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INFANT MORTALITY RATES AND MILWAUKEE Mayor Pratt and community leaders to discuss healthcare disparity prior to Cream City Town Hall meeting

Recently the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) announced that the infant mortality rate in the United States had climbed for the first time in more than four decades. CDC officials attribute the rise to complications associated with older women putting off motherhood and having multiple babies via fertility drugs.

Milwaukee has also experienced an increase in infant mortality in 2002. However, increased rates were not attributed to complications associated with delayed childbirth or fertility drugs. Milwaukee high rates of infant mortality are due to the unacceptable death rate among African-American infants. In 2002 the infant mortality rate for African-American infants was nearly three times that of white infants.

The City of Milwaukee Health Department, Healthy Beginnings Project, elected officials and community leaders are scheduled to hold a press conference in conjunction with a town hall meeting sponsored by the Cream City Medical Society on Saturday, February 28 at the MATC Cooley Auditorium. The meeting will bring much needed attention to this important health issue impacting the City of Milwaukee.

WHEN:
Press conference
Town Hall Meeting

Saturday, February 28, 2004
8:00- 8:30 a.m.
8:30- 12:30 p.m.

WHERE:

MATC- Cooley Auditorium
700 W. State Street

SPEAKERS:

Mayor Marvin Pratt
Seth L. Foldy, M.D.,
City of Milwaukee Health Commissioner

Dr. Patricia McManus
Executive Director, Black Health Coalition
of Wisconsin

Kevin Izard, M.D.
Medical College of Wisconsin
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