

Spectrum Health Care, Inc. has spent over 30 years treating people with substance use disorder. We know that SUD is an equalizer: it does not discriminate against any race, class, or group. It affects everyone.

Though addiction may not discriminate, society does. The murder of George Floyd in Minnesota has illuminated what black, indigenous, and people of color have been telling us: systemic racism exists and endangers our brothers and sisters of color at every level.

For many years, people seeking assistance, and those in recovery were treated as second class citizens and felt the need to hide their addiction from the world.

Though we believe that progress has been made for recovery, we know that there is not enough representation for our black and brown brothers and sisters. We pledge to join our advocates who strive for a recovery-oriented system that is individually tailored for every person entering it, that acknowledges the disparities facing those of other races and classes, and aim to create the same opportunities for everyone.