

Health Disparities Task Force Meeting |MINUTES

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

Meeting called by:	Division of Health Disparities Elimination	Approximately: 88 ppl.
Type of meeting:	Weekly Health Disparities Task Force –	
Facilitator:	Elizabeth Hart, Director Office of Faith-Based and Community Engagement	

Motivational Quote: (Jennifer Waldrop) “: “I am no bird; and no net ensnares me: I am a free human being with an independent will.”- Charlotte Brontë

Announcements: (Jennifer Waldrop)

- **Ecuador Independence Day** - Independence Day is a national public holiday celebrated annually on August 10 in Ecuador. In Spanish, it is known as “Da del Primer Grito de Independencia de Quito,” “Day of Quito’s First Cry of Independence.” The Ecuadorians were the first in Latin America to declare independence and inspired other nations. On this date in 1809, the inhabitants of Quito, the current capital of Ecuador, rebelled against Spain and declared their independence. Its name in Spanish means “the equator,” which rightly defines its location on the globe.
- **National Minority Donor Awareness Week** - National Minority Donor Awareness Week is a way of bringing light to the need of more minority donors. This particularly highlights the urgent need for more organ, eye, and tissue donors, especially within the minority communities and it also gives acknowledgement and praise to those who already donated. The African-American, Asian, Hispanic, Native American, and Pacific Islander-American communities, experts have voiced concerns about the serious shortage of transplants but minorities make up 57% of those on the organ waiting list and only 30% of the donor population. Tennesseans can register their consent for donation at any TDOS Driver License Center, or with Donate Life Tennessee at www.tndonorregistry.org.
- **National Health Center Week (NHCW)** - The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services Office of Minority Health (CMS OMH) recognizes National Health Center Week (NHCW) from August 6-12. NHCW, sponsored by the National Association of Community Health Centers (NACHC), celebrates the nearly 1,400 Community Health Centers (CHCs) nationwide that provide health care services to 30 million+ patients across more than 14,000 communities each year. This year’s NHCW theme is “The Roadmap to a Stronger America,” highlighting the ways that CHCs have improved the quality of and access to health care for diverse communities across the United States. CHCs serve a disproportionate number of people with a low income and people from racial and ethnic minorities, in addition to patients living in rural areas and those with limited English proficiency. Through the [Coverage to Care \(C2C\)](#) initiative, CMS OMH connects CHCs and other providers to materials they can share with patients to help them understand their health coverage and the care options available to them. Check out the resources below to help CHCs continue to provide quality care and reduce health disparities throughout NHCW and all year.

Resources:

- Visit the [Coverage to Care](#) webpage, to access CMS OMH and other HHS resources that can help providers and patients understand their health coverage and care options, such as the C2C [Roadmap to Better Care](#), the [Chronic Care Management](#) webpage, and C2C's [Prevention Resources](#)
- Visit our [Rural Health Resources](#) webpage to access CMS and other HHS resources that can help you provide care to rural communities
- **Tennessee Health Care Campaign 2023 Annual Health Advocacy Conference** - TDH is sponsoring the Tennessee Health Care Campaign 2023 Annual Health Advocacy Conference, Paving the Road to Health Equity scheduled on **Saturday, August 26th from 10AM – 4PM at the Jubilee Banquet Facility, 6700 Jubilee Center Way, Knoxville, TN**. Keynote Speaker: Leighton Ku, PHD, MPH. Please register at: www.tnhealthcarecampaign.org, flyer attached below.
- **Mental Health Awareness Day** - TDH is sponsoring the Wolf River Conservancy, Mental Health Awareness Day. Over the last two years, this program has positively impacted more than 300 community members, which is believed nature can nurture and teach problem-solving and coping mechanisms. Nature can also assist in helping to end suicide which is the second-leading cause of death among young people (ages 10-14 and 25-34). The Wolf River Conservancy has joined many community partners to be part of the solution, and through nature at their **FREE 3rd Annual Mental Health Awareness Day Event** is open to the public on **Saturday, September 30th at The Wolf River Greenway, 2630 Epping Way Drive. Memphis, TN from 10:30 am – 1:30 pm**. Food vendors will be onsite along with Job the Comfort Dog, educational resources from licensed counselors, firetrucks, music and much more.
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TOPICS OF DISCUSSION

Focus: N/A

Presenter: N/A

Summary: N/A

Member Comments: Announcements and Upcoming Events

- Dickinson County Community Baby Shower, at Dickinson Government Building, 303 Henslee Drive, Dickinson, TN, 37055 on Saturday, August 12th from 10AM – 12PM – All items are free to new Mom's and Dad's, flyer attached below.
- Purpose Point Community Health-End of Summer Community Health Fair / 2800 N Chamberlain Ave Chattanooga, TN 37406 / Date: Saturday, August 12th from 10AM – 2PM EST; Contact: Alicia Patterson, Clinic Administrator by phone Office 423-206-2981 / Cell 423-813-0873 or via email: apatterson@purpose-point.org

The Coordinated School Health Back-to-School Event is on August 12th at Whitwell High School, 200 Tiger Trail, Whitwell, TN 37397 from 8:00 AM to 1:00 PM. August 12--Back to School Bash 8:00 am Vendors/then Breakout Sessions 9:00 am-12:00 pm

- If anyone need more information, please visit our website at www.healthdisparitiestn.com

- You are invited to attend the upcoming CMS QIO TN Statewide Partnership for Community Health Virtual Event on **Tuesday, Aug 22, 2023 at 2:00 PM EST**, Topics include Health Equity and End Stage Renal Disease Please register in advance for this webinar: https://allianthealthorg.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_HusGgob0Sd2EcCiBbYZS4A
 - If anyone would like to give a presentation to the Task Force partners, please email us at tdh.ofbce@tn.gov
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Resources mentioned during call:

- Is anyone interested to work with or have any experience working with long-term care facilities? If so, please email me at alyshia.mcallister@tn.gov. If you need more information, please visit our website at www.healthdisparitiestn.com.
- Family and Children's Service (A TN Non-Profit) Get Covered TN Program. We provide healthcare access across all 95 counties, we enroll in TNCare, CoverKids and the Affordable Care Act. Please contact Sharon Barker, Certified Navigator by via email at: sharon.barker@fcsnashville.org

Chat Box – links / website / events:

- Bedford County Non-Profit Group, Next meeting – Wednesday, Sept 6th at Shelbyville Soup Kitchen 336 S Cannon Blvd, Shelbyville, TN - This meeting is for any non-profit that serves Bedford County and surrounding areas. Contact is Kay Bartley - khbartley9@gmail.com
 - You are invited to join a webinar: TN Statewide Partnerships for Community Health. After registering, you will receive a confirmation email about joining the webinar. Topics will include Health Equity and ESRD Centers for Medicare Medicaid Services (CMS) Quality Improvement Organization (QIO) Alliant Health Solutions facilitates a quarterly meeting with community
https://allianthealthorg.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_HusGgob0Sd2EcCiBbYZS4A
 - Tennessee State Government Opioid Abatement Council – Announcement of Funding -
<https://files.constantcontact.com/65a54313901/ae0a7452-f25a-4b18-8bf1-eae094df621c.pdf?rdr=true>
 - COVID-19 BCC Survey - https://mtsu.ca1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_4Ox6RVKPOhhtZOO
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Next Meeting: Thursday, August 17, 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)



8th Annual

Dickson County Community Baby Shower

Free to **all** Expecting Moms, Dads
& "New" Parents (of babies up to one year of age)!
Grandparents are also Welcome!

Saturday, August 12, 2023
10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Dickson County Government Building
 303 Henslee Drive
 Dickson, TN 37055



- Door Prizes
- WIC Representative
- Vendor Booths
- A FREE Gift
- Community Services
- Grand Prize Giveaway!
- Refreshments
- And MORE !!!



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DICKSON COUNTY



DRUG FREE
DICKSON
COALITION



Head Start



**TENNESSEE HEALTH
CARE CAMPAIGN**

2023 Annual Advocacy Conference

PAVING THE ROAD TO HEALTH EQUITY

Jubilee Banquet Facility,
6700 Jubilee Center Way,
Knoxville, TN

AUGUST 26, 2023
10:00 AM - 4:00 PM

KEYNOTE: Leighton Ku, PhD, MPH
 Director of the Center for Health Policy Research at George Washington University

Economic Benefits of Medicaid Expansion

REGISTER TODAY
www.tnhealthcarecampaign.org
 VIRTUAL OPTION AVAILABLE



COFFEE COUNTY COMMUNITY BABY SHOWER

Saturday, September 30th, 2023
MORE DETAILS COMING SOON!!

