

Panelists Bios



The Virtual Health Equity And Social Justice Panel Discussion



MALIK COMMUNICATIONS

MIKEL HOLT

Founder and Associate Publisher of the Milwaukee Community Journal, Wisconsin's largest circulated African American Publication. Under his leadership, the Community Journal has become one of the state's most influential African American newspapers and is recognized as a national leader in civil rights, and educational reform. The Community Journal has won over 25 national awards for journalistic excellence. Mr. Holt is also the founder of Communications Inc., a minority owned and operated public relations and advertising firm, specializing in the African American market. Mr. Holt is a graduate from the University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee and a long time champion of addressing racial health disparities in tobacco prevention and control.



MILWAUKEE INNER-CITY CONGREGATIONS ALLIED FOR HOPE

LISA JONES

Lisa Jones is the Executive Director and Lead Organizer of Milwaukee Inner-city Congregations Allied for Hope (MICA), a multi-racial, interfaith organization committed to addressing justice issues in the community. Lisa works diligently in all avenues of her life for racial justice and equity.

She has been engaged in racial justice work at both her local Brown Deer United Methodist Church and in Metro Milwaukee as the Co-Chair of Rid Racism Milwaukee. Prior to working at MICA, she was appointed from 2017-2019 by then common Council President Ashanti Hamilton to be a part of the Community Collaborative Committee to work on the Department of Justice report draft on the issues of police violence in Milwaukee. Along with her work at MICA she has recently been working on racial incidents in Milwaukee's suburban communities in the schools and police departments. Lisa's motto is if you want to see the change be the change, silence and inaction is not an option.



MILWAUKEE COUNTY OFFICE ON AFRICAN AMERICAN AFFAIRS

JEFF ROMAN

Jeff Roman assumed the role of Executive Director of the Office on African American Affairs (OAAA) effective July 13, 2020. Roman's appointment enables the County to play a larger part in advancing health and racial equity throughout the region. Roman is a Milwaukee native who has extensive experience mobilizing and supporting equity-based and community-centered programs, policy advocacy and collective impact initiatives.