



Nearly one year ago, the heart-wrenching and senseless murder of George Floyd in Minneapolis was another poignant example of the injustices and inequities that plague our state's communities of color. These inequities penetrate nearly every aspect of life for Black, Indigenous, and Populations of Color - including the justice system, housing, education, and health care.

Today's Hennepin County jury verdict was a step toward addressing these inequities by holding an individual accountable for his horrific actions on the corner of 38th and Chicago Avenue on Memorial Day in 2020. This decision is a milestone, but it is merely a stop on the journey toward justice in our state and our country.

The Covid-19 pandemic has laid bare what many in our communities have known and experienced for decades - namely, the pervasive, generational inequity meeting vital human needs such as health care.

The tragedy that unfolded on a Minneapolis street, mere blocks from Community Health Centers, should never occur again. The compounded trauma that our communities experience in day-to-day life has a profound and adverse impact on their health. Minnesota's Health Centers will continue to draw upon our origins in the Civil Rights movement to respond to this trauma and push for changes to end all forms of discrimination.

As an integral part of the Twin Cities and Minnesota community, Health Centers serve those in need of affordable medical, behavioral, and dental services. MNACHC is committed to joining Minnesota's Health Centers on this journey toward dismantling the systemic racism that permeates our state and country. We will listen to our communities and redouble our efforts to transform our communities into spaces of wellness and health.