

# Health Disparities Task Force Meeting |MINUTES

May 11, 2023, / 1:00 P.M. – 2:00 P.M. | Location: Microsoft Teams

Meeting called by:	Division of Health Disparities Elimination	Approximately: 72 ppl
Type of meeting:	Weekly Health Disparities Task Force	
Facilitator:	Elizabeth Hart, Director Office of Faith-Based and Community Engagement	

## Motivational Quote: (Elizabeth Hart)

**Quote for Nurses:** “Nurses dispense comfort compassion and caring without even a prescription.” - Val Saintsbury

**Quote for Teachers:** “I wasn’t born to just teach. I was born to inspire others, to change people, and to never give up; even when faced with challenges that seem impossible.” - Anonymous

## Announcements: (Elizabeth Hart)

- National Nurses Appreciation Week
- National Teachers Appreciation Week
- National Hospital Week
- National Physical Fitness and Sports Month
- On Thursday, May 18<sup>th</sup> CEDEP will be doing a presentation on “Promoting Immunization in Minority Population”
- On Thursday, May 25<sup>th</sup>, the Pyramid Foundation will be doing a presentation on “Mental Health”
- The Health Equity Podcast team will be unveiling of the podcast name soon, so stay tune! The Health Equity Podcast will hosting (2) new episodes every month, and our new Commissioner, Dr. Ralph Alvarado will jump start our first podcast in July 2023. The podcast team is asking the Task Force members if they have any suggestions for guests they would like to see featured, please email us at [tdh.ofbce@tn.gov](mailto:tdh.ofbce@tn.gov).

## TOPICS OF DISCUSSION

**Focus:** Creative Girls Rock

**Presenter:** Elizabeth Hart, Director of Office of Faith-Based and Community Engagement

**Summary:** Creative Girls Rock was founded October 17, 2017, is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that was birthed

from my passion for creative arts, youth development, community engagement; and a therapeutic method for anxiety Creative Girls Rock mission is to educate, empower young girls and women to use their creative talents to enhance their world and the world around them. Creative Girls Rock, serves low to moderate low-income families locally and globally.

Here's a few CGR objectives:

- Build a self-awareness and confidence in one's creative talents
- Create safe and fun spaces for community interaction for all ages, cultures, and income levels
- Provide an atmosphere of inter-generational networking and
- Promote Do It Yourself (DIY) Projects.

Creative Girls Rock initiative is to design creative art, strengthen mental health and wellness living, build women empowerment and provide strong youth development. Within the past year the Creative Girls Rock have completed (7) mural projects with over 160 participants, the murals are located at: Slim and Husky's Nashville, Tennessee State University, Nashville Public Library: Bordeaux, Downtown and Madison branches, Cheekwood Botanical Garden and Napier Elementary School.

The Division of Health Disparities Elimination at TDH have partnered with Creative Girls Rock to create a mural on Thursday, May 18<sup>th</sup> from 10-5 and Friday, May 19<sup>th</sup> from 11-4 which is a great way to attest to mental health month. If you would like to volunteer, we ask you to please come out to Jones Paideia Magnet 1800 9th Avenue North Nashville, TN 37208 and join in on the fun, fellowship, and atmosphere of creativity.

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

- [Mental Health Non-Profit Organization In Tennessee - TN Voices](#)  
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**Resources mentioned during call:**

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[Webinar Registration - Zoom](#)

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

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**Next Meeting: Thursday, May 18, 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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