

# Tarrant County Unity Council

## General Meeting

Wednesday, March 30, 2022, 3 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

### Present

Aneesh Bhandari – Tarrant County Public Health  
Bethany Edwards – Early Learning Alliance  
Carmen Johnson – Tarrant County Public Health  
Charles Harper – My Health My Resources Tarrant County  
Chiehiura Akpan – Tarrant County Public Health  
Claire McMillan – Catholic Charities Fort Worth  
Deanna Madrid – The Potter’s House of Fort Worth  
Detra Whitmore – Trinity Metro  
Donna James Harvey – North Texas Community Foundation  
Donna VanNess – Housing Channel  
Edrea Au – Tarrant County Public Health  
Ella Burton – Como First Missionary Baptist Church  
Emily Spence – University of North Texas Health Science Center  
Harrison Smith – Tarrant County Bar Association  
Janel Holt – Tarrant County Community Development  
Jeannette Johnson – Tarrant County Organizational Development  
Jennifer Wichmann – City of Arlington  
Julia Henry – Tarrant County Public Health  
Leah King – United Way of Tarrant County  
Lionetta Wilson – Tarrant County Public Health  
Marguerite Jones – Tarrant County Community Development  
Marcus Morris – First Financial Bank  
Mervil Johnson – Fatherhood Coalition of Tarrant County  
Mindy Cochran – City of Arlington  
Monroe Solomon III – Tarrant County Criminal Defense Lawyers Association  
Schavion Graham – LVTRise  
Shelly Young – Alzheimer’s Association  
Veronica Villegas – City of Fort Worth  
Caller 00 (Unknown)

Tarrant County Public Health – Health Equity Team

J’Vonnah Maryman  
Yvette Wingate  
Lauren Donnell  
Barbara Young  
Kylie Brooks  
Tanisha Stanford  
Tonia Teal

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<p>Tarrant County Unity Council (TCUC) Purpose (1:07)</p>	<p><i>Presented by Lauren Donnell</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Convened by Tarrant County Public Health – Health Equity and Community Engagement team as part of a COVID-19 CDC grant</li> <li>• Main goal of TCUC is to develop, implement, and evaluate a county-wide equity plan that focuses on racial equity</li> <li>• Partnering with local organizations and community members</li> </ul>	
<p>Tarrant County Equity Plan Vision and Mission (3:57)</p>	<p><i>Presented by Lauren Donnell</i></p> <p><b>Vision and Mission</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Vision and mission statement will guide the direction of the Tarrant County Equity Plan</li> <li>• Based on TCUC member feedback, the Health Equity team will draft vision plan and mission statement options, then send to members for review</li> <li>• Responses collected during meeting using web-based application, Padlet</li> </ul> <p><b>Padlet Responses</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Raw response data provided by Lauren Donnell in post-meeting materials email</li> <li>• Questions included in Padlet: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. What ultimate impact should this plan have on your organization?</li> <li>2. What ultimate impact should this plan have on our community?</li> <li>3. In what way should this plan interact with community members and organizations?</li> <li>4. What problems should this plan seek to solve?</li> <li>5. What would an equitable Tarrant County look like to you?</li> </ol> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Draft vision and mission statement options for TCUC member review</li> </ul>
<p>Logo Presentation and Feedback (16:10)</p>	<p><i>Presented by Lauren Donnell</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Majority liked logo as is</li> <li>• Try different set of colors</li> <li>• Visual representation of equity</li> <li>• Looks like people who are raising hands and speaking up</li> <li>• Include LGBTQ+</li> <li>• Make arms the same length/make more symmetrical</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Health Equity team will provide additional logo options for TCUC member review and vote</li> </ul>
<p>TCUC Committees (21:45)</p>	<p><i>Presented by Health Equity team</i></p> <p><b>Transportation Committee</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Point of contact: Nicos Elzy, <a href="mailto:njelzy@tarrantcounty.com">njelzy@tarrantcounty.com</a></li> <li>• April meeting date and time TBD</li> </ul>	

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	<p><b>Health Committee</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Point of contact: Tonia Teal, <a href="mailto:glteal@tarrantcounty.com">glteal@tarrantcounty.com</a></li> <li>April 20, 2022, from 2-3 p.m. at <a href="https://meet.goto.com/HealthEquityCommittee">https://meet.goto.com/HealthEquityCommittee</a></li> <li>Subsequent meetings held on the third Wednesday of each month at 2 p.m.</li> </ul> <p><b>Housing Committee</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Point of contact: Kylie Brooks, <a href="mailto:kabrooks@tarrantcounty.com">kabrooks@tarrantcounty.com</a></li> <li>April 13, 2022, from 2-3 p.m. at <a href="https://meet.goto.com/TCUC">https://meet.goto.com/TCUC</a></li> <li>Subsequent meetings held on the second Wednesday of each month at 2 p.m.</li> </ul> <p><b>Communication Committee</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Point of contact: Tanisha Stanford, <a href="mailto:tnstanford@tarrantcounty.com">tnstanford@tarrantcounty.com</a></li> <li>April 18, 2022, from 10-11 a.m. at <a href="https://meet.goto.com/CommunicationCommittee">https://meet.goto.com/CommunicationCommittee</a></li> </ul> <p><b>Internal Tarrant County Public Health Policy</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Led by Barbara Young</li> <li>Revision of and recommendation for more equitable internal policies and practices</li> </ul> <p><b>New Committees</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Policing and Criminal Justice</li> <li>Economic Development</li> <li>Education</li> </ul>	
Organizational Assistance (27:48)	<p><i>Presented by Lauren Donnell</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Health Equity Specialists are available to review and analyze your organization’s policies, and can identify where adjustments may be needed</li> <li>Promoting equity within the organization to better serve the community</li> <li>If your organization is interested in working with a Health Equity Specialist, contact Lauren Donnell at <a href="mailto:ledonnell@tarrantcounty.com">ledonnell@tarrantcounty.com</a></li> </ul>	
Advancing Health Equity Workshop Series (31:40)	<p><i>Presented by Lauren Donnell</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Tarrant County Public Health is hosting a series of five virtual equity workshops in April that are free to TCUC members, with space for up to five representatives per organization</li> <li>Workshop recordings and materials will be made available to those who are unable to attend and/or for further distribution</li> <li>Workshop schedule provided by Lauren Donnell in post-meeting materials email</li> </ul> <p><i>Presented by Yvette Wingate and Jeannette Johnson</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All sessions in the Workshop Series will be presented by James Bird Guess with Racial Equity Group</li> <li>Additional trainings will be offered up to two times per month following the Advancing Health Equity Workshop Series and will cover leadership development topics</li> </ul>	

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Next Steps (48:50)	<p><i>Presented by Lauren Donnell</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No TCUC General Meeting for the month of April</li> <li>• Send any additional ideas or feedback to Lauren Donnell at <a href="mailto:ledonnell@tarrantcounty.com">ledonnell@tarrantcounty.com</a></li> </ul>	