



As the association for Montana's fourteen Community Health Centers and four of the state's Urban Indian Clinics, MPCA's 80+ member sites serve our rural, tribal and urban communities as well as our migrant workers. MPCA is deeply concerned about the legacy of injustice highlighted by the unrest experienced in our country over the past weeks.

Like the national Community Health Center movement, which traces its roots to our nation's Civil Rights Movement, MPCA and its members have stood at the forefront of eliminating barriers and improving health equity for almost 60 years. We are eager to be a force for healing and reconciliation within our communities, including from the scars of systemic racism that are so prevalent in our midst. We stand in solidarity with those who are raising voices seeking fundamental change within our society and unequivocally state that Black Lives Matter. Importantly, against the backdrop of our own state's history and ongoing reality, we also assert that Indigenous Lives Matter.

Our commitment to justice and equity are embedded in our missions and we pledge to support our patients, communities, and staff as we collectively navigate this challenging and disheartening moment in history. To that end, MPCA and its members will be taking steps in the coming days, weeks, and months to examine our personal and professional biases. We commit to engaging on the issues around systemic racial disparities, including but not limited to the deadly health disparities we see every day. We will engage and urge our local, state, and federal elected officials to be change agents for the better, not passive in the face of discomfort.

We will do better and we ask all of you to join us.

In solidarity,

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MPCA is the membership association for the following organizations:

All Nations Health Center (Missoula)
Alluvion Health (Great Falls)
Bighorn Valley Health Center (Hardin)
Billings Urban Indian Health and Wellness Center (Billings)
Bullhook Community Health Center (Havre)
Community Health Partners (Livingston)
Flathead Community Health Center (Kalispell)
Glacier Community Health Center (Cut Bank)
Helena Indian Alliance (Helena)

Indian Family Health Center (Great Falls)
Marias Health Center (Shelby)
Montana Ag Worker Health & Services (Billings)
Northwest Community Health Center (Libby)
Partnership Health Center (Missoula)
PureView Health Center (Helena)
RiverStone Health (Billings)
Sapphire Community Health Center (Hamilton)
Southwest Montana Community Health Center (Butte)