

Agenda At-a-Glance

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Collective Impact: A Call to Action

WEDNESDAY–NOVEMBER 16, 2022, PRE-CONFERENCE

8:00–9:00 am | Better Health, Better Learning: Coordinated School Health Updates

Presenter: Lori Paisley, MS, BA–Tennessee Department of Education

Moderator: Shayla Sanderson

In 2006, Tennessee became the only state in the nation with a legislative mandate and annual state funding to implement Coordinated School Health in all school districts. Coordinated School Health continues to improve students' health and their capacity to learn through the support of schools, families, and communities working together. Current Coordinated School Health data, accomplishments, and success stories from across the state will be shared along with identified areas of impact needed.

Objectives:

- Participants will be able to understand the current mission of Coordinated School Health in Tennessee
- Participants will be able to identify health issues that impair student academic success.
- Participants will be able to analyze gaps and redundancies in school health programming and identify opportunities to increase the commitment of all partners to ensure positive educational and health outcomes.

Audience: Coordinated School Health

Location: Dulcimer

9:00–10:00 am | We're All in This Together: Coordinated School Health Partnering with School Social Workers - Panel Discussion

Presenters: Leslie Brasfield, RN, BSN; Carmen Smith; Shannon Railing, MPH, MA; Lori Snow, BS; Amanda Jones, LBSW; Trace Golden, MA; Lou Paschall, LAPSW, NCSSW

Schools: Manchester City Schools, Lincoln Co. Schools and Warren Co. Schools

Moderator: Leslie Brasfield

Panel members will discuss how Coordinated School Health and School Social Work programs work together in various districts across the state. Topics addressed will include: benefits of forming a strong partnership between Coordinated School Health and School Social Workers, roles of each provider and how they complement each other, and specific practices for Coordinated School Health and School Social Work partnerships.

Objectives:

- Session attendees will learn how a strong partnership between Coordinated School Health and School Social Workers can benefit students
- Session attendees will learn about the role(s) that Social Workers do and do not play in educational settings
- Session attendees will consider opportunities for partnerships between Coordinated School Health and School Social Workers in their district.

Audience: Coordinated School Health

Location: Dulcimer

10:00–11:00 am | Take and Make: Family Health Engagement

Presenter: Kate Gaylon, BS – Loudon County Schools Coordinated School Health

Moderator: Kathy Atwood, Trousdale Schools Coordinated School Health

This presentation will showcase our Take and Make kits. These kits were created during the pandemic to still reach students and their families with healthy food options, nutrition education, and relationship building in their homes.

Objectives:

- Learn about take and makes
- Learn about nutrition education.
- Learn about health in the home

Audience: Coordinated School Health

Location: Dulcimer

10:00–11:00 am | Ending the Epidemic: Prevention Education in K12

Presenter: Caison Bridger, MEd–EVERFI

Moderator: Anna Hurt, Coordinator for Anderson County Coordinated School Health

Are you a K12 educator looking for tools to help combat Rx drug, alcohol abuse, and mental wellness? Then this is the session for you! The Rx Drug Safety Network and EVERFI provide schools across the state with no-cost online learning programs that are engaging, aligned to state standards, provide teachers with in-course graded assessments and students with the skills necessary to make wise life choices. Attendees will leave with access to all programs and year-round support. Come learn more and join the hundreds of TN schools that are already a part of the EVERFI network!

Objectives:

- Attendees will use online EVERFI lessons to create a personalized plan for student development.
- Attendees will understand how to access and leverage EVERFI lessons.
- Attendees will have time to map curriculum into their scope and sequences

Audience: Coordinated School Health

Location: Banjo

10:00–11:00 am | RHC Group Meet & Greet - Sponsored by Charles James Jr., President & CEO of North American Healthcare Management Services

Moderator: Jacy Warrell, Executive Director of RHA of TN

Location: Cello AB

11:00–11:30 am | Break - Visit Exhibits

**11:30 am | Luncheon and Opening Welcome from
Freda Russell, RHA of TN President**

11:30–12:30 pm | Keynote: Eliminating Health Disparities Statewide in Tennessee

Presenter: Commissioner McDonald and the Tennessee Department of Health

Moderator: Freda Russell, RHA of TN President

Commissioner McDonald will share how the Tennessee Department of Health's mission is to protect, promote and improve the health and prosperity of people in Tennessee. This session will provide updates on Tennessee's the Tennessee Department of Health's efforts to improve population health.

Objectives:

- Attendees will understand the most recent data on health disparities statewide and the success of various mitigation strategies, particularly in rural areas
- Attendees will understand how to support public health efforts through consistent messaging and education
- Attendees will discover resources available to providers and public to improve health of Tennesseans

Audience: All Attendees

Location: Ballroom

12:40–1:40 pm | Keynote: Health Equity, Poverty and Rural Resilience

Presenter: Michael Meit, MA, MPH East Tennessee State University Center for Rural Health Research

Moderator: Aaron Haynes, UTHSC

Rural populations comprise nearly 20% of the United States population, and experience significant health disparities as compared to non-rural residents. Rural communities and residents face a myriad of challenges related to social determinants of health, including lower socio-economic status, lower educational attainment, and more limited access to health care and public health services. Rural communities of color experience even greater health inequities as the impacts of geography, race and ethnicity converge to create dual disparities. And yet, our rural communities are also characterized by unique strengths and assets, such as higher degrees of social connectedness, cross-sector collaboration, creative problem solving, and resilience. This session will highlight what is known about rural health inequities and how they vary by rural geographic region, describe health inequities in Tennessee, present measures of rural prosperity that can help us to understand factors of risk and resilience in our rural communities, and highlight rural strengths and assets that can be leveraged to improve rural community health and well-being.

Objectives:

- Participants will be able to name at least 3 rural health inequities observed nationally and in Tennessee.
- Participants will be able to name at least 2 social determinants of health tied to poverty nationally and in Tennessee.
- Participants will be able to name at least 3 positive attributes of rural communities that can be leveraged to improve health and well being.

Keynote: Striving Toward Resilience and Opportunity for the Next Generation in Northeast Tennessee and Southwest Virginia

Presenter: Karen Schetzina, MD, MPH, FAAP – STRONG Accountability Care Community Leadership Council Chair

This presentation will give participants an introduction to the widely-acclaimed yet oft-misunderstood Collective Impact model. The speaker will share the journey of the STRONG Accountable Care Community (STRONG ACC), showing how a common agenda, mutually-reinforcing activities, shared measurement, continuous communication, and backbone support are putting the Appalachian Highlands region on a path to improved physical, social, and economic health.

Objectives: Participants will be able to describe the five pillars of the Collective Impact model.

- Participants will be able to distinguish between community impact goals, strategies, and initiatives.
- Participants will be able to define what constitutes an effective backbone organization.

Audience: All Attendees

Location: Ballroom

1:40–2:00 pm | Break -Visit Exhibits

2:00–3:00 pm | Utilizing Partnerships to Advance Health Equity in Breast and Cervical Cancer

Presenter: Elizabeth Berardi, MPH, BSN, RN Tennessee Department of Health - TBCSP & Roberta White, BS, Tennessee Department of Health Tennessee Breast Cancer Screening Prevention Program

Moderator: Dorshonda Evans, RHA of TN

Comprehensive data analysis and strategic partnerships can contribute to progress in addressing populations disproportionately burdened by breast and cervical cancer. By identifying areas of need, communicating the findings, and leveraging partnerships, service delivery to vulnerable populations increased during the COVID pandemic.

Objectives:

- Understand how to use data to identify disparities and gaps in program areas
- Understand how to leverage data to create new or strengthen existing partnerships to achieve health equity
- Understand how partnerships play a vital role in reaching disproportionately burdened populations and can increase service delivery

Audience: All - Population Health

Location: Cello AB

2:00–3:00 pm | Considerations for Caring for Transgender Patients

Presenter: Del Ray Zimmerman, Vanderbilt University Medical Center Office of Diversity Affairs and LGBTQ Health Director

Moderator: Ashley King-Long, UTHSC

Transgender people are more visible than ever before. The Williams Institute at UCLA estimates that nearly a half million transgender people live in Southern states, often times in rural areas. At the same time, transgender people often experience health disparities at higher rates and have difficulty finding affirming care. This presentation will offer best practices on how to welcome and care for transgender patients, as well as navigational resources for gender-affirming care.

Objectives:

- To increase cultural competency regarding transgender patients
- To increase knowledge of health disparities transgender patients face
- To strategize best practices for caring for transgender patients without needing to be an expert in gender affirming care

Audience: All - Population Health

Location: Cello CD

2:00–3:00 pm | Access to Care for Rural Communities

Presenter: Jess Ames, BSA– Angel Flight East

Moderator: Erica Johnson-Lockett, West Tennessee Healthcare Bolivar

Angel Flight East (AFE) is an organization dedicated to rural health by facilitating free air transportation to children and adults in need of medical treatment far from home. The service runs through the help of 400+ volunteer pilots who provide the aircraft and time to fly people from rural areas to larger hospital or clinic facilities for medical care.

Objectives:

- Recommend Angel Flight East as a free resource to families
- Differentiate Angel Flight East from other air transportation resources
- Improve access to care for rural patients

Audience: All - Population Health

Location: Dulcimer

2:00–3:00 pm | Bringing Mental Health & Substance Abuse Services to Middle Tennessee

Presenters: Kathryn Atwood, MA Trousdale County Health Council/Trousdale County Schools and Brenda Harper, BSW, Trousdale County Health Council

Moderator: Jackie Cavnar, Mental Health America of the MidSouth

Trousdale County has never had consistent mental health and substance abuse services locally until the Trousdale County Health Council decided it was time to do something. This session will share the steps the council took to solve this issue.

Objectives:

- To provide a framework for other rural areas to use to recruit local mental health service providers

- To share experiences on how one group of community partners worked together to solve a local issue
- To assist other health councils in becoming an agent of change in their community.

Audience: Coordinated School Health, Rural Provider, All - Population Health

Location: Banjo

2:00–3:00 pm | The Culture of Telehealth

Presenters: Becky Sanders, MBA, OPYS Physician Services

Moderator: Beth Keylon, RHA of TN

At the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic, many healthcare organizations had never contemplated offering Telehealth services and they had to rush to implement some type of virtual platform. This presentation will discuss change management theories that can still be implemented to create order out of chaos. No one likes changes to be forced upon them. Change can be scary, and unpredictable. This presentation will showcase Telehealth services as a silver lining of the COVID-19 pandemic, and provide step by step examples of how to integrate change management theories into your Telehealth program. Examples will include LEAN Healthcare tools and a sample work plan. Learners will be able to think through the process of assigning the right tasks to the individuals most suited to streamlining your organization's Telehealth program.

Objectives:

- Learners will be able to describe LEAN Healthcare Tools
- Learners will be able to create a telehealth work plan
- Learners will be able to describe the Plan/Do/Check/Act method of process improvement

Audience: Hospital/Clinic/FQHC, Rural Provider

Location: Ballroom

3:00–3:15 pm | Break - Visit Exhibits

3:15–4:15 pm | Using Enhanced Simulation to Address Healthcare Needs of a Geriatric, Rural, Medically Underserved Population

Presenters: Gennifer Baker, DNP, RN University of Tennessee Southern and

Allen T. Stanton, MDiV University of Tennessee Southern

Moderator: Sarah Wells, Friends in Need Health Center

This session includes population statistics and rural healthcare challenges of Giles County, Tennessee. The University of Tennessee Southern (UTS) Jeanette M. Travis School of Nursing is working to address these challenges through the implementation of telehealth nursing in the campus simulation lab. This innovative telehealth simulation is needed to prepare BSN students on strategies of technology to maximizes the opportunity for reaching the geriatric, rural, medically-underserved population so prevalent in the UTS service area.

Objectives:

- Define the rural population and healthcare needs of Giles County.
- Identify creative strategies to teach nursing students methodologies to meet the healthcare needs of rural populations.
- Articulate and translate methodologies to practice.

Audience: Coordinated School Health, Rural Provider, All - Population Health
Location: Cello AB

3:15–4:15 pm | LMU and Elgin Children’s Foundation, Bridging the gap of dental disparities in East TN

Presenters: Dr. Denise Terese-Koch, B.S., DDS, FAGD, MBA and Brandy Pressley, RDA, MBA

Moderator: Anna Hurt, Anderson County Coordinated School Health

Oral health plays a vital role in daily lives. The oral cavity impacts how individuals speak, eat, and smile. Tooth decay is preventable, yet it remains one of the most common chronic conditions in the United States. Hundreds of thousands of people each year suffer from severe dental pain due to cost, access to dental care, and lack of dental education.

Objectives:

- How can we bridge the gap?
- Access to oral health care
- Patient Education
- Affordable care

Audience: Hospital/Clinic/FQHC, Coordinated School Health, Rural Provider, All – Population Health

Location: Cello CD

3:15–4:15 pm | Creating the Conduit to Nature for Improved Health

Presenters: Stacey Levine, MA, Healthy Parks Healthy Person TN

Moderator: Elaine Jackson, Stewart County Coordinated School Health

How can we work together to collectively get Tennesseans utilizing the outdoors to treat depression, anxiety, ADD, chronic diseases, and obesity? The Healthy Parks Healthy Person (HPHP) program is a cross-sector solution to utilize the abundance of parks and outdoor spaces in TN to encourage people to get outdoors and create habits to improve their health.

Objectives:

- Why we need the health benefits of Nature now more than ever
- How we can use behavior change psychology to encourage people outdoors
- What are some emerging Park Prescription technologies and programs

Audience: All – Population Health

Location: Dulcimer

3:15–4:15 pm | Implementing Medication Assisted Treatment in the Jefferson County Detention Center

Presenter: Kristen Zak, MPA-TN Department of Health Overdose Response Deputy Director, Judge Duane Slone- State of TN Circuit Court Judge, Stephen Loyd, MD Cedar Recovery Chief Medical Officer & Candace Allen, MS, McNabb Center Senior Director of Adult Intensive Services

Moderator: Barry Cooper, JACO

The presentation will focus on the implementation of Medication Assisted Treatment for inmates with Opioid Use Disorder in the Jefferson County Detention Center, the first

program of it's kind in TN. The presentation will focus on building partnerships, developing policies and procedures, addressing barriers as well as outcomes for patient/inmates.

Objectives:

- Learn of the evidence behind the use of MAT for individuals with Opioid Use Disorder
- Learn of the unique risks among the incarcerated with OUD for overdose upon release from jail
- Learn how this program was successfully implemented in a rural TN county

Audience: Hospital/Clinic/FQHC, Coordinated School Health, Rural Provider, All – Population Health

Location: Banjo

3:15–4:15 pm | Developing Rural Primary Care Physicians

Presenter: Tom Kincer, MD, ETSU Quillen COM-Rural and Community Programs and Brandon Castle, MEd, ETSU Quillen COM-Rural and Community Programs

Moderator: Ann Cranford, Tennessee Department of Health

ETSU Quillen College of Medicine will review our EQUIP mentoring program and our Rural Track program, beginning in high school and throughout medical school, for students interested in becoming a rural primary care physician.

Objectives:

- The participate will understand the unique challenges of recruiting physicians to rural areas
- The participate will become familiar with pathway programs for physician workforce development
- The participant will be able to identify students suited for medical school pathway programs

Audience: Hospital/Clinic/FQHC, Rural Provider, All - Population Health

Location: Ballroom

THURSDAY–NOVEMBER 17, 2022

8:30–9:30 am | Plenary Topic: National Updates from Congressman Green

Presenter: Congressman Mark Green, MD, United States Congressman for Tennessee's 7th District

Plenary Topic: National Rural Health Updates

Presenter: Brock Slabach, MPH, FACHE, Chief Operations Officer at The National Rural Health Association

Moderator: Jacy Warrell, RHA of TN Executive Director

Location: Ballroom

9:40–10:40 am | Plenary Topic: Policy in Action: How Do We Stop the Maternal Health Crisis?

Presenter: Senator London Lamar, Tennessee State District 33

Moderator: Dr. Brenda Jones, Lee University School of Nursing

Tennessee is in a maternal health crisis. Eight-Nine percent of the pregnancy-related deaths

between 2017–2020 were deemed preventable. This crisis is exacerbated in communities that experience negative social determinants of health. Join Tennessee State Senator London Lamar to understand the landscape of maternal health in Tennessee, learn about effective policy moves in reducing rates of maternal mortality, and to choose your advocacy pathway in this fight.

Objectives:

- Participants will describe the current landscape of maternal health in Tennessee, learn about effective policy moves in reducing rates of maternal mortality, and to choose your advocacy pathway in this fight.
- Participants will review policy and programming that reduce maternal mortality rates.
- Participants will identify actionable advocacy steps to address maternal health inequities and disparities in their local communities.

Plenary Topic: Pediatric Emergency Preparedness: What About the Kids?

Presenter: Oseana Bratton, BSN, RN, CPEN, CRPC & Trauma Coordinator, Emergency Services at East Tennessee Children’s Hospital

Moderator: Dr. Brenda Jones, Lee University School of Nursing

Join us as we discuss what it means for your region to be “pediatric ready”. We will share best practices for assessing your level of pediatric emergency readiness as well as reviewing current programs and resources available to help you bridge recognized gaps.

Objectives:

- Discuss what it means to be “Pediatric Ready”
- Review current programs in place throughout Tennessee that address pediatric emergency preparedness.
- Identify different resources available to help strengthen your pediatric preparedness plans.

Audience: All – Population Health

Location: Ballroom

10:45–11:45 am | Home Visiting in Student Services Programs

Presenter: Lou Paschall, LAPSW, NCSSW, Manchester City Schools

Moderator: Leslie Brasfield, RN, Manchester City Coordinated School Health

Home visits can be an invaluable tool to build rapport with students and families and improve communication home-school communication. School personnel must consider how to conduct home visits safely. Session attendees will receive valuable information regarding how to implement home visiting as a part of a Coordinated School Health program.

Objectives:

- Session attendees will learn about how home visiting can promote rapport with students and families and improve home-school communication.
- Session attendees will review sample procedures with regard to how to conduct a home visit.
- Session attendees will review practical tips to promote safety while conducting home visits.

Audience: Coordinated School Health, All – Population Health, Rural Provider

Location: Cello AB

10:45–11:45 am | Improving Child-Well Being through Building Resilient Tennessee Communities

Presenter: **Melissa McGee, MS, MA**, Tennessee Commission on Children and Youth/ Children’s Mental Health Advocacy Director, and **Kylie Graves, MSSW**, Tennessee Commission on Children and Youth Policy Specialist

Moderator: **Dana Cobb, TCCY**

This session will provide an overview of current indicators of child well-being, the relationship those indicators have with Adverse Childhood Experiences, and the role of community involvement in addressing these issues.

Objectives:

- Audience will learn about and understand current indicators of child well-being and Tennessee’s place in those rankings.
- Audience will learn about early childhood adversity and the impact on identified child well-being indicators.
- Audience will learn about collective impact and the work of the Resilient Tennessee Collaborative to address ACEs and improve Tennessee’s child well-being indicators.

Audience: All – Population Health

Location: Ballroom

10:45–11:45 am | Development of a Rural Recovery Ecosystem Index

Presenters: **Michael Meit, MA, MPH**, East Tennessee State University Center for Rural Health Research, and **Grant Meyer, MUP**, Fletcher Group UP of Project Development

Moderator: **Tyler Melton, PhD**, UTHSC College of Pharmacy

Robust recovery ecosystems provide environments where individuals can access substance use treatment and recovery support services. With support from the Fletcher Group through their Rural Community Opioid Response Program Center for Excellence, the NORC Walsh Center for Rural Health Analysis and ETSU Center for Rural Health Research are developing an index to measure the strength of rural, county-level recovery ecosystems. This session will describe the index and demonstrate functionalities of the associated mapping tool.

Objectives:

- Identify aspects of a strong substance use disorder recovery ecosystem.
- Assess the strength of a county-level substance use disorder recovery ecosystem using a rural recovery ecosystem index.
- Describe the methodology used to develop the rural recovery ecosystem index.

Audience: All – Population Health

Location: Cello CD

10:45–11:45 am | Tennessee’s Hospital Closures: A Spatial Science Approach to Understanding Effects on County-Level Mortality and Vulnerable Rural Communities, 2010-2019

Presenters: **Tracey Stansberry, PhD, APRN, ACON**, University of Tennessee College of Nursing, and **Patricia Roberson, PhD**, University of Tennessee College of Nursing

Moderator: **Jeneen Ablan, Vizient**

Our team studied the relationships between Tennessee’s disparate rural mortality rates and declining access to hospital/emergency care, 2010–2019. Significant correlations existed between county-level mortality rates and distance or travel times to hospital and emergency care, median age, median household income, uninsured status, ethnicity, and rurality. Socio-demographic factors eclipsed access to hospital care effects in our multivariate models. Nevertheless, rural communities cannot break the poverty-poor health cycle without sustainable rural health investments and policies.

Objectives:

- Understand the effects of declining access to hospital care on Tennessee’s disparate rural mortality rates
- Understand how socioeconomic and demographic factors affect Tennessee’s county-level mortality rates, 2010–2019
- Understand how Tennessee policymakers can trigger a cycle of health and wealth in the state’s rural communities

Audience: Rural Provider, All – Population Health

Location: Dulcimer

10:45–11:45am | Rural Health: Recognizing & Understanding Rural Allyship for LGBTQIA+ Health

Presenters: Stephen “Alex” Crockett, MA, ETSU Quillen College of Medical Student, Makayla Cornelius, BS, ETSU Quillen College of Medicine Medical Student, and Zack Lindsey, ETSU Quillen College of Medicine Medical Student

Moderator: Allie Haynes, RHA of TN

This session will provide healthcare educators and practitioners with a brief overview of and impact of a training that can be implemented in classroom and clinic-based settings addressing health disparities affecting rural LGBTQIA+ patients. With the lack of similar education in healthcare professional training programs, this session will aim to fill a gap by addressing current issues within LGBTQIA+ health and provide practical and low-cost initiatives to create a more welcoming clinic environment.

Objectives:

- Describe unique social, economic, and geographic barriers influencing LGBTQIA+ patients ability to access healthcare in rural settings.
- Identify evidence-based clinical resources or local organizations to utilize when addressing unique healthcare needs of LGBTQIA+ patients in rural communities.
- Examine strategies to creating a clinic environment and medical practice that welcomes and affirms LGBTQIA+ patients in rural communities

Audience: Hospital/ Clinic/ FQHC, Coordinated School Health, Rural Provider, All – Population Health

Location: Banjo

11:45 am–12:00 pm | Break-Visit Exhibits

12:00 pm | Awards Luncheon

12:15–1:15 pm | Keynote: Drug Take Back Program

Presenters: **Tyler Cody Melton, PharmD, MPH, BCPS**, University of Tennessee Health Assistant Professor and Rural Health Program Coordinator University of TN Health Science Center College of Pharmacy

The RHA of TN, in partnership with the University of Tennessee College of Pharmacy has developed a Prescription Drug Take-Back Toolkit. This Toolkit provides pharmacies, and other community-based organizations, with background information, best practices, examples, and communications/messaging specific to prescription drug take-back strategies. The Toolkit focuses on three strategies: 1) Permanent Collection Sites in Pharmacies, 2) Prescription Drug Take-Back Events, and 3) Community Engagement in the Prevention of Opioid Misuse. These strategies include pharmacies and other community-based organizations in efforts to educate the public on safe medication storage, disposal, and prescription drug take-back events.

Objectives:

- Describe pharmacies' role in preventing prescription opioid misuse and promoting community health
- Discuss opportunities exploring prescription drug take-back strategies and possible community engagement
- Review the RHA of TN Prescription Drug Take-Back Toolkit

Keynote: Community Collective Impact

Presenter: **Kelly Shearin**, Director, Member Experience & Strategic Partnerships at Amerigroup Community Care

Learn how to build a collective impact that can improve the overall health and well-being of your patients

Objectives:

- Learn what is collective impact and the importance of it in rural communities
- Hear success stories to get ideas for how you can build a model that fits your practice
- Build your own sample collective impact model for your practice

Audience: All – Population Health

Location: Ballroom

1:20–1:50 pm | Presentation of Awards

1:50–2:00 pm | Break-Visit Exhibits

2:00–3:00 pm | Improving Access to Care for Sexual Assault Victims and Survivors in the West Tennessee Area

Presenter: **Lisa Beasley, DNP, APRN, RN, NP-C**, University of Tennessee Health Science Center College of Nursing and **Andrea Sebastian, DNP, PNP, SANE-P**, University of Tennessee Health Science Center College of Nursing

Moderator: **Sherry Scruggs**, Milan General Hospital

Sexual assault services for victims in the 21 county West Tennessee area is limited. In 2019, there were almost 6,000 sexual assaults with approximately six (6) Sexual Assault Nurse Examiners (SANE) available. The UTHSC CON received a HRSA grant to increase the

supply and distribution of SANEs in West Tennessee. To date, programs are being built in rural areas and strengthened in Shelby & Madison Counties improving health disparities and access to care.

Objectives:

- Describe the dire state of access to care for sexual assault victims living in rural & underserved populations in West Tennessee
- Discuss the efforts of the team in recruiting and supporting victims and providers in forensic nursing care
- Report the progress of the team to date and future outcomes timeline

Audience: All – Population Health, Hospital/FQHC, Coordinated School Health, Rural Provider

Location: Cello AB

2:00–3:00 pm | Project Rural Recovery - What We’ve Learned about Implementing and Operating Mobile Integrated Care in Rural Tennessee

Presenters: **Darren Layman, MA**, Tennessee Department of Health, Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services Project Rural Recovery Director, **Deanna Day, MSW**, Tennessee Department of Health, Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services, **Deborah Hillen, MA, LADAC, QCS**, Buffalo Valley, Inc. President, and **Shellie Hall M.Ed**, McNabb Center

Moderator: **Shannon Haynes**, Emmaus Consulting LLC

The Tennessee Department of Mental Health & Substance Abuse Services will provide an overview of the mobile integrated care model employed in ten rural Tennessee counties; considerations for implementation and operation; hiring challenges and strategies; and patient flow, privacy, and data collection management. Lessons learned will be shared along with an audience dialogue to explore creative solutions to ongoing programmatic challenges and sustainability.

Objectives:

- Project implementation and overcoming operational challenges
- Lessons learned from providing integrated care in rural TN
- Balancing patient flow, privacy, and data collection

Audience: Rural Provider

Location: Dulcimer

2:00–3:00 pm | A Rural Perspective on COVID-19 Vaccinations

Presenter: **Bonnie Hinds, MS** University of Tennessee Extension, **Soghra Jarvandi, MD, MPH, PHD**, University of Tennessee, **Diana D. Dedmon, DNP, APRN, FNP-DC**, University of Tennessee College of Nursing and **Sara Day, PhD, RN, FAAN**, University of Tennessee College of Nursing

Moderator: **April Judkins**, Rural Health Association of TN

Vaccination remains the most effective weapon in preventing severe COVID illness, hospitalization, and mortality. Understanding the barriers to vaccine uptake is crucial to developing and disseminating education that improves vaccination rates. This session will share the results of pilot projects on COVID vaccination led by UT Extension in five of the state’s rural counties. UT Extension is one of 24 awardees in the national “Extension Collaborative on Immunization Teaching and Engagement.”

Objectives:

- Understand the importance of partnerships in addressing critical public health issues.
- Recognize the perspectives of rural Tennesseans in considering COVID-19 and other adult vaccines.
- Apply increased confidence in communicating and engaging about the COVID vaccines.

Audience: Hospital/Clinic/FQHC, Rural Provider

Location: Cello CD

2:00–3:00 pm | Emergency Preparedness - A Social, Emotional and Relational Approach

Presenter: Hunter Hancock, IMHE, BSW, AimHiTN

Moderator: Dr. Beth Anne Fox, ETSU

The Preparedness for Emergency Response in Tennessee Toolkit (PERTT): A Social-Emotional Relational Approach was developed. This toolkit, while referencing Tennessee, is universal in its core principles of Social-Emotional Relational Response to a wide variety of emergent situations. These situations include not just natural disasters but also the less acknowledged emergencies such as, gun violence, domestic abuse, homelessness, and even death that may become part of a child's early experience. We have utilized best practices and current research to develop this toolkit. We seek to promote these concepts to influence all emergency preparedness discussions to consider physical safety and trauma-informed emotional safety.

Objectives:

- Trauma Informed Emergency Response
- Social and Emotional Impact of Disaster On Development
- Accessing and Using PERT Toolkit

Audience: All – Population Health

Location: Banjo

2:00–3:00 pm | Enhancing Community Health Improvement Processes

Presenter: Jennifer Trail, LAPSW - TN Dept. of Health, Office of Strategic Affairs Assistant Director; and JW Randolph, MPH-TN. Dept. of Health, Office of Strategic Affairs Director

Moderator: Lori Paisley, Tennessee Department of Education

This session will showcase how thoughtful, inclusive design of strategies at the state level can advance equity and improve health outcomes by leveraging COVID-19 recovery resources to strengthen local capacity for meaningful collaboration. By the end of this session, participants will be able to:

Objectives:

- Understand how the state of Tennessee supports County Health Councils to implement Community Health Assessment and Planning
- Identify at least 1 strategy to center equity both in the design of a strategic process and as an end goal
- Discuss how federal COVID recovery funds can be utilized to enhance the Community Health Improvement Process to catalyze local collaboration and address health disparities

Audience: All – Population Health

Location: Banjo

3:00–3:15 pm | Break-Visit Exhibits

3:15–4:15 pm | Engaging Schools, Colleges and Employers in Addressing the Healthcare Workforce Shortage

Presenters: **Patty Lane, MS, MHM, MA;** **Beth Keylon, BS;** and **April Judkins,** Rural Health Association of Tennessee

Moderator: **Dr. Desiree Kelly,** Tennessee Primary Care Association

The Rural Health Association of TN Workforce Development Team will their share experience in working with schools, healthcare organizations and community partners in addressing the healthcare workforce shortage. Over the past year, the team has worked with schools in various locations across the state to promote RHA’s workforce readiness curriculum to prepare students for the workforce. Our case management services have assisted apprentices in overcoming barriers to being successful in the workplace and adding needed healthcare certifications. Our hope is to continue to work with healthcare employers, leveraging our community and regional partners in addressing their recruitment and retainment issues to grow a more viable rural healthcare workforce.

Objectives:

- Participants will engage in a discussion about the impact the healthcare workforce shortage has had on individuals, organizations, and communities
- Participants will gain insight on strategies for creating a healthcare workforce pipeline from school to a career
- Participants will gain knowledge about the successes and challenges of implementing healthcare apprenticeships

Audience: Hospital/Clinic/FQHC, Coordinated School Health, Rural Provider, All – Population Health

Location: Cello AB

3:15–4:15 pm | Radon and Indoor Air Quality – Lessons from the Pandemic

Presenters: **Kristina Snyder, Certified Radon Specialist,** Engineering Extension at Kansas State University, **Lexi Brown,** Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation, TN Radon Program

Moderator: **Dr. Richard Wallace,** ETSU Quillen Medical Library

This presentation will explore the lessons learned about indoor air quality due to the pandemic with a focus on the issue of radon in homes, schools, and the workplace. National and Tennessee specific information will reveal public response to the pandemic and risk communication outreach efforts addressing radon exposure due to increased time spent indoors. Implications for health care providers of healthy and unhealthy home indoor air quality will be explored.

Objectives:

- Understand the nature of radon, indoor air quality and lung cancer risk
- Gain knowledge needed to introduce radon as a health risk to clients
- Gain knowledge needed to encourage clients to improve home air quality and radon risk reduction

Audience: All – Population Health

Location: Cello CD

3:15–4:15 pm | Leveraging the Power of Activities for Hospitalized Patients Diagnosed with Dementia

Presenters: Lynn Wood, CDS, MHFA, Mental Health America of the MidSouth

Moderator: Tresea Donelson, Tennessee Department of Health

This class will focus on what a person with dementia or Alzheimer's disease may be trying to tell you with a behavior. Once we can determine the purpose behind the behavior, we may have in sight on the best redirection technique. We will explore appropriate activities and how to approach and engage the person living with dementia in participation in the activity

Objectives:

- Recognize difficult behaviors of those living with Dementia and understand the meaning being communicated behind these behaviors for appropriate caregiver intervention
- Understand appropriate means of physically approaching someone living with dementia to obtain the desired outcome with minimal stress on the individual and caregiver.
- Understand and create redirection techniques and activities to avert unwanted behaviors to appropriate and safe activities for the individual living with dementia

Audience: All – Population Health, Hospital/Clinic/FQHC, Rural Provider

Location: Dulcimer

3:15–4:15 pm | North Carolina Veterans and Limited Resource Farmers' Reported Needs for Farm Safety and Well-being Programs

Presenters: Paula E. Faulkner, PhD North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University, Osei-Agyeman Yeboah, PhD, North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University, Robert Cobb, Jr., PhD, North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University, and Shon D. Smith, PhD, North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University

Moderator: Shan Patel, RHA of TN

The session will target veterans' and limited resource farmers' needs. Rural residents often lack access to information allowing them to sustainable lifestyles. Researchers, educators, and rural health providers are encouraged to collaborate on ways to address these needs. First, findings from the speakers' workshop will be shared. Then, session attendees will engage in an interactive discussion on what challenges they experience and strategies found beneficial for addressing the needs of the targeted population.

Learning Objectives:

- What challenges do rural residents face to live sustainable lifestyles?
- What programs have been successful for rural residents to live sustainable lifestyles?
- How are mental health needs for rural residents assessed and addressed?

Audience: Rural Provider, All – Population Health

Location: Banjo

3:15–4:15 pm | Correctional Career Pathways 2 + PEERhelp

Presenter: Ginny Kidwell, BS, MALS, East Tennessee State University TN Institute of Public Health Executive Director; and Casey Carringer, MBA, Ballad Health Director of Clinical Engagement

Moderator: Shayla Sanderson, RHA of TN

The Tennessee Institute of Public Health received ARC funds to implement another round of Correctional Career Pathways projects. The program offers funding, training, mentorship and evaluation to replicate the Greene County model in rural county jails. New this cycle, CCP2 programs employ a PEERhelp Recovery component in partnership with Ballard Health to assist inmates with substance use disorder prepare for a seamless reentry into society with access to necessary resources and opportunities.

Objectives:

- Understanding the role gainful employment plays in successful reentry of inmates back into society
- Understanding the role recovery services play in successful reentry of inmates with SUD and mental health issues
- Understanding the importance support for children and families is for successful reentry of inmates

Audience: All – Population Health, Hospital/Clinic/FQHC

Location: Ballroom

FRIDAY–NOVEMBER 18, 2022

8:00-9:00 am | Legislative Update and RHA of TN Member Meeting

Presenter: Bill Dobbins, Lobbyist for RHA of TN

Moderator: Jacy Warrell, RHA of TN Executive Director

Audience: All – Population Health

Location: Ballroom

9:30 am | Adjourn Until Next Year

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