providing them with discussion on God's word, family values, and civic responsibility. Our women's ministry goes beyond the doors of the church to minister to women in our community about health and wellness and self-esteem building.

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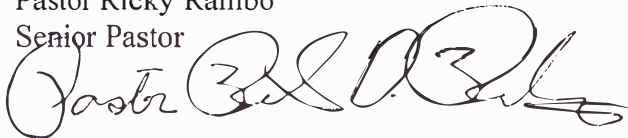
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As pastor, I am fully committed to motivating our church members and community to improve their overall health through COVID-19 vaccination uptake. We believe our participation in this project will increase the capacity of our collaboration to be more informed about COVID-19 in general and about COVID-19 vaccines and be equipped to discuss these topics with their peers and families. We look forward to collaborating with the team of health professionals, faculty, students, businesses, neighborhood associations and most importantly community leaders to implement this incredibly important project on a large scale. We also commit to working with your and other partners (e.g., Truman Medical Centers, Children's Mercy Hospital) to expand COVID-19 vaccinations and education, linkage to health services, and prevention health programs to greatly improve the health of Kansas City's Eastside.

Sincerely,

Pastor Ricky Rambo
Senior Pastor

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April 2, 2021

Jannette Y. Berkley-Patton, PhD
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Kansas City, MO 64108

Dr. Berkley-Patton:

It is my pleasure to submit this letter on behalf of United Believers Community Church for UMKC's grant proposal, "Addressing COVID-19 and Social Determinants in KC's Eastside," to the Jackson County Office. Addressing COVID-19 with our urban church population is so important. The proposed project will greatly benefit our members and the communities we serve through our outreach ministries in having access to COVID-19 vaccinations, health services, and other services that address their needs.

United Believers Community Church ministers to 700 congregant members across two campuses. We are nestled in resource poor, low-income areas in Kansas City, Missouri that consist of 80% African Americans and 20% other races. We believe in serving our surrounding community through: 1) a weekly after school tutoring program for approximately 30 youth, 2) a newly launched computer technology tutoring program for senior citizens, 3) a partnership with Hope City Outreach drug treatment center that serves up to 90 people every 3 months, and 4) a Health Care Initiative that serves 150 people weekly.

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Darron LaMonte Edwards". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Darron LaMonte Edwards, Pastor

Blue Hills Neighborhood Association

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4 April 2021

Jannette Y. Berkley-Patton, PhD
UMKC School of Medicine, Community Health Research Group
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Dr. Berkley-Patton,

I am excited to provide this letter of support from Blue Hills Neighborhood Association (BHNA) for UMKC's grant proposal, "Addressing COVID-19 and Social Determinants in KC's Eastside," to the Jackson County Office. Our neighborhood residents on the Eastside of Kansas City can greatly benefit from having access to COVID-19 vaccinations, health services, and other services that address their needs.

BHNA is located in Blue Hills with the boundaries of Paseo to Prospect and 47th to 63rd Streets in Kansas City and has been serving residents for 23 years. Some of our key neighborhood programming includes General Membership, Community Action Network meetings with Neighborhood news & education, Real Estate & Housing meeting, offering beneficial info on Blue Hills properties and what residents can do! Sending out emails and call blasts to members informing them of neighborhood

benefits such as: -mask, hand-soap, sanitizer, and food give-a-ways
-free dumpsters for trash, furniture and leaves -information on City and other youth employment opportunities
-free veggies and fruit to pick at the Garden -notification of City and other free programs, applications, and opportunities.

Through these activities, we serve about 150 per month, and many others with whom folks share the information and opportunities we provide. Most of our residents are Middle age or elderly caring for children and grandchildren, however through recent BHNA efforts we are attracting younger homeowners and renters. Additionally, our neighborhood organization engages and encourages well being checks on neighbors, is building a new park for all, with emphasis on environmental safety and health (BHNA-Kissick Park at 57th and Michigan), again will sponsor Blue Hills Beautiful, a 8 weekend neighborhood clean-up, now in its 4th year, and engages our youth with activities and direction toward positive life strategies, encourages youth to be an active voice in our community and participate in association activities..

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Blue Hills Neighborhood Association is fully committed to participating in your proposed project study.

Sincerely,

Linda Brown
BHNA - President



BOSTON HEIGHTS & MOUNT HOPE NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

Jannette Y. Berkley-Patton, PhD
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Dr. Berkley-Patton,

I am excited to provide this letter of support from Boston Heights and Mount Hope n.a. for UMKC's grant proposal, "Addressing COVID-19 and Social Determinants in KC's Eastside," to the Jackson County Office. Our neighborhood residents on the Eastside of Kansas City can greatly benefit from having access to COVID-19 vaccinations, health services, and other services that address their needs.

Our Boston Heights and Mount Hope n.a. is located at 27th and Vine Street to 35th Armour Blvd and has been serving our residents for 41 years. Some of our key neighborhood program include Monthly Meetings, Annual Neighborhood Clean-Ups, Annual Family Fun Day, Annual Community Christmas Dinner, Annual Opening Day at The Community Garden, Upgrades to the Troost Park. Through these activities, we serve about 20 to 50+ residents depending on the month and activity. Most of our residents are estimated late twenties with children to over eighties. Additionally, our neighborhood organization.

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vaccinations and education, linkage to health services, and prevention health programs to greatly improve the health of Kansas City's Eastside.

Boston Heights and Mount Hope n.a. is fully committed to participating in your proposed project study.

Sincerely,

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Esther Kershaw
President



Eastwood Hills Community Association
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Kansas City, MO 64129

Jannette Y. Berkley-Patton, PhD
UMKC School of Medicine, Community Health Research Group
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2411 Holmes Street
Kansas City, Missouri 64108

Dr. Berkley-Patton,

I am excited to provide this letter of support from Eastwood Hills Community Association for UMKC's grant proposal, "Addressing COVID-19 and Social Determinants in KC's Eastside," to the Jackson County Office. Our neighborhood residents on the Eastside of Kansas City can greatly benefit from having access to COVID-19 vaccinations, health services, and other services that address their needs.

Our Eastwood Hills Community Association is located between East Coal Mine Road (Manchester Trafficway) on the west and Blue Ridge Cutoff on the east, along with Raytown Road on the north and Blue Parkway and 55th Street on the south. and has been serving our residents for 75 years. Some of our key neighborhood programs include community meetings with police and public officials, neighborhood cleanups, and social events. Through these activities, we serve around a minimum of 60 people per month. Most of our residents are Millennials (38%) and Gen Z (28%), the median household income is \$46,155, 57% of households are renter occupied, 26% of total families are single females with children, and 10% are single males with children, (US Census ACS 5). In terms of several health statistics from the CDC, the life expectancy at birth ranges from 62.5 to 77.4 years, no leisure-time physical activity was reported in the last month by 62.5% – 77.4 %, and an estimated rate of adults 18 years of age or older who report 14 or more days during the past 30 in which their mental health was not good ranged from 14.7% to 25.2% (CDC 2016). Additionally, our neighborhood organization distributes a monthly newsletter with current event and health information, and we participate in various government activities and organizations in support of our community.

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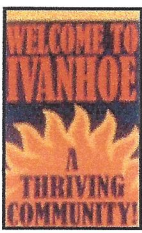
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Eastwood Hills Community Association is fully committed to participating in your proposed project study.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Gale Burrus".

Gale Burrus
President



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April 6, 2021

Jannette Y. Berkley-Patton, PhD
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Dr. Berkley-Patton,

I am excited to provide this letter of support from Ivanhoe Neighborhood Council for UMKC's grant proposal, "Addressing COVID-19 and Social Determinants in KC's Eastside," to the Jackson County Office. Our neighborhood residents on the Eastside of Kansas City can greatly benefit from having access to COVID-19 vaccinations, health services, and other services that address their needs.

The Ivanhoe Neighborhood is located between 31st Street and Cleaver Blvd (north and south boundaries) and Prospect and Paseo Blvd (east and west boundaries) and has been serving our residents for over 30 years. Some of our key neighborhood program include [community outreach and engagement, youth and workforce development, healthy eating and living through farmers market and supporting initiatives as well as real estate rehabilitation and development. Through these activities, we serve about 200 per month. Most of our residents are low income, African-American seniors, and families experiencing gaps and limited access to healthy environments as well as economic and service supports. Additionally, our neighborhood organization's staff and board work hard to provide resources and education that enable residents to develop and sustain socio-economically successful lives.

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Ivanhoe Neighborhood Council is fully committed to participating in your proposed project study.

Sincerely,

Karen P. Boyd, PhD MBA
Executive Director

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Jannette Y. Berkley-Patton, PhD
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Dr. Berkley-Patton,

I am excited to provide this letter of support from Key Coalition neighborhood for UMKC's grant proposal, "Addressing COVID-19 and Social Determinants in KC's Eastside," to the Jackson County Office. Our neighborhood residents on the Eastside of Kansas City can greatly benefit from having access to COVID-19 vaccinations, health services, and other services that address their needs.

Our Key Coalition neighborhood is located at 27th—35th St, Prospect to Woodland and has been serving our residents for 44 years. Some of our key neighborhood program include Global Youth Service Day, Family Fun Day and a Holiday Lighting event. Through these activities, we serve about 25 residents per month. Most of our residents are African American and Hispanic. The average age is 50 and over although we are seeing growth in the number of families with school aged children. Additionally, our neighborhood organization works to participate and partner in activities and events that engender healthier lifestyles.

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Key Coalition neighborhood is fully committed to participating in your proposed project study.

Sincerely,



Karen D Slaughter,
President



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April 7, 2021

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Dr. Berkley-Patton,

I am excited to provide this letter of support from Vineyard Neighborhood Association for UMKC's grant proposal, "Addressing COVID-19 and Social Determinants in KC's Eastside," to the Jackson County Office. Our neighborhood residents on the Eastside of Kansas City can greatly benefit from having access to COVID-19 vaccinations, health services, and other services that address their needs.

Our Vineyard Neighborhood Association is located at 4301 E 43rd Street Kansas City, MO 64130-2107 and has been serving our residents for 51 years. Some of our key neighborhood programs include Food pantry every 1st & 3rd Wednesday, activity day with card playing and dominos and lunch every Thursday and Friday, computer classes every 2nd and 4th Saturdays each month, Black history program every Saturday in February, Kwanzaa program from Dec. 26th thru Jan. 1st, I love to read class for kids, a resource center and Starlight family night. Through these activities, we serve approximately 500 to 700 people per month. Most of our residents are Seniors with low income and failing health. Additionally, our neighborhood organization provides information to residents for programs geared to help senior citizens to have fulfilled lives, such as... minor home repair, utility assistance, street and sidewalk repair, trash removal, crime alerts, neighborhood cleanup and blighted property identification.

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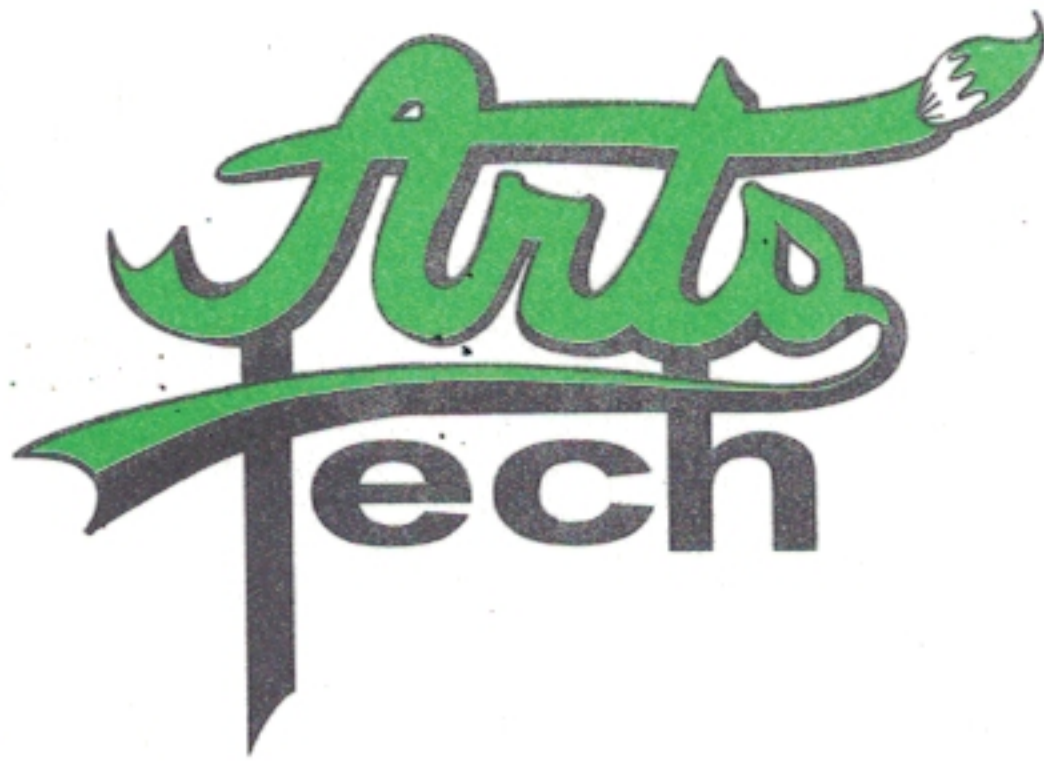
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Vineyard Neighborhood Association is fully committed to participating in your proposed project study.

Sincerely,

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Ike Graham, President



A CENTER FOR YOUTH ENTERPRISE

April 7, 2021

Jannette Y. Berkley-Patton, PhD
UMKC School of Medicine, Community Health Research Group
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2411 Holmes Street
Kansas City, Missouri 64108

Dr. Berkley-Patton,

I am delighted to provide ArtsTech's letter of support for UMKC's grant proposal, "Addressing COVID-19 and Social Determinants in KC's Eastside," to the Jackson County Office. Addressing COVID-19 with our urban youth population is so important, especially considering youth have not received much attention regarding the pandemic over the past year. The proposed project will greatly benefit youth and their families in having access to COVID-19 vaccinations, health services, and other services that address their needs.

ArtsTech is located at 1522 Holmes Street, Kansas City, Missouri 64108-1536 and has been serving youth for 48 years. Our key program goals and components include Learning Experiences, life Skills, Healthy Lifestyles, Employment and Work Experience, and Community Engagement, Each goal has early and intermediate outcomes. Activities include Club KC, fiber and visual arts, paid internships, integrated arts education. Through these activities, we serve about 250+ youth] per month. Most of our youth are African-American (85%), Male (75%), involved in the justice system (40%), 12-18 years old, and have had 4+ incidences of violent trauma, eligible for school lunches, and considered marginalized and disenfranchised.

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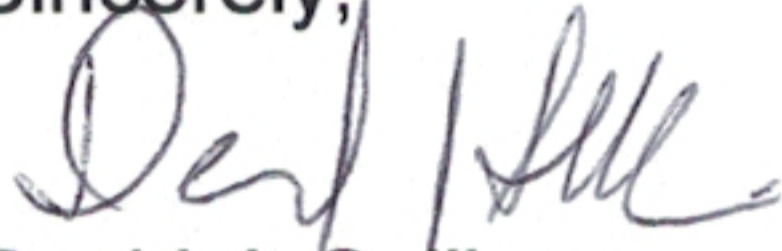
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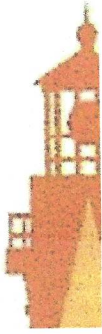
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ArtsTech is fully committed to participating in your proposed project study.

Sincerely,



David J. Sullivan
Executive Director



Hickman Mills Prevention Coalition

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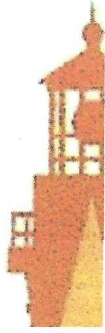
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Hickman Mills Prevention Coalition is located at 11115 Bennington Ave, KCMO 64134 and has been serving youth for 13 years. Our key program goals and components include substance abuse prevention, violence prevention, and youth mental health support. Through these activities, we serve about 30-40 per month. Most of our youth are have experienced severe trauma and support and resource deficiencies.

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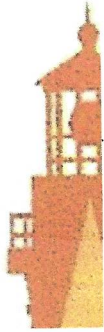
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Hickman Mills Prevention Coalition is fully committed to participating in your proposed project study.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "Marva M. Moses." The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "M" and a period at the end.

Executive Director
Hickman Mills Prevention Coalition



Multicultural Student Affairs

April 7, 2021

Jannette Berkley-Patton, PhD
Biomedical and Health Informatics, School of Medicine
Community Health Research Group
Health Equity Institute
University of Missouri-Kansas City
2411 Holmes Street
Kansas City, MO 64108

Dear Dr. Jannette Berkley-Patton:

I write on behalf of the UMKC Office of Multicultural Student Affairs in support of the UMKC School of Medicine's proposal to the Jackson County Office for a grant to fund the community-wide project to address COVID-19 Vaccination and Health Equity in Kansas City Missouri's Eastside.

We strongly support this grant application and the focus on increasing access to and use of health services among residents on the Eastside of Kansas City, MO, by engaging organizations and training adult and youth community leaders to assist with this community-wide intervention.

As a unit, the UMKC School of Medicine has a history of work to reduce health disparities and involvement with the Eastside Community. If this proposal is funded, we would expect our role in the project to include assistance with promoting opportunities for students to participate in community-based research as health equity scholars. One of our staff members would be designated to assist with this effort.

We look forward to working with you in eliminating health disparities in our community and achieving health equity.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Keichanda Dees-Burnett", is written over the word "Sincerely,".

Keichanda Dees-Burnett
Director| Office of Multicultural Student Affairs
Co-Interim Vice Provost & Dean of Students
Assistant Dean of Students for Student Support
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OPERATION Breakthrough

March 30, 2021

Jannette Berkley-Patton, PhD
Professor, Department of Biomedical and Health Informatics
University of Missouri Kansas City
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Dear Dr. Berkley-Patton,

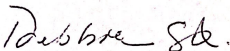
It is with great enthusiasm that I support your 2021 Eastside Kansas City proposal as a site to host the SPARCS in Community sessions in collaboration with Dr. Briana Woods-Jaeger of Emory University. I remain an avid supporter of the SPARCS in Community workshops and its value as an evidenced-based mental health intervention for adolescents who are responding to increase stress and trauma particularly associated with COVID-19.

For the past year, we have supported a previous collaboration with both you and Dr. Woods-Jaeger utilizing the Structured Psychotherapy for Adolescents Responding to Chronic Stress (SPARCS) program for adolescents who have been exposed to chronic stress and/or trauma. We know firsthand from our lead SPARCS facilitator, Ms. Nekisha Holloway, the value of this program for our cohorts of youth who have participated. We were excited to partner with Dr. Woods-Jaeger to implement and evaluate a new version SPARCS, SPARCS in Community, that will train 40 caregivers to promote the mental health of 120 youth of color on the Eastside. We understand that Operation Breakthrough's commitment would be to host the SPARCS in Community workshops with 40 caregivers in June-July 2021 and for Ms. Holloway to serve as a co-facilitator for the workshops and provide booster sessions for caregivers through monthly calls July-November 2021. We will also partner with Dr. Woods-Jaeger of Emory University to evaluate this model and its impact on both caregiver efficacy and mental health as well as youth mental health.

Operation Breakthrough serves as a vested community partner for youth and families in Kansas City by providing a "safe, loving and educational environment for children in poverty and to empower their families through advocacy, emergency aid and education." This partnership allows us to extend our impact with other youth providers serving youth.

I am confident that our Kansas City urban core community will benefit from the work proposed in the 2021 Eastside Kansas City proposal. I am excited to join you in taking steps to work together.

Sincerely,

Debbie 

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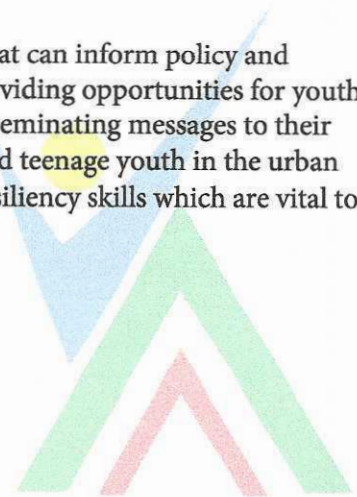
Dr. Berkley-Patton,

I am delighted to provide this letter of support from Youth Ambassadors for UMKC's grant proposal, "Addressing COVID-19 and Social Determinants in KC's Eastside," to the Jackson County Office. Addressing COVID-19 with our urban youth population is so important, especially considering youth have not received much attention regarding the pandemic over the past year. The proposed project will greatly benefit youth and their families in having access to COVID-19 vaccinations, health services, and other services that address their needs.

Youth Ambassadors is located at 5809 Michigan Avenue and has been serving youth for 11 years. Youth Ambassadors hires teenagers who come from backgrounds that often create barriers to their own success. Unabated intergenerational poverty; single-parent households; the continuation of blighted infrastructures; and high unemployment, underemployment, transiency, and teenage incarceration rates are among the myriad of problems our youth face.

Our program focuses on social-emotional learning and embedding prosocial behaviors. We serve about 100 youth per month. Most of our youth are underserved teens, 14 – 18 years of age, from both sides of the State Line. This past year, we served students from over 13 different schools in the metropolitan area. 100% of our students are on free/reduced lunch at school, and >95% have healthcare coverage through Medicaid or other government services, indicating they fall within the federal poverty guidelines. 90% of our program participants come from Jackson County, MO, 9% come from Wyandotte County, KS, and the remaining 1% of our population come from various counties of the Greater Kansas City metropolitan area. 97% of our participants are minorities, of which 85% are Black/African American, and 12% are Hispanic/Latino. We serve both male and female youth, totaling approximately 35% males and 65% females in 2016.

Youth Ambassadors understands the importance of powerful and reliable research that can inform policy and practice changes to help mitigate the effects of gun violence in our community by providing opportunities for youth to participate in advisory councils and media campaign development resulting in disseminating messages to their target population. Youth Ambassadors provides much-needed support to underserved teenage youth in the urban core of Kansas City, bringing resources and programming that helps to build their resiliency skills which are vital to leading long, healthy and productive lives.





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Youth Ambassadors is a program that I not only speak highly of, but also consider one of the best evidence-based, resilience-building resources in Kansas City. The youth participants in the program learn hard and soft skills that set them up to pursue their fullest potential into adulthood

We understand that this project's goal is to expand opportunities to access vaccinations and other health services (e.g., screenings and prevention programs) as a key strategy to address health disparities in Kansas City's Eastside. We also understand that this project includes a community-wide research study to understand how people make decisions to get vaccinated and use healthcare and other services that will be provided.

For your proposed project, we agree to: a) provide committed youth leadership and opportunities to hold vaccination, and prevention health service and program activities with our youth and their families; b) appoint 2-3 adults to serve as health liaisons and at least 10 youth to be trained to learn more about COVID-19, implement the project by discussing the importance of COVID-19 vaccination and healthy behaviors, and distribute project materials with their peers and family members; c) assist in promoting the project with our youth and their families; d) assist with recruitment of youth and their family members as participants in the study portion of the project to complete surveys, for which they will be reimbursed for their time (about \$50 per survey and other promotional items), that will ask about their decisions to get vaccinated and use health services; e) have our health liaisons coordinate vaccination and health service events with your team; and f) provide information on how we are implementing the project with our organization. We will also assist in bringing at least one other youth organization into the project.

We understand that the project will span over a course of 6 months this year, from June through November 2021. Additionally, we look forward to Youth Ambassadors receiving a stipend of \$5,000 for assisting in implementation of this project and for our appointed adult health liaisons who will be trained to implement the project to receive a \$1,500 stipend each, and our youth liaisons who will be trained to implement the project to receive a \$500 stipend each.

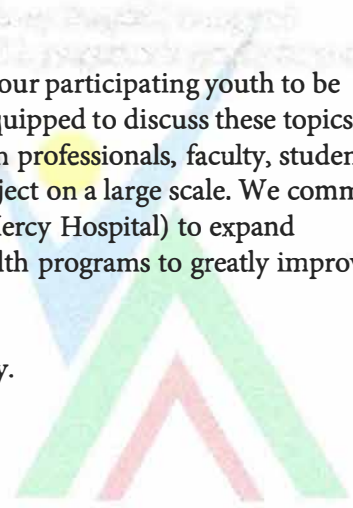
We will also serve as the lead organization in assisting the UMKC Community Health Research Group in tailoring the project for youth organizations, recruiting and communicating with youth organizations, and providing feedback on findings. We will also attend project planning meetings. Additionally, we will assist in planning for sustainability of the project. We will provide these services for a total of \$40,000, for a total of \$45,000 overall over the 6-month grant period.

We believe our participation in this project will increase the capacity of our team and our participating youth to be more informed about COVID-19 in general and about COVID-19 vaccines and be equipped to discuss these topics with their peers and families. We look forward to collaborating with the team of health professionals, faculty, students, and most importantly community leaders to implement this incredibly important project on a large scale. We commit to working with your and other partners (e.g., Truman Medical Centers, Children's Mercy Hospital) to expand COVID-19 vaccinations and education, linkage to health services, and prevention health programs to greatly improve the health of Kansas City's Eastside.

Youth Ambassadors is fully committed to participating in your proposed project study.

Sincerely,

Teesha Miller
Executive Director



Jannette Y. Berkley-Patton, PhD
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April 9, 2021

Dear Dr. Berkley-Patton,

I am pleased to offer my support and serve as a consultant on application entitled, *Addressing COVID-19 Vaccination and Health Equity in KCMO's Eastside*. I have enjoyed collaborating with you in previous community-based health improvement studies and am looking forward to the opportunity to collaborate and support your current study focusing on COVID-19 vaccination. I believe the project offers the opportunity to yield community-based solutions to a critical issue, and I would be honored to contribute to the project.

The proposed project will include the engagement of neighborhood organizations to identify and address barriers people living in Kansas City, Missouri may be experience to COVID-19 vaccination and other health promoting resources. To support this project, I will draw on my deep experience and expertise in working with neighborhood and community-based organizations to support this project. Since 2009, I have led a community-based participatory project aimed at reducing risk for chronic disease and promoting health equity among Latinx populations in Kansas City, Kansas. As part of that project, I worked with community members and partners to develop and implement a protocol for collecting evaluation data via door-to-door data collection. In addition, I worked with neighborhood and community-based organization to adopt health promoting practices.

For the proposed project, I commit to serve as a consultant who will support efforts to engage neighborhood associations and partners in understanding and addressing barriers to vaccination. Anticipated activities include: working collaboratively to support the planning and development of an approach for engaging neighborhood associations; gathering and using data to identify barriers to vaccination experienced by people living in priority neighborhoods; assisting with the development of procedures, materials, and training for conducting door-to-door health promotion activities and assessments; engaging collaboratively with stakeholders to implement strategies to reduce barriers and increase vaccination; and, working with partners to develop and implement an evaluation responsive to stakeholder and partners interests. I will also contribute to analyses, preparation of manuscripts and conference presentations. I understand that I will be paid \$5000 (\$85/hour).

I believe this effort to address COVID-19 vaccination and factors that drive health inequity can have an important impact on addressing the health and well-being of people living in Kansas City. I committed to supporting to this project through dedicated time and full participation in collaborative efforts. I look forward to collaborating on this important work.

Sincerely,



Vicki Collie-Akers
Associate Professor

April 9, 2021

Jannette Y. Berkley-Patton, PhD
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Dr. Berkley-Patton:


It is my pleasure to serve as a consultant on application entitled, *Addressing COVID-19 Vaccination and Health Equity in KCMO's Eastside*. I have enjoyed collaborating with you in previous community-based health improvement studies in Kansas City, including your current study focusing on COVID-19 testing.

As you know, I have led and co-led a number of studies focused on partnering with churches to address health inequalities among African Americans and Latinos. Currently, I am leading a large community-based study in Los Angeles focused on linking churches with their local parks to increase physical activity among Latinos. Similar to you, I have developed culturally and religiously-tailored faith-based interventions around various health issues, including to reduce HIV-related stigma and increase HIV testing through on-site HIV testing at churches. I'm experienced in developing processes for implementation evaluation of these types of interventions. In addition, I have a PhD in health services research, which provides me with an understanding of issues related to healthcare access, thus complementing your expertise in psychology. Finally, I am one of the very few researchers who have focused on stigma, mistrust, and conspiracy beliefs among religious congregants and how these affect health behaviors and outcomes as well as community-partnered multilevel interventions to address these issues.

For your new study, I commit to serving as a consultant and supporting the development of appropriate measures and intervention materials on COVID-19 related stigma/fear/conspiracy issues and fidelity measures and procedures to assess implementation. I will also contribute to analyses, preparation of manuscripts and conference presentations. I understand that I will be paid \$5000 (\$100/hour).

I believe your community-based study on addressing COVID-19 vaccination and health equity is critical to responding to this public health crisis and can have tremendous impact among underserved African Americans in Kansas City and across the country. I enthusiastically look forward to collaborating with you on this study.

Sincerely,



Kathryn P. Derose, PhD, MPH

Cost Center Lead Person/ Unit	Salary	Fringe	Total S/F	Consultants	Equipment	Supplies	Travel (Mileage)	Other	Pt. Care	Subcontract	Total
Bowles, Economics Center for Economics (CEI)	65,742.00	8,524.00		14,600.00		1,000.00					\$89,866
			74,266.00								
Gotto, Institute for Human Development (IHD)	20,216.00	7,278.00				300.00		40,420.00			\$68,214
			27,494.00								
Ellison, School of Medicine (SOM)	92,788.00	30,632.00		5,000.00		54,885.00		12,000.00			\$195,305
			123,420.00								
Meyers, SourceLink	39,797.00	14,327.00					5,000.00	257,773.00			\$316,897
			54,124.00								
Dina Newman, Center for Neighborhoods (CFN)	26,778.00	9,640.00					5,000.00	257,095.00			\$298,513
			36,418.00								
Grimes, SONHS # 2	32,597.00	11,735.00					5,000.00	257,872.00			\$307,204
			44,332.00								
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Berkley-Patton, Community Health Research Group (CHRG) includes Cost Centers for Children's Mercy KC and Emory University as subcontracts*	112,926.00	36,334.00		10,000.00		66,000.00	7,000.00	838,566.00		629,108.00	\$1,699,934
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