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New Appointments to the City of Milwaukee Health Department

Two key positions filled in the areas of Health Communications and Community Relations

The City of Milwaukee Health Department (MHD) is pleased to announce that Kawanza Newson has been named the new Health Communications Officer. Ms. Newson will serve as the public information officer and media liaison for the department.

She worked nine years as a medical reporter for the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel. She also teaches a journalism course at Carroll University in Waukesha and has assisted in media training for scientists for the American Physiological Society.

Ms. Newson holds a doctorate degree in Physiology from the University of Missouri-Columbia and a bachelor's degree in biology from Xavier University of Louisiana.

All media partners are asked to submit inquiries to Ms. Newson. She can be reached at 414-286-3548 (office) 414-732-7250 (cell) or via e-mail at knewso@milwaukee.gov.

In addition, the MHD is pleased to announce that Celestine (Tina) Grace has been named Community Health Services Officer. In her new role she will develop and manage relationships with community, business and health care organizations to support public health goals.

Ms. Grace holds a Masters in Public Health degree from Yale University in New Haven, Connecticut and a Bachelor of Science degree from Marquette University in Milwaukee. She is also a native of Milwaukee.

"I am delighted that Ms. Newson and Ms. Grace have joined our team," said Commissioner of Health Bevan K. Baker. "They both have a strong public health background and will be a true asset to assist us in meeting some critical public health goals in our community."

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