

January 24, 2007

The Honorable April Ford-Griffin Member, Aldermanic Black Caucus City Hall St. Louis, MO

Re: January 23rd Meeting with members of the Aldermanic Black Caucus

Dear Alderman Griffin:

Thanks so much for the time you, Alderman Gregory Carter and Alderman Charles Quincy Troupe spent with us on Tuesday. We appreciated the opportunity to share the commitment of BJC HealthCare to forming an effective partnership with the Caucus to begin more effectively addressing issues that impact the health of residents in North St. Louis.

Confirming the details of our discussion, we are honored to accept membership on the African American Aldermanic Foundation with June McAllister Fowler, a resident of the City of St. Louis, serving as our representative. In this role, Ms. Fowler will:

- Help the Foundation to access financial and staff resources that will allow the Foundation to receive grant writing assistance to more effectively identify other funding sources;
- Meet with Caucus members on a monthly basis to establish and strengthen a longterm relationship towards understanding and addressing the needs of the communities represented by Caucus members;
- 3. Help to secure funding from the BJC Board Designated Funds Initiative for programs identified and developed in partnership with the African American Aldermanic Foundation that will impact the health of residents in the six zip codes (63107, 63112, 63113, 63115, 63120 and 63147) that exhibit the lowest health statistics.

Additionally, BJC will work with Caucus members in identifying and gaining support for the development of an appropriate north side site to develop a 24-hour emergency/trauma center. This represents the continuation of an effort (that was not successful) begun several years ago in conjunction with the creation of St. Louis ConnectCare.

BIC HealthCare is committed to improving the health of the people and communities we serve and we are excited to partner with the Caucus in furthering that mission. If you have any questions, feel free to contact either one of us at 314-286-2114.

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