

Health Disparities Task Force Meeting | MINUTES

July 27, 2023, | 1:00 P.M. – 2:00 P.M. | Location: Microsoft Teams

Meeting called by:	Division of Health Disparities Elimination	Approximately: 94 ppl
Type of meeting:	Weekly Health Disparities Task Force –	
Facilitator:	Elizabeth Hart, Director Office of Faith-Based and Community Engagement	

Motivational Quote: (Elizabeth Hart) “Every great dream begins with a dreamer. Always remember, you have within you the strength, the patience, and the passion to reach for the stars, to change the world.” – Harriet Tubman

“I've come to believe that each of us has a personal calling that's as unique as a fingerprint, and that the best way to succeed is to discover what you love and then find a way to offer it to others in the form of service, working hard, and also allowing the energy of the universe to lead you.” – Oprah Winfrey

Announcements: (Elizabeth Hart)

- The Tennessee Charitable Care Network Annual Conference is September 5th thru 7th, here in Nashville, registration is open, and you want to secure your spot by August 11th, this year's theme is “Transformational Leadership and Tennessee Healthcare Safety Net.” Please find the link to register attached [2023 Annual Conference - Tennessee Charitable Care Network \(tccnetwork.org\)](#)
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TOPICS OF DISCUSSION

Focus: DentaQuest “Improving the Oral Health of All”

Presenter: Touree Cone

Summary: DentaQuest mission is to improve the oral health of all individuals across the state of Tennessee. Starting in January DentaQuest now have coverage for adults, which also provides dental benefits for children under the age 21, pregnant mothers and adults 21 and over, there's no cost for eligible members but Coverkids do have a small copay, which is assigned by TennCare. Families do not have to do anything special to receive coverage through DentaQuest, it's an automatic benefit as long as they are eligible for TennCare once eligible and enrolled in TennCare, they automatically

receive dental coverage. Every year DentaQuest recognizes millions of Americans who go without dental insurance or dental coverage, or they don't have access to quality dental care. There's a connection between oral health and whole-body health, so DentaQuest seek to find ways to make sure that oral health care is provided, they also provide general benefits such as screenings, exams, cleanings, x-rays, sealants, crowns, fillings, even orthodontics and dentures. If you would like more information do not hesitate to contact Ms. Touree Cone, Clinical Quality Improvement Specialist Outreach Coordinator, her contact information and DentaQuest website is noted below.

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Website: <https://www.dentaquest.com/>

Member Comments: Announcements and Upcoming Events

- 2Gether: Johnson City Faith & Recovery Forum is 29 July 2023 from 10am -2pm (EDT) held at the First Christian Church Life Center, 401 W Main Street, Mountain City, TN. Register for free on Eventbrite and we're providing lunch.
- A *FREE* event providing **Health Education and Mental Service Information** - Saturday, Aug. 5, 2023, 11:00am - 3:00pm, Vendors Wanted. Please click the link below for more information <https://www.simeonchurch.com/2023fair>
- Join the Tennessee Department of Health, Office of Strategic Initiatives and Office of Minority Health for the **2023 Getting Grant Ready** in-person day and a half training. We'll cover everything from researching grant opportunities to writing a winning proposal. Don't miss out on this opportunity to take your grant writing skills to the next level. To learn more and register, click on the link below:

[Getting Grant Ready- East Tennessee](#)

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Thursday, August 10th & Friday, August 11th

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[Getting Grant Ready- Middle Tennessee](#)

Tuesday, September 5th & Wednesday, September 6th.

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Resources mentioned during call:

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Chat Box – links / website / events:

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Next Meeting: Thursday, Aug 3, 2023, from 1pm-2pm via Microsoft Teams.

Microsoft Teams Meeting details are as follows:

Join on your computer or mobile app.

[Click here to join the meeting](#)

Or call in (audio only)

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