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White Allies Support Black History Month

Workshop and Forum gives support for Health Equity, Institutional Racism and Community Health Improvement Plan

WORCESTER, MASS.— A workshop and a forum are convened by Virginia Swain, Founder and Director, Institute for Global Leadership for Friday, February 22, 2013, 9:30-12:30 and 2:00-4:30 at the Worcester Division of Public Health, 25 Meade Street, Room 109; The public is invited. RSVP by 2/19/2013; Suggested \$45 donation for morning workshop; afternoon free.

“It is time white allies to work together with people of color to build trust and transparency. Too often, trust is broken when one party seeks to betray another. It is time to change history and work together for the common good. Black History Month needs to acknowledge the role of white allies.” Ms. Swain said. Her workshop, “Introducing Change in Resistant Systems” will be held 9:30 am-12:30 pm. Participants will learn important principles, assumptions, competencies, an intervention process and a case study to apply to change resistant systems--taught from the perspective of Reconciliation Leadership at the United Nations and five continents for 20 years. For more about Virginia Swain, http://global-leader.org/gl_are.htm & www.centerglobalcommunitylaw.org/wl_founders.html.

Ms. Swain is Moderator and Discussant in an afternoon forum “Health Equity, The Community Health Improvement Program and Institutional Racism” that will be held from 2-4:30 pm. Distinguished Discussants are Jeroan Allison, M.D. M.S, Professor and Vice Chair, Associate Vice Provost for Health Disparities, UMASS Medical School; Michael Hirsh, MD, Surgeon-in-Chief, UMass Memorial Children’s Medical Center, who will present the Community Health Improvement Program (CHIP) as Acting Commissioner of Public Health, City of Worcester; Brenda Jenkins, MOSAIC, Community Relations Director, Worcester YMCA, Co-Founder, Worcester Partnership for Racial and Ethnic Health Equity; Joyce McNickles, Ed.D, McNickles and Associates; Keesha LaTulippe, Red Tab, Legacy, Co-Founder, Worcester Partnership for Racial and Ethnic Health Equity; Cathy O’Connor, Office of Healthy Communities, MA Department of Public Health; The Rev. Dr. Sarai Rivera, City Councilor, Pastor and Professor, Anna Sandidge, Reconciliation Leader and Justice Coordinator Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet, St. Louis Province (on skype); Clara Savage, Ed.D, Executive Director, Common Pathways; Carlton Watson, Worcester Partnership for Racial & Ethnic Health Equity (Invited).

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