

Health Disparities Advisory Meeting |MINUTES

August 1, 2024, | 1:00 P.M. – 2:00 P.M. | Location: Microsoft Teams

Meeting called by:	Division of Health Disparities Elimination	Approximately: 57 ppl.
Type of meeting:	Weekly Health Disparities Advisory Group Meeting	
Facilitator:	LaShan Dixon Office of Faith-Based and Community Engagement	

Motivational Quote: (LaShan Dixon) The inspirational quote to recognize Don't Be a Bully Month. "Never be bullied into silence, tell someone. Never allow yourself to be made a victim. Accept no one's definition of your life, define it yourself." – Harvey Fierstein

(LaShan Dixon)

- **World Lung Cancer Day** takes place annually on August 1st and is dedicated to lung cancer awareness and the promotion of overall lung health. Every year, World Lung Cancer Day helps raise awareness of the risk factors that may lead to lung cancer, such as smoking cigarettes, cigars, vaping, chewing tobacco and inhaling harmful chemicals such as tar, soot, and radon gas. Lung cancer remains the leading cause of cancer deaths among men and women. Noted below is a few common symptoms of lung cancer such as:
 - Persistent cough that may worsen over time.
 - Cough that produces blood
 - Hoarseness or wheezing and
 - Shortness of breath
 - Swelling of lymph nodes
 - Bone pain

Early diagnosis is the key to improving patient outcomes, to end this, we offer information [Lung Cancer Screening factsheet](#) you can download and national [screening](#), which is support of research that can help. If you need more information, support, or donate please contact the American Lung Association by phone at 1.800.LUNG.USA and/or their website at www.lung.org.

- **National Immunization Awareness Month (NIAM)** is an annual observance held in August to highlight the importance of vaccination for people of all ages. Together, we can help raise awareness about the importance of vaccination and encourage people to talk to a healthcare provider they trust about staying up to date on their vaccinations. Parents and patients may be unsure what vaccines they need. These short, quick quizzes can give them a list of vaccines based on their answers.

[Child Vaccine Quiz](#)

[Adult Vaccine Quiz](#)

TOPICS OF DISCUSSION

Focus: Tennessee Public Health Association Annual Conference

Presenter: Kim Harrell, Executive Director

Summary: The Tennessee Public Health Association Annual Conference is held on Wednesday, October 9 – 11, 2024, held at the Embassy Suites in Murfreesboro, Tennessee, with Keynote Speaker Doctor Marcella Wilson.

The conference will run as a panel with numerous of speakers and many different topics to discuss such as chronic disease, environmental, health, infectious disease, mental health, child health, sexual health, rural health and even vaccines just to name a few. The presentations will be shorter and sweeter, but impactful, informative and life changing.

If you like to join the Tennessee Public Health Association annual membership, or attend the annual conference, please go to our website and register at www.tnpublichealth.org and if you have any questions do not hesitate to call (615) 650.7000.

Member Comments: Announcements and Upcoming Events

- [Cancer Control and Care in Rural Communities: A National Rural Cancer Control Conference](#), Hosted by Vanderbilt Ingram Cancer Center, August 8-9, 2024, 1112 Jefferson Street, Nashville, TN 37217

Resources mentioned during call:

- BH's Back-To-School Block Party, 1604 East Main Street, Rogersville, TN 37857 Saturday, August 2, 2024 3:00PM – 5:30PM
- McDonald Mission Center, Back to School, End of Summer Carnival, on Saturday, August 3 from 10AM – 1PM, located at 75 Ailshie Lane, Mohawk, TN 37810
- Conexion Americas, Back to School, Saturday, August 3rd from 9AM – 1PM at 2195 Nolensville Pike, Nashville, TN 37211
- Dickson Community, Baby Shower, Saturday, August 3rd at 10AM located at the Dickson County Fairgrounds, 1053 Highway 47 E, Dickson, TN 37055
- TN Heart Health Network's, Inaugural Annual Conference, 926 E McLemore Avenue, Memphis, TN 38106, Saturday, August 9-10, 2024 at 9:00AM – 5:00PM (Both Days)
- Humphreys County, Community Baby Shower, Waverly United Methodist Church, 115 West Main Street, Waverly, TN 37185, Saturday, August 17, 2024 at 9:00AM – 1:00PM
- If you need more information, please visit our website at www.healthdisparitiestn.com

Chat Box – links / website / events:

- The Tennessee Department of Health's Youth Advisory Council (YAC) and the Youth Engagement Workgroup is excited to invite you (or your institution) to the 5th Annual Youth Conference. This year's conference will focus on helping youth and families navigate the barriers associated with labeling. The conference will take place on August

2, 2024, at Tennessee State Library and Archives from 9:00 AM to 3:30 PM and will feature keynote speakers, a youth-led panel, topic-related youth poets and interactive breakout sessions. Please find the flyer attached for more details. Remember to scan the QR code on the flyer to register for the event. [YAC Conference Flyer Final.pdf](#)

- TN Charitable Care Network is looking for organizations that would be interested in connecting with our members by exhibiting at our upcoming Annual Conference September 3 – 5. If you need more information, please click the link <https://www.tccnetwork.org/2024-sponsors-and-exhibitors-application.html>
 - Together Nashville Refugee Conference September 21, 2024 at 8:00 AM - 2:00 PM at Woodmont Hills Church, 3710 Franklin Pike, Nashville, TN 37204 - Light breakfast, coffee, snacks, lunch, and access to all exhibits are included in the \$25 cost of the conference. <https://onlytogethernashville.com/event.html>
 - This event will provide resources, education, and fun for the entire family, please come out and attend the Marion County Community Health Expo – Saturday, September 28th from 9AM – 1PM CST at Courthouse Square, Jasper, TN 37347
 - If you need more information, please visit our website at www.healthdisparitiestn.com
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Next Meeting: August 8, 2024, 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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