

# Health Disparities Advisory Meeting |MINUTES

April 25, 2024, / 1:00 P.M. – 2:00 P.M. | Location: Microsoft Teams

Meeting called by:	Division of Health Disparities Elimination	Approximately: 47 ppl.
Type of meeting:	Weekly Health Disparities Advisory Group Meeting	
Facilitator:	LaShan Dixon, Director Office of Faith-Based and Community Engagement	

**Motivational Quote:** (LaShan Dixon) National Child Abuse Prevention Month “Many abused children cling to the hope that growing up will bring escape and freedom.” – Judith Lewis Herman

Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention Month “We must send a message across the world that there is no disgrace in being a survivor of sexual assault, the shame is on the aggressor.” – Angelina Jolie (LaShan Dixon)

- **World Malaria Day** What is Malaria? Malaria is a serious and sometimes fatal disease caused by a parasite that commonly infects a certain type of mosquito which feeds on humans. People who get malaria are typically very sick with high fevers, shaking chills, and flu-like illness. Although malaria can be a deadly disease, illness and death from malaria can usually be prevented. Each year, on April 25, CDC joins the global community in recognizing World Malaria Day. We do this because malaria remains a leading cause of preventable illness and death around the world. Although, malaria was eliminated from the United States 70 years ago yet still infects 2,000 Americans each year.
- **National Child Abuse Prevention Month** is an initiative led by Prevent Child Abuse America and its national network of state chapters. This year, we embrace the theme “Building A Hopeful Future, Together,” focusing on creating a nurturing and supportive environment for children and families across the nation. At Prevent Child Abuse America, we believe in the power of prevention and the strength of community support. We are dedicated to ensuring that all children grow up in environments that are safe, stable, and nurturing. Our mission is to address the structural and social determinants of health and well-being, including poverty and systemic racism, to create a more hopeful society where every child thrives. If you like to learn more or provide a donation please click the link [CAP](#).
- **Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention Month (SAAM)** is how we learn to take steps to build connected communities and enhance our knowledge of sexual assault, harassment, and abuse. In addition, we invite you to explore how to create safe communities where everyone feels safe and supported. We’re asking you to join us in building connected communities that promote togetherness, respect, as our connections tends to grow with one another and have an impact more significant than just ourselves.

We recognize that how we talk about sexual violence significantly impacts survivors, their families, our communities, and society. We also understand that our voices have power and that when one of us does not feel safe or respected we are all affected. As such, we must strive to create strong, connected communities that take care of

one another and make decisions to ensure the safety and well-being of others to end sexual violence. Sexual violence is an umbrella term that includes any type of unwanted sexual contact — including sexual assault, harassment, and abuse. If you have any questions about SAAM 2024, how to get involved, or ways in which you can discuss how to build safe, inclusive, and helpful communities, please contact us [communicationsteam@nsvrc-respecttogether.org](mailto:communicationsteam@nsvrc-respecttogether.org).

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## TOPICS OF DISCUSSION

**Focus:** 2024 -2026 State Health Plan

**Presenter:** M. Sarah Elliott

**Summary:** The 2024-2026 Tennessee State Health Plan details recommendations for health improvement across eight priority areas including: 1. Nutrition Security (Children and Youth), 2. Maternal and Infant Health, 3. Nutrition Security (Adults and Older Adults), 4. Chronic Conditions, 5. Older Adults, 6. Transportation, 7. Cancer Screenings, and 8. Workforce. The 2024-2026 State Health Plan was developed through an expansive and inclusive process rooted in data and subject matter expertise and guided by input from cross-sector partners. Over the next two years, the Department will continue to enhance their work across the plan’s priority areas and further increase their external partner outreach, support, and collaboration. You can read the full Plan and look for additional resources at <http://health.tn.gov/shp> . If you have any questions or concerns regarding the State Health Plan, please contact Ms. M. Sarah Elliott by via email at [m.sarah.elliott@tn.gov](mailto:m.sarah.elliott@tn.gov)

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**Member Comments:** Announcements and Upcoming Events

- Red Bank Jubilee: May 4, 2024 10 AM-4 PM, Contact: Jeffrey Grabe, [Jgrabe@redbanktn.gov](mailto:Jgrabe@redbanktn.gov)
- Safe Kids at the Zoo: May 4, 2024 10 AM-2 PM, Contact: Lindsay Bass, [Lindsay.smith@erlanger.org](mailto:Lindsay.smith@erlanger.org)

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**Resources mentioned during call:**

- Summer Outreach Safety Fair: June 1, 2024 3-6 PM, Contact: Regena Young, [regena.young@erlanger.org](mailto:regena.young@erlanger.org)
- If you need more information, please visit our website at [www.healthdisparitiestn.com](http://www.healthdisparitiestn.com)

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

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**Next Meeting:** May 2, 2024, from 1pm-2pm via Microsoft Teams.

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

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