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AGENDA ITEM: View and Discuss Strengths-Based Solutions Video

ENCLOSURES: • "A Gardener's Tale" - Discussion Questions

OTHER MATERIAL RELATED TO ITEM:

Issue:

The CLCC will view: "A Gardeners Tale" video and answer discussion questions. Then, pose possible strengths-based solutions for eliminating institutional racism and its impact on racial and ethnic health disparities.

Background:

Last year, a CLCC member proposed discussing how to address the issue of racism, whether personally mediated racism, internalized racism or institutional racism. White privilege was also a topic and the discussion focused on how it contributes to disparities in mental and physical health service disparity. To address this matter, the CLCC will view a 2002 videotaped interview for the City Match Annual Urban MCH Leadership Conference, featuring Dr. Camara Phyllis Jones, MD, MPH, PhD. Dr. Jones shared a simple, yet remarkably profound allegory she developed to help people understand the many layers and nuances of institutionalized, personally-mediated, and internalized racism. This video will explain how racism can be understood through a simple analogy that focuses on the care and feeding of flowers.