

Steve Whitman, PhD

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With a heavy heart, the Metropolitan Chicago Breast Cancer Task Force (the Task Force) shares with you the news of the passing on July 20, 2014 of Dr. Steve Whitman, one of our founding board members.

Dr. Whitman was instrumental in the creation of the Task Force with his studies showing the stark disparity in survival from breast cancer between Black and White women in Chicago. He combined rigorous science with a passion for social justice, highlighting the deadly effects of an inequitable healthcare system here in Chicago.

Beyond breast cancer, Dr. Whitman directed, through the Sinai Urban Health Institute, a broad array of programs designed to not only uncover inequity but to take vigorous action to improve lives in the most challenging neighborhoods in Chicago. His pioneering and innovative work touched so many. He will be sorely missed. But his legacy will live on in the programs that he created and he will always be an inspiration to us and our work.