

# FORWARD DuPage: Race & Health Outcomes

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# Why FORWARD DuPage?

For nearly 12 years FORWARD has monitored Body Mass Index (BMI). We know that obesity disproportionately affects racial and ethnic minority groups.

We are committed to working collectively to interrupt oppressive systems and correct health disparities. Our goal today is to share a lively conversation with our esteemed moderator and panelists to help us better understand the impact that race plays in health outcomes and access to resources.



# Polling Questions

Name a common excuse organizations use for not making health equity a priority?

- We don't have enough resources to dedicate to it
- We don't really have a problem
- Organizations are not comfortable talking about race, gender identity, and/or sexual orientation
- All of the Above
- None of the Above

# Polling Questions

The COVID-19 pandemic created numerous new shortcomings and inequities in our health system.

- True
- False



# Moderator

Mark D. Gomez, MD – Board-Certified Internal Medicine Physician, Edward Medical Group; CEO of MDG Wellness, LLC; Host of HEALTH 360 WITH DR. G, A Healthy Driven PODCAST™.



# Panelists

- Dr. Susan Cheng, PhD, MPH – Department Chair and Associate Professor, Department of Public Health, College of Education & Health Services, Benedictine University, Lisle, IL.
- Dr. David Dungan, MD – Double-board Certified Internal Medicine Physician & Pediatrician and Member of the Board of Directors at DuPage Medical Group; FORWARD DuPage Board Chair.
- Ms. Janice F. Guider, MPH, CHES® – Chairperson, Health Committee and Third Vice President at DuPage County NAACP; President/CEO, Equity in Health Advisors Network; Board of Directors at FORWARD DuPage; Member, DuPage County Board of Health; Board Member at River Prairie Group of Sierra Club.
- The Honorable Ruben Pineda – Mayor of West Chicago, Illinois



# Questions & Discussion





# Join Us!

- FORWARD's work has focused on removing the barriers that create inequities community by community.
- We value having varied perspectives to help us generate better ideas to solve complex problems.
- Moving ahead, we are paving the way for deeper, more lasting and inclusive change.
- We have committed to aligning our culture and business practices to reflect diversity, equity and inclusion as they are central to our mission and are a reflection of the DuPage County we wish to nurture.
- Join us as we convene a DEI Committee to help guide our programs and overall actions. All are welcome to join us in this effort. Please contact Tonia Batogowski at [toniabato@gmail.com](mailto:toniabato@gmail.com).
- Our next meeting is May 28 at 9:00 am.



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