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## Black History Month Discussion on Healthcare Disparities in the Black Community

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The graphic features a banner at the top with the words "BLACK HISTORY MONTH" in bold, black, sans-serif font, each word on a separate colored background (orange, yellow, and green respectively). Below this, there are two circular portraits of women. The woman on the left is Senator Majority Leader Andrea Stewart-Cousins, wearing a blue jacket and a patterned scarf. The woman on the right is Senator Shelley B. Mayer, wearing a blue jacket. Between the portraits is a red banner with the text "REACHING HEALTH EQUITY" in bold, black, italicized font. Below the portraits, the date and time "Wednesday February 24th 7:00 PM" are centered. To the right of the portraits, the text "Senator Shelley B. Mayer Education Committee Chair" is displayed.

**BLACK HISTORY MONTH**

**REACHING HEALTH EQUITY**

**Senate Majority Leader  
Andrea Stewart-Cousins**

**Wednesday  
February 24th  
7:00 PM**

**Senator Shelley B. Mayer  
Education Committee Chair**

Senate Majority Leader Andrea Stewart-Cousins & Senator Shelley Mayer host a conversation with medical experts on **Reaching Healthy Equity** in the Black community

**Wednesday, February 24th, 7:00 p.m. [Click here to watch the conversation on Zoom.](#)**

A conversation on the history of health inequalities in the Black Community, the disparities being faced today, and actions that need to be taken to reach Health Equity.

**About the panelists:**

**Susan Moscou**, MPH, PhD, FNP, is an Associate Professor at Mercy College Nursing School of Health. Dr. Moscou received her PhD in health policy at Brandeis University and her MS in Nursing from Yale University. Dr. Moscou's research interests focus on the role of race and ethnicity in clinical care.

**Dr. Mill Etienne**, MPH is the Vice Chancellor for Diversity and Inclusion and Associate Professor of Neurology at New York Medical College. Dr. Etienne holds a Master's of Public Health in epidemiology with a specialty in health disparities. In 2010, he was deployed on the USNS Comfort as part of Operation United Response after a catastrophic earthquake in Haiti.

**Dr. Chris T. Pernell**, M.D., MPH, is a senior hospital executive in Newark, New Jersey. In her public health practice, she concentrates on health justice, community-based advocacy, and population-wide health promotion and disease prevention. Dr. Pernell led the hospital's first-ever health equity and inclusion strategy across multiple business units.