

Health Disparities Task Force Meeting |MINUTES

March 2, 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	
Facilitator:	Elizabeth Hart, Director Office of Faith-Based and Community Engagement	

Motivational Quote: (Elizabeth Hart) “If your actions create a legacy that inspires others to dream more, learn more, do more and become more, then you’re an excellent leader.” — Dolly Parton

Announcements: (Elizabeth Hart)

- Women’s History Month
- Brain Injury Awareness Month (associated with the color gray)
- Multiple Sclerosis Awareness Month (orange)
- Cerebral Palsy Awareness Month (green)
- Kidney Cancer Awareness Month (orange)
- Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month (blue)
- Good News! Low priced insulin drug is now available at a very inexpensive cost, especially for those without insurance.
- In the month of April, the Division of Health Disparities Elimination is seeking to highlight organizations in Tennessee, who work directly with minority populations, we will celebrate them during the Minority Health Month by sending a weekly email with lots of really good information and data points and we desire representation from all communities.

TOPICS OF DISCUSSION

Focus: Mr. Trevor C. White, Communication & Training Specialist

Presenter: Office of Reentry Presentation

Summary: Dr. Trevor C. White presentation provided great insight on the Office of Reentry that was created July 2021, which was inspired by Governor Lee's vision of true criminal justice reform, as the nation's first statewide comprehensive non corrections office which means the Office of Reentry is with the Department of Labor, not Department of Corrections. We partner with employers, state agencies, faith-based organizations, and non-profit stakeholders. Our goal is to reduce recidivism through labor, workforce development, which will lead to better opportunities and ultimately better employment. We also hire men and women who lived and experience incarceration and with them being employed they bring us vision from their perspective.

There are key term words that are commonly used such as reentry, which is from life to prison or jail, to life in the community, recidivism an act of continuing to commit crimes and justice involved individuals are those who been currently involved with the justice system. These words are also used for those that are on probation or parole, under home confinement, community residential supervision and incarcerated in jail or prison. A former incarcerated person has a 27% unemployment rate compared to the current unemployment rate for Tennessee which is roughly 3.2%. A good job and supportive services are critical to the Office of Reentry which promotes public safety and improves economic and well-being communities.

To advance the Office of Reentry, we must do it by providing baseline training for reentry staff in various capacities, establishing the office and growing it within the workforce services and lastly repurposing staff at our job centers, which will be our reentry advisors so we can increase the awareness of the office of reentry work through the Department of Labor.

Member Comments: Announcements and Upcoming Events

- Last day to support donuts for sickle cell fundraiser for the 3rd Annual Sickle Cell 5K <https://www.groupraise.com/offer-campaigns/7476> Order Krispy Kreme Digital Dozens Supporting Breaking The SSickle Cell Cycle Foundation! Help Breaking The SSickle Cell Cycle Foundation fundraise by ordering delicious Krispy Kreme Digital Dozens today! Enjoy mouth-watering dozens & share to support their Krispy Kreme Fundraiser!
- The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services needs comments from everyone about expanding Medicare coverage for power seat elevation equipment on certain power wheelchairs to advance health equity for people with disabilities. Review more information and comment by March 17th at <https://www.cms.gov/medicare-coverage-database/view/ncacal-decision-memo.aspx?proposed=Y&NCAId=309> If you need any help with this, please contact me at 404-562-7379. (I'm the CMS Rural Health Coordinator for TN and located in Atlanta).
- CMS Announcement: The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, CMS, will host its inaugural CMS Health Equity Conference at Howard University in Washington, D.C. on June 7-8th, 2023 and streamed virtually for online participation. CMS issued provisions to provide Special Enrollment Periods for reentry individuals into Medicare and the Marketplace. I would like to further discuss these provisions with Mr. White.
- On March 16th in Sevier County, we will have a "Re-Entry Event" at our neighborhood Walmart

Resources mentioned during call:

- MCH=Maternal and Child Health <https://forms.office.com/g/ywWGwUQin9>
- Latino Memphis Asylum Info Session & Mini-Resource Fair - <https://www.facebook.com/events/587504736597278/?ref=newsfeed>
- Disabilities Reported Prisoners – Survey of Prison Inmates 2016 <https://bjs.ojp.gov/content/pub/pdf/drpspi16st.pdf>
- Elizabeth Hart's interview on the TENNESSEE MATTERS podcast can be heard through the link below. The program will also be broadcast on 50 radio stations statewide this weekend. <https://www.iheart.com/podcast/1248-tennessee-matters-99761932/>
- Reentry Advisors (American Job Centers) Connect with local job centers at www.careeronestop.org, (21) Comprehensive Centers that cover multiple counties – If you have any questions, please email Trevor White at reentry@tn.gov

Chat Box – links / website / events:

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- <https://www.tennesseeworks.org/blog/janet.shouse@vumc.org>

Next Meeting: Thursday, March 9, 2023, from 1pm-2pm via Microsoft Teams.

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