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**To:** Steve Berlin <Steve.Berlin@cityofchicago.org>  
**Subject:** Re: Arts and Health capstone conference invitation

Hello Steve,

I recently participated in the [One Nation/One Project](#) Capstone Convening in Dallas. From February 5-8, 2024 leaders from all 18 sites came together to reflect on the impact of the initiative and to inspire others across the U.S. to join in on the powerful work of cross-sector collaboration and community healing through artmaking.

Airfare, hotel, and ground transport were covered by the local conveners, One Nation/One Project. I have linked to program documentation including the agenda and video recordings from the event [here](#).

Please let me know if you need anything else.

Best

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**Sent:** Monday, December 23, 2024 9:56:31 AM

**To:** Steve Berlin <[Steve.Berlin@cityofchicago.org](mailto:Steve.Berlin@cityofchicago.org)>

**Subject:** Arts and Health capstone conference invitation

Hello Steve,

DCASE and CDPH have been part of a two year national initiative with [One Nation One Project](#) and the [Arts for EveryBody campaign](#). It featured 18 cities and towns across the nation working on arts and health initiatives at the local level connecting municipalities, artists, and public health. A capstone conference is being held in Dallas, TX from **February 5-8, 2025**. Chicago's invited delegation includes myself and several others from our local team:

- **Dr. Meida McNeal, DCASE**
- Alisha Warren, Assistant Commissioner, Mental Health, CDPH
- Dr. Francisco Rodriguez, Site Director, Mental Health, CDPH
- Ife Williams, Cohort Coordinator, Healing Arts Chicago
- Natalia Cuevas, Artist, Healing Arts Chicago cohort

I have received approval from Commissioner Hedsbeth to attend. My department is currently preparing a travel request for submission. My HR representative, Lisa Lorick, said I should notify you to double check ethics on this matter. I've attached a copy of the invite and summary info on the symposium. Please let me know if you need anything else from me.

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