

Health Disparities Task Force Meeting |MINUTES

March 23, 2023, | 1:00 P.M. – 2:00 P.M. | Location: Microsoft Teams

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| 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) “Dogs have a way of finding people that need them and filling an emptiness we didn’t know we ever had.” — Tom Jones

Announcements: (Elizabeth Hart)

- National Social Worker Month / National Puppy Day / National Nutrition Month
- Ramadan start today, which is a month of fasting, praying, and giving. Ramadan is the holiest and ninth month of the Islamic calendar, when Muslims fast, pray, and reflect on their faith, it is more broadly to refrain from food, drink, sexual activity, and all forms of immoral behavior, including impure or unkind thoughts.
- Find Help Now is substance abuse treatment locator website that puts treatment resources, providers near and in real time. This site also links individuals directly to care and help if they are struggling with a substance use disorder. At Find Help Now, they regularly update their availability for residential inpatient and outpatient services, please go to the website at www.findhelpnow.org/tn

TOPICS OF DISCUSSION

Focus: Responses of the Survey

Presenter: Elizabeth Hart & Dr. Tamara Chavez-Lindell, Sr. Epidemiologist of DHDE

Summary: Today’s discussion was about the 2022 Survey of Priorities Report, which entails the (4) major disparities and they are chronic disease, infectious disease, mental health and environmental health and injustice. The survey was

emailed to nearly 1300 people but only 183 responded which shows in graph wise, that only 11% respondents completed the survey and 89% did not. The survey was grouped into (4) groups such as local and state, federal government, independent, community members and advocates and the chart is broken down in many different categories as well such as rural, urban, LGBTQ community, persons with disability and Medicaid and Medicare recipients, etc.

The survey represented a large variety of folks within the 95 counties but most of the coverage were from government employees. Half of those responded to the survey noted mental health and chronic disease were areas of their concern and the other half noted infectious disease and environmental injustice was a sense of concern for them. We certainly do appreciate the feedback of the survey because we seek to do this more, as time progress to receive your ideas, suggestions, and concerns and present as much as we can to state officials. During this task force meeting a small Community Group was created, to assist in creating a better system to categorize the data retrieved, this group will be led by Elizabeth Hart, Director of OFBCE and Dr. Tamara Chavez-Lindell, Sr. Epidemiologist with following participants noted below:

- Maria Flowers
- Beulah Oldham
- Hope Oliver
- Teresa Zayas

Member Comments: Announcements and Upcoming Events

- Lincoln County Baby Shower at Fayetteville Parks and Recreation Center in Winchester and Fayetteville on Saturday, March 25, 2023
- Black Girls S.T.E.A.M. Summit Registration, Saturday, April 15th from 8:30 a.m.-2:30p.m. - <https://redcap.vanderbilt.edu/surveys/?s=EW3YTAEN77DKWHCF>
- [Mega Vaccine Clinic and Community Resources Fair \(chillhoweepark.com\)](https://www.chillhoweepark.com) on Wednesday, April 19, 2023, from 10AM – 7PM at the Jacobs Building in Knoxville, TN
- Information about the upcoming Housing and Homeless Services Conference, April 21 in Franklin. <https://mailchi.mp/tamho/call-for-sponsors-tamho-annual-conference-5440804?e=4c69778d26>
- Community Health Fair Event on Saturday, April 22nd at the Patterson Park Community Center, hosted by Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, the Rutherford County Alumni Chapter

Resources mentioned during call:

- Immigrants and Refugee Alliance meets every 4th Wednesday, please email bethsahida.harrigan@tn.gov for more information
- If you need more information, please go to our website at: www.healthdisparitiestn.com

Chat Box – links / website / events:

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Next Meeting: Thursday, March 30, 2023, from 1pm-2pm via Microsoft Teams.

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