

# Health Disparities Task Force Meeting |MINUTES

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April 6, 2023, | 1:00 P.M. – 2:00 P.M. | Location: Microsoft Teams

Meeting called by:	Division of Health Disparities Elimination	Approximately: 65 ppl
Type of meeting:	Weekly Health Disparities Task Force –	
Facilitator:	Elizabeth Hart, Director Office of Faith-Based and Community Engagement	

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**Motivational Quote: (Elizabeth Hart)** “Everybody can be great...because anybody can serve. You don't have to have a college degree to serve. You don't have to make your subject and verb agree to serve. You only need a heart full of grace. A soul generated by love.” — **Dr. Martin Luther King**

## Announcements: (Elizabeth Hart)

- Happy Holy Week
- Happy Passover Week
- National Volunteer Month
- National Child Abuse Prevention Month
- Happy Minority Health Month (OMH)
  - Theme: Better Health to Better Understanding
- National Public Health Week (4/3 – 4/9)
  - Daily Themes for Public Health Week
    - Monday: [Community](#)
    - Tuesday: [Violence Prevention](#)
    - Wednesday: [Reproductive and Sexual Health](#)
    - Thursday: [Mental Health](#)
    - Friday: [Rural Health](#)
    - Saturday: [Accessibility](#)
    - Sunday: [Food and Nutrition](#)

## TOPICS OF DISCUSSION

**Focus:** Task Force Poll

**Presenter:** Elizabeth Hart and Dr. Tamara Chavez-Lindell

**Summary:** Today's meeting was about the Task Force Poll, as we continuously evaluate the 2022 survey, we thought to present two questions to the Task Force so we can gather as much data and feedback as possible to go in even deeper discussions and engagement, so that we can get to the core of every challenge we're facing in health disparities.

Q1: Please rank the listed intentions of the task force from the most to the least important reasons for the task force future work? (Discussion, Engagement, Collaboration, Solution Building, Awareness and Education)

Q2: Please provide (2) top words you think, we need to do to understand your vision of what you think the task force should be, note it doesn't have to be the words that we used prior to this question. Below please find the “**Word Cloud**” of all the words given by the Task Force:



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### **Member Comments:** Announcements and Upcoming Events

- Memphis Shelby County Schools and Shelby County CAPTA Citizen Review Panel is hosting a Safe and Supportive Families Expo at Colonia Middle School, Sat. April 22 11 am to 1pm - this educational, fun event is part of National Child Abuse Prevention Month. For more info., I can be reached at [tlawal@utk.edu](mailto:tlawal@utk.edu)

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

- I work in the Child Care and Community Services Division for DHS as the Director of Program Reliability and Compliance. Our programs include Child and Adult Care Licensing, Child Care Certificate, (subsidy) and Child and

Adult Care Food Program – Email Address: [robin.c.wooten@tn.gov](mailto:robin.c.wooten@tn.gov)

- Family & Children Services cover 95 counties, help folks to get access to health insurance. Tenn Care renewal is one of the largest projects they are working on to help different communities of all cultures and languages barriers to assist with completing renewal packets and stay health insurance covered.
- Immigrants and Refugee Alliance meets every 4th Wednesday, please email [bethsahida.harrigan@tn.gov](mailto:bethsahida.harrigan@tn.gov) for more information
- If you need more information, please go to our website at: [www.healthdisparitiestn.com](http://www.healthdisparitiestn.com)

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

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**Next Meeting: Thursday, April 13, 2023, from 1pm-2pm via Microsoft Teams.**

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

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