Greetings IHWDC:

We are currently accepting applications for the 2022-2024 cohorts at all regional locations for the Tennessee Area Health Education Center (AHEC) Scholars Program: **Central** (Nashville); Matthew Walker Comprehensive Health Center (MWCHC); **East** (Knoxville and Chattanooga); Cherokee Health Systems and **West** (Memphis); Cherokee Health Systems (Note: West transfer to Christ Community Health Services in Fall 2022).

Are programs in your region looking for additional clinical and didactic opportunities to enhance their student's health professions career? The TN AHEC Program promotes a coordinated approach to education and training for graduate level health professions students with the knowledge and skills to provide culturally competent, quality health care services, especially in rural and medically underserved areas. Benefits of participating in such a dynamic program will offer students the following:

- o Opportunities to participate in training programs designed for providers in FQHCs, RHCs and CHCs in the state of Tennessee.

- o Increased understanding of attitudes, such as mistrust, subconscious bias, and stereotypes which practitioners and patients may bring to the patient encounters.

- o Heightened awareness of the existence and magnitude of health disparities, including the multi-factorial causes and the many solutions required to diminish or eliminate them.

- o Skills to effectively communicate and negotiate across cultures, languages, and literacy levels, including the use of key tools to improve communication.

- o Information and workshops about Loan Repayment Programs and career opportunities in Tennessee.

I have attached the 2022 TN AHEC Scholars Program brochure your review; applications are currently being accepted until August 1, 2022.

Best Regards,

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