



## Cornell P. Wright,

Cornell P. Wright, MPA is the **Executive Director of the North Carolina Office of Minority Health and Health Disparities**. In his most recent position, Wright served as the *Outreach and Screening Patient Navigation Coordinator* for the *Duke Cancer Institute's Office of Health Equity and Disparities*. Mr. Wright has previously served as the *Interim Director of Community and Multicultural Health Initiatives* with the *American Heart Association's* Mid-Atlantic Affiliate. Before that placement, Wright was the *Programs Manager* with the *Center for Health and Healing, Inc.*, a nonprofit affiliate of the *General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina*. He previously served as *Project Coordinator* for the Center's *Minority Health Careers Initiative*, funded by a grant by *The Duke Endowment to the North Carolina Hospital Association*. Wright also has experience working on a *Lower G.I. Surgery Unit* at *UNC Health Systems*.

An active member in the health community, Mr. Wright's reach extends to faith organizations, various community groups, boards, committees and professional organizations that focus on addressing health needs of the community at large. Mr. Wright has served various organizations and boards including; **Clinical Research Studies** focusing on Prostate Health at Duke University and East Carolina University, **Health Advisory Boards** with Patient Center Outcomes Research Institute's (PCORI) Advisory Panel on Communication and Dissemination Research, UNC-Chapel Hill Barber and Beauty Shop Health Initiatives (TRIM/CUTS/FIT Shop/Cancer Clinical Trials), Duke University (Cancer), Leukemia & Lymphoma Society NC Chapter (Man/Woman of the Year Nominating Committee), Susan G. Komen NC Triangle Affiliate (Grant Reviewer), Carolina Community Network (Grant Reviewer), North Carolina Division of Public Health (Cancer, Maternal/Child Health), **Conference/Event Planning Committees** (various), Baptist Informer (Contributing Writer) and **Professional Organizations:** American Public Health Association (APHA), National Association of Health Services Executives (NASHE), National Society of Public Health Educators (SOPHE) and North Carolina Society of Public Health Educators (NC SOPHE).

While completing a graduate school internship, through an *American Legacy Foundation* grant focusing on tobacco prevention control advocacy among *Historically Black Colleges/Universities*, Mr. Wright co-founded the *Student Coalition Against Tobacco Use* at *North Carolina Central University*. This group is responsible for the educational policy change campaign that mandated campus residence halls to become 100% tobacco-free. As an *AmeriCorps Fellow*, he served as an assistant to the Picture Me Tobacco Free Photovoice Project that assisted predominately African-American churches in North Carolina to adopt and implement Tobacco Free Church Ground Policies.

In 2011, Wright was a contributor to the, award-winning video "Let's Talk About SELF: Study of Environment, Lifestyle, and Fibroids", which received the National Institutes of Health (NIH) 2010 – 2011 Plain Language/Clear Communication Bronze Award. In 2012, he was a recipient of the North Carolina Central University Inaugural "40 Under 40" Alumni Award, for his contributions to the field of health. In 2013, Wright was awarded the Patient Services Award by the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society for his commitment to working with communities and individuals while providing health services and resources.

Always ready to serve, Wright is passionate about his work and assisting all in need.