



CLAY COUNTY

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## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

### John Shuchart Speaking at Diversity Council for Health Equity (DACHE) Meeting

**LIBERTY, Mo. – April 17, 2018** – John Shuchart with the Shuchart Foundation for Mental Health Awareness will speak on “Using Humor to Fight the Stigma in the Schools, the Workplace and the World” at the Diversity Advisory Council for Health Equity (DACHE) meeting on Wednesday, May 2, 2018 from 8:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.

The Shuchart Foundation was created to help end the stigma associated with having a mental illness. The stigma of mental illness is the most significant barrier to people acknowledging their symptoms, sharing their concerns and seeking treatment for their illness. According to the World Health Organization, one in four people in the world will be affected by mental or neurological disorders at some point in their lives. Around 450 million people currently suffer from such conditions, placing mental disorders among the leading causes of ill-health and disability worldwide.

The mission of the Diversity Council for Health Equity (DACHE) is to enable access to equitable health and to provide culturally competent tools and information so that all residents feel safe and have access to health where they work, play, live and worship. The DACHE meeting featuring guest speaker John Shuchart will take place at the North Kansas City YMCA in Room D; 1999 Iron Street, North Kansas City, Missouri, from 8:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. on May 2, 2018. The public is encouraged to attend. For more information, please contact DACHE chairperson, Wenne Tarama, at [wtarama@clayhealth.com](mailto:wtarama@clayhealth.com).

### ***About Clay County Public Health Center***

*Created in 1953, the Clay County Public Health Center is a nationally accredited local public health department protecting the health of all people in the county by implementing population based prevention programs and services. This community approach to wellness not only prevents the spread of disease but also provides wellness education to empower people to make healthy choices. To learn more, visit [www.clayhealth.com](http://www.clayhealth.com).*

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