

Health Disparities Task Force Meeting | MINUTES

July 13, 2023, | 1:00 P.M. – 2:00 P.M. | Location: Microsoft Teams

Meeting called by:	Division of Health Disparities Elimination	Approximately: 74 ppl
Type of meeting:	Weekly Health Disparities Task Force –	
Facilitator:	Elizabeth Hart, Director Office of Faith-Based and Community Engagement	

Motivational Quote: **(Bethsahida Harrigan)** “You gain strength, courage, and confidence by every experience in which you really stop to look fear in the face.” – Eleanor Roosevelt

Announcements: **(Bethsahida Harrigan)**

- The HHS Office of Minority Health (OMH) is seeking applications for projects funded under the Healthy Families Community-Based Perinatal Health Initiative to develop innovative models for integrating community-based maternal support services into perinatal systems of care. Community-based maternal support services are social and supportive services that address social determinants of health, such as health literacy; pregnancy, childbirth, and parenting education; cultural and linguistic diversity; exposure to trauma; housing, food, and transportation. Deadline is July 18, by 6:00 p.m. ET. To learn more and apply, go to: <https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppId=342764>
- The U.S. Surgeon General’s Advisory on the Healing Effects of Social Connection and Community calls attention to the importance of social connection for individual health, community-wide metrics of health and well-being, and the significant consequences when social connection is lacking. It provides audience-specific guidance on how to foster social connection in your community or organization. Toolkits, directories, programs, and more are geared towards individuals, health practitioners, community workers, and anyone who wants to take action to address the public health problem of social disconnection and strengthen social connection. Information on where you can learn more will be in this week’s Top Ten email.

TOPICS OF DISCUSSION

Focus: Maternal Health and Innovations

Presenter: Dr. Anjola Ajayi, Intern

Summary: The Maternal Health Innovations Program is under the Division of Family Health and Wellness at TDH and the

main task is to fulfill the maternal and child health gaps through the innovative strategies to improve health outcomes in the state of Tennessee.

The Division of Family Health and Wellness actively looking for volunteers to participate in community listening sessions, to receive valuable insights, ideas, solutions to enhance and improve maternal health. The outcome of this listening sessions will help inform the Tennessee Maternal Health Strategic Plan to explore various strategies, action and plan ultimately aimed at improving the McNab Health and other health care services.

All are invited to attend the listening sessions, especially midwives, doulas, families, etc. Please do not hesitate to contact us by via email at kristyn.long@tn.gov, anjola.ajayi@tn.gov, yoshie.darnall@tn.gov.

Member Comments: Announcements and Upcoming Events

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The government website where federal agencies post discretionary funding opportunities and grantees find and apply for them. GRANTS.GOV | Find. Apply. Succeed.
- The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services has a national stakeholder call coming up on July 18, 2023, from 1:00 PM (ET) – 2:00 PM (ET). All local/state stakeholders are welcome to join. To RSVP: Click [here](#). The number one CMS priority is the Medicaid redeterminations. This is an opportunity to learn more about how you can partner with us.

Resources mentioned during call:

- The Volunteer Advocacy Project (VAP) offers a comprehensive 12-week training from Aug 15 – Nov 07, to interested individuals to advocate for families as they navigate their way through the special education process. There is a \$25 course fee. Additional information about the training can be found on the VAP website. Classes are virtual, using Zoom, on Tuesday evenings (5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Central Time/6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Eastern.) <https://vkc.vumc.org/.../serv.../project/volunteer-advocacy/> For questions about the training or registration, email VolAP@vanderbilt.edu. Deadline to register is July 20. Click here to complete the preliminary VAP application. <https://redcap.link/VAP2023Application>
- Rural Health Association of Tennessee is still assisting with TennCare/Cover Kids Renewals. they can call our hotline for assistance 866-675-7092 my email is markita@tnruralhealth.org if anyone has questions.
- If you need more information, please visit our website at www.healthdisparitiestn.com

Chat Box – links / website / events:

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- 2023 Mental Health, Recovery, and Suicide Prevention Summit (First EVER) will be held on Saturday, September 23, 2023. Will include 4 hours of education on the topics on MH, recovery, and suicide prevention please note more

information to come.

- If you need more information, please visit our website at www.healthdisparitiestn.com
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Next Meeting: Thursday, July 20, 2023, from 1pm-2pm via Microsoft Teams.

Microsoft Teams Meeting details are as follows:

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