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State Of New York Health Equity Updates

Healthcare costs are rising far faster than wages, leaving families increasingly worried about debt. In the last twenty years the price of employer sponsored health insurance has skyrocketed while paychecks have lagged, and more than half of Americans fear falling into debt any time they use the system. Despite record spending, U.S. residents live shorter, sicker lives than their peers abroad because our system underinvests in prevention and leaves more than 100 million people in primary care deserts and nearly 60 million in pharmacy deserts [1].

These inequities are felt in New York as hospital closures and financial pressures shrink access in immigrant, black & communities of color and low-income neighborhoods.

Welcome Partners!

Dear CPHS partners, donors and friends,

We are thrilled to reconnect with you! The Commission on the Public's Health System (CPHS) is relaunching our citywide advocacy for health equity, access to care and hospital accountability. Thank you for being part of our network.

-Judy Wessler, Board Member & Retired Director of CPHS



A Message from our Team - Our New Coordinator

My name is David Alexis, and I am honored to serve as CPHS's new coordinator. I have spent the last eleven years as a community organizer and health advocate. Before stepping into this role I worked as a community health worker, serving sickle cell patients at the Sickle Cell Thalassemia Patient Network. In that capacity I supported patients across Montefiore Medical Center, New York City Health + Hospitals facilities such as Harlem Hospital and Kings County Hospital, Mount Sinai, One Brooklyn Health (Brookdale and Interfaith Hospitals), and Bronx-Lebanon Hospital. I also worked briefly as a lactation consultant and as an emergency medical technician, giving me firsthand insight into our healthcare system. These experiences inform my commitment to health equity.

For the past decade I have organized alongside neighbors to secure safer, healthier communities. I helped launch The Drivers Cooperative, serve on the board of New York Communities for Change, and helped families access early childhood resources through United for Brownsville. I am of Haitian descent, live with my wife and two young daughters in East Flatbush, and know the importance of culturally competent care. As an advocate for my wife, a sickle cell warrior, I have seen what happens when patients fall into the cracks. As we rebuild CPHS's outreach and mailing list I look forward to hearing from you about the needs of your communities and how we can partner for change. Please support our work!

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