

Health Disparities Task Force Meeting |MINUTES

January 12, 2023, / 1:00 P.M. – 2:00 P.M. | Location: Microsoft Teams

Meeting called by:	Division of Health Disparities Elimination	Approximately: 76 ppl
Type of meeting:	Weekly Health Disparities Task Force – Chronic Disease	
Facilitator:	Elizabeth Hart, Director Office of Faith-Based and Community Engagement	

Motivational Quote: (Elizabeth Hart) “Every year you make a resolution to change yourself. This year, make a resolution to be yourself.”

Announcements: (Elizabeth Hart)

- National Pharmacists Day / National Blood Donor Month / National Youth Day / National Tea Day
- Next month February, Black History Month, we ask you to nominate Tennesseans you would like to highlight that have made a great contribution to medicine, public health, nurses, physicians, medical students, dental administration staff, community leaders and faith leaders. Please email your nominations, a short bio and photograph to tdh.ofbce@tn.gov, the final date for Black History Nominee’s is Friday, January 27th.
- Tennessee state loan repayment program is providing educational loan repayment to qualified primary care practitioners an exchange for two year service to practice full time or part time an ambulatory, public or private nonprofit primary care facility. The deadline is Friday, January 27 and all qualifying information is located on our website at www.healthdisparitiestn.com.
- In 2023, every meeting we’re asking one organization to provide a short presentation about the work their doing for 5 to 7 minutes. We would like to highlight your successes along with letting the Tennesseans know what they have in their communities.
- If you would like to be highlighted or be a guest during a task force meeting, please email tdh.ofbce@tn.gov and we will contact you and discuss the date, plus you will be highlighted on our website at www.healthdisparitiestn.com.

TOPICS OF DISCUSSION

Focus: Special Guest

Presenter: Dr. Morgan McDonald, Interim State Health Commissioner

Summary: Dr. McDonald presentation provided great insight about the TN Health Disparities Task Force that has collectively engaged and partnered in working together fighting and eliminating the health disparities across the state of Tennessee. The vision for this Health Disparities Task Force was created by the entire team of TDH during the troublesome times of COVID-19 Pandemic. The Task Force was organized to regularly engage and provide and get information out to faith leaders, organizations, community partners to as many people as possible. The Task Force has been a great source of information from receiving weekly Top Ten Email's to hearing about important meeting from word of mouth, flyers and/or meeting link. As Dr. McDonald's time with the state department come to a close, she expressed her heartfelt appreciate and gratitude to all those who helped shape and impact the work at Tennessee Department of Health.

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Presenter: Lance Villio, Executive Director of Governor's Office of Faith-Based & Community Initiatives

Summary: Mr. Villio, stated how thankful he is to be working alongside the Governor and the specific initiative project's he's working on. He also gave Thanks to Elizabeth Hart and Mr. Burke who works in the Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse. He stated the governor understands government is not the answer to solving our communities, difficult needs but our faith-based and community partners are well equipped to do all in their capable of doing, his main focus are child welfare and incarceration reentry, working closely with Tennessee Department of Corrections (TDC). If you have any questions for Lance Villio, do not hesitate to send your emails to tdh.ofbce@tn.gov and Elizabeth will make sure he receives them.

Member Comments: Announcements and Upcoming Events

- Invitation for everyone to register and attend the Virtual CMS QIO TN Statewide Partnerships for Community Health meeting on February 21st at 2 ET/1 CT I will be hosting. Here is the registration link: <https://allianthealthgroup.webex.com/allianthealthgroup/j.php?RGID=rb5b9b4c344ef1612e7d47b99e5c1879a>
- We invite you to attend the Health and Wellness Event at Fraser Connect Center, on January 20, 2023, from 3PM – 6PM. We host monthly fairs and we provided:
 - Free COVID-19 and Flu Vaccines
 - Free HIV and Hepatitis C Testing's
 - Glucose Checks
 - Diabetes Risk Assessments and
 - Community Resources (United Housing, Planned Parenthood etc.)Spanish speaking volunteers will be there.

Resources mentioned during call:

- Suicide Prevention Lifeline, **new lifeline dial number 988**, open 24 hours a day, seven days a week
- Please join us at our events over the next couple of months! <https://www.utc.edu/health-education-and-professional-studies/school-of-nursing/gerontology/engaging-communities>

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Chat Box – links / website / events:

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Next Meeting: Thursday, January 19, 2023, from 1pm-2pm via Microsoft Teams.

Microsoft Teams Meeting details are as follows:

Join on your computer or mobile app

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Or call in (audio only)

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