

## INSTITUTE OF MEDICINE OF CHICAGO

## **Letter from the IOMC President Cheryl Rucker-Whitaker**

July 2020 A MESSAGE TO OUR FELLOWS AND MEMBERS

Dear Fellows, Members and Colleagues,

Thank you for the honor of serving as the President, Chair of the Institute of Medicine Chicago. It is my pleasure to lead and work with the Board of Governors this upcoming program year. Together, we face unique and unprecedented challenges as the world grapples with the COVID-19 pandemic.

As leaders in our region, we are called upon to be vocal and thoughtful about issues that impact our city, county, and state's equity, health, and well-being. We will be launching a series of virtual IOMC programs that provide educational opportunities for our leaders, promote dialogue among our inter-disciplinary membership, and provide solutions to our city, county, and the State of Illinois' most pressing problems.

You will receive more information regarding our virtual State of the Health of Chicago convenings. Several programs will occur as a run-up to that grand virtual assembly to identify actionable outcomes that we can do to recover from this pandemic, prepare for the next, and transform the way we care for each other. I look forward to hearing from you and working with all of you.

Sincerely,

Cheryl R. Whitaker, MD, MPH, FACP