



**Joseph S. Palm, MPH**

Joseph Salvador Palm was born and raised in the City of Saint Louis, Missouri. However, Joseph has had the opportunity to travel the world extensively, thanks to his mother. Joseph went on to receive his Associate's Degree with a focus on criminal justice from Forest Park Community College, his Bachelor's Degree in Communication Studies from St. Louis University, and his Masters in Public Health with an emphasis on Community Health-Behavioral Science Education from St. Louis

University's-School of Public Health.

Joseph formerly worked as the Assistant to the Chief of Staff (Michael Jones) under the Harmon administration, in the City of Saint Louis Mayor's Office, Assistant to the Chief of Staff for the Missouri 1<sup>st</sup> District Congressman William Lacy Clay, Jr.-D, and as a Legislative Researcher for former Missouri State Representative Charles Quincy Troupe-D.

Joseph also worked as an Assistant to the Executive Vice-President/Community Director for People's Health Centers (A Federally Qualified Health Center-FQHC), strategically helping People's Health Centers (PHC) grow to three locations. While at PHC, Joseph assisted in the creation of mini health clinics in the St. Louis Public Schools and the development of low to moderate income housing, disabled housing (811), and senior housing (202).

In 2009, Joseph became the Chief of the Office of Minority Health, Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services. As the chief, he is responsible for monitoring the progress of all programs in the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services for their impact on eliminating health disparities, increasing health equity, and ensuring cultural competency & sensitivity. He is also the key advisor to the Director on various health matters that affect minorities; in addition, he serves as a liaison to the Missouri General Assembly.

Since 2003, Joseph has served as the Democratic Committeeman of the historic "Mighty" 26<sup>th</sup> Ward, in the City of Saint Louis. He is currently elected as the Sergeant-At-Arms for the Saint Louis City Democratic Central Committee, Vice-Chair of the 1<sup>st</sup> Congressional District Committee, Chairperson for the 84<sup>th</sup> Legislative District Committee, and Treasurer for the 4<sup>th</sup> Senatorial District Committee. He has previously served on the Juvenile

Accountability Board for the Upper West End Neighborhood through the 22<sup>nd</sup> Judicial Circuit-Family Court, and on the Missouri Council for Adolescent and School Health (CASH). Joseph was recipient of the 2010 Distinguished Service Award from St. Louis University's Black Alumni Association and has also been recognized by Ritenour High School as a distinguished alumnus.

Joseph is the proud father of three adult children.