

### Health Disparities Advisory Meeting | MINUTES

February 15, 2024, | 1:00 P.M. - 2:00 P.M. | Location: Microsoft Teams

Meeting called by: Division of Health

Disparities Elimination

Type of meeting: Weekly Health Disparities

Task Force -

Facilitator: Bethsy Harrigan

Office of Faith-Based and Community Engagement

Approximately: 56 ppl.

**Motivational Quote:** (Bethsy Harrigan) "Change will not come if we wait for some other person or some other time. We are the ones we've been waiting for. We are the change that we seek." – Barack Obama

#### (Bethsy Harrigan)

- Black History Month begins and is an annual observance originating in the United States, where it is also known as African American History Month. Black History Month has received official recognition from governments in the United State, Canada, and most recently has been observed in Ireland and the United Kingdom. Black History Month began as a way of remembering important people and events in the history of the African diaspora. It is celebrated in February in the United States and Canada, while in Ireland and the United Kingdom observes Black History Month in October. Below you'll find a link of Ten Places to Celebrate Black History Month in the state of Tennessee: <a href="https://www.tn.gov/tourism/news/2024/1/25/10-places-to-celebrate-black-history-year-round-in-tennessee.html">https://www.tn.gov/tourism/news/2024/1/25/10-places-to-celebrate-black-history-year-round-in-tennessee.html</a>
- International Childhood Cancer Day is observed on February 15 every year and all over the world. This day raises awareness of childhood cancer and honors all the children and families experiencing the effects of the disease. It acknowledges their pain and difficulties, giving them space to process and grieve. Despite the advances in medicine and medical technology, cancer remains the leading cause of death by disease for children past infancy. Not only is childhood cancer traumatic, but it also requires specialized treatment and care. Pediatric oncology is an important field in medicine that works with cancer in children and devices strategies for treatment, pain management, and home care.

#### WHY INTERNATIONAL CHILDHOOD CANCER DAY IS IMPORTANT BECAUSE:

- A) Cancer is a difficult disease to live with. ICCD, respect the children who are enduring the pain and want to express our sympathy for them.
- B) ICCD, want to make sure that people who need information about treatments receive them. We also want to spread hope and the possibility of full recovery so kids can keep fighting.

C) The best way to address childhood cancer is to raise awareness, raise funds for research, and make sure that children with cancer have access to treatment. ICCD, want to contribute and do our bit towards fighting cancer. If you like to be apart in fighting international childhood cancer day, please go to the website: <a href="https://www.childhoodcancerinternational.org/">https://www.childhoodcancerinternational.org/</a>

#### TOPICS OF DISCUSSION

Focus: N/A

Presenter: N/A

**Summary:** N/A

#### Member Comments: Announcements and Upcoming Events

• Stepping Stone Academy Foundation, 1st annual Caring Hearts, Thriving Start Donation Drive, (Meet & Greet) is coming up on Saturday, February 24th, 2024 and we want to ensure you'll attend so RSVP TODAY! For the ones who are not able to attend, we will be providing a Zoom link. Also, there is a raffle drawing where you can win 25\$-\$100 Visa gift card ENTER TO WIN you are more than welcome to share with anyone that you think will be interested in attending and or donating to our cause. We will also provide additional raffle drawing, refreshments, gift bags, and so much more.

#### **Resources mentioned during call:**

• Dr. Irene Lazarus, Latino Community Health Coalition, please click the link for more details. https://sites.google.com/email.mmc.edu/drirenelazarus/projects/coalici%C3%B3n-de-salud-latina-csl

#### Chat Box – links / website / events:

• If you need more information, please visit our website at www.healthdisparitiestn.com

Next Meeting: February 22, 2024, from 1pm-2pm via Microsoft Teams.

#### Microsoft Teams Meeting details are as follows:

Join on your computer or mobile app

Click here to join the meeting

#### Or call in (audio only)

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Please Bring items to address below Ship to AHA Nashville Office at: 1818 Patterson St Nashville, TN 37203

Check out our wishlist:



## **Donation Suggestions**

Look for products with lower amounts of sodium, added sugars and saturated fats.



#### **PROTEINS**

Unsalted nuts Peanut butter Canned meat

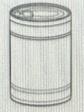
Beans, dried or canned



#### **BEVERAGES**

Water

100% Fruit juice Low-fat powdered milk



#### CANNED AND DRY GOODS

Canned vegetables **Applesauce** Soups, reduced sodium Dried fruit Healthier cooking oils



#### WHOLE GRAINS

Whole wheat pasta Whole grain cereals Whole grain granola bars Brown rice

Other

Frozen fruits & vegetables Low fat dairy Fresh produce Baby formula



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