

## **Tarrant County Unity Council**

### **Health Committee Meeting**

May 18, 2022, 2:00 P.M. – 3: 00P.M

#### **Present**

Kylie Brooks – Tarrant County Public Health  
Tonia Teal - Tarrant County Public Health  
Tanisha Stanford - Tarrant County Public Health  
Julia Henry – Public Health Associate  
Aneesh Bhandari- Tarrant County Public Health  
Deanna Madrid – Potters House  
Barbara Young – Tarrant County Public Health  
Pierre Gant – Amerigroup  
John Gonzales – MHMR  
Carrie Teal – MHMR  
Maggie Jones - Community Development Tarrant County  
Shelly Young - Alzheimer's Association  
Stephanie Broussard -  
Wendy Sosa - Cook Children's  
Jackson

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Meeting Recap (2:15)	<p><i>Presented by Tonia Teal</i></p> <p><b>Vaccine Rates</b></p> <p>Race</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 46.6 blacks/ African Americans</li> <li>• 70.9 whites</li> <li>• 19.4 American Indian</li> <li>• 63. 8 Asian</li> </ul> <p>Ethnicity</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 55.2 Hispanic/ Latino</li> <li>• 57.2 Not Hispanic or Latino</li> </ul> <p><b>Positive Cases</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• As of January 2022, infections sharply rose again across all groups due to the spread of the Omicron variant, resulting in the highest case rates recorded since the start of the pandemic. Rates were higher for all groups of color compared to White people, with Hispanic people having the highest infection rate during this surge. As of January 8, 2022, the infection rate among Hispanic people was more than twice as high as the rate for White people.</li> </ul> <p><b>Mental Health</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The COVID-19 pandemic has created new pathways to mental health disparities among adolescents and adults of color by reversing formerly protective factors such as employment and social justice civic engagement, and by intensify existing mental health and society inequities linked to race.</li> </ul> <p><b>Adults reporting symptoms of anxiety/ depressive disorder</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Other non-Hispanic 48.9</li> <li>• Non-Hispanic blacks 48.0</li> <li>• Hispanic or Latino 46.3</li> <li>• White 40.9</li> <li>• Asian 33.1</li> </ul>	

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	<p><b>Medical Mistrust</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• History</li> <li>• Henrietta Lacks story taken without consent.</li> <li>• Misinformation the Tuskegee Experiment</li> <li>• Digital Discrimination In 2019, an algorithm that helps manage healthcare for 200 million people in the US was found to systematically discriminate against Black people</li> </ul> <p><b>Patient Experience</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Serena Williams</li> <li>• Committee members stories</li> <li>• Lack of Transparency</li> <li>• How PT withhold information due to lack of trust</li> <li>• MD not being upfront about cost of RX</li> </ul>	
<p>Health Equity Indicators (7:08)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Medical Mistrust, Accessibility, Affordability, Stigma are all the indicators and under each indicator are measurements.</li> <li>• Kylie – Add lack of provider diversity to spreadsheet.</li> <li>• Wendy – Providers building trust and holding themselves accountable when they make a promise and follow through.</li> <li>• Shelley – Add normal aging to stigma.</li> <li>• Maggie – Add lack transparency to affordability. Under accessibility, referral requirements. Under medical mistrust or stigma, add lack of privacy or perceived lack of privacy. Could healthy aging be another indicator?</li> <li>• Tanisha – Add health literacy under accessibility.</li> </ul>	
<p>Good vs Bad Policy (16:14)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Stephanie - The policy says, what will be taken away, but it doesn't talk about what we're going to do better or what we're going to do an addition to.</li> </ul>	

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Framework Example (25:45)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">Minnesota State Equity Lens to Policy Review</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">CDC's Policy Analytical Framework</a></li> </ul>	
Recommendations (29:00)	<p><a href="https://p1cdn4static.civiclive.com/UserFiles/Servers/Server_14481062/File/City%20Hall/Government/Mayor/Unity_Council/Unity_Council_Report.pdf">https://p1cdn4static.civiclive.com/UserFiles/Servers/Server_14481062/File/City%20Hall/Government/Mayor/Unity_Council/Unity_Council_Report.pdf</a></p> <p><a href="https://aqua.kingcounty.gov/dnrp/library/dnrp-directors-office/equity-social-justice/201609-ESJ-SP-FULL.pdf">https://aqua.kingcounty.gov/dnrp/library/dnrp-directors-office/equity-social-justice/201609-ESJ-SP-FULL.pdf</a></p> <p><a href="https://www.google.com/url?sa=t&amp;rct=j&amp;q=&amp;esrc=s&amp;source=web&amp;cd=&amp;cad=rja&amp;uact=8&amp;ved=2ahUKEwj11a3Nn933AhWgrmoFHWZYBVkQFnoECACQAQ&amp;url=https%3A%2F%2Ffortworthgov.granicus.com%2FMetaViewer.php%3Fview_id%3D2%26clip_id%3D3103%26meta_id%3D354950&amp;usg=AOvVaw3kxabc-BC2J5GqSHMngFOJ6">https://www.google.com/url?sa=t&amp;rct=j&amp;q=&amp;esrc=s&amp;source=web&amp;cd=&amp;cad=rja&amp;uact=8&amp;ved=2ahUKEwj11a3Nn933AhWgrmoFHWZYBVkQFnoECACQAQ&amp;url=https%3A%2F%2Ffortworthgov.granicus.com%2FMetaViewer.php%3Fview_id%3D2%26clip_id%3D3103%26meta_id%3D354950&amp;usg=AOvVaw3kxabc-BC2J5GqSHMngFOJ6</a></p> <p><a href="https://bphc.org/onlinenewsroom/Documents/BPHC%20Strategic%20Plan%202019-2022%20(Final%20for%20Web).pdf">https://bphc.org/onlinenewsroom/Documents/BPHC%20Strategic%20Plan%202019-2022%20(Final%20for%20Web).pdf</a></p>	
Open Forum (31:42)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pierre – We need to add the IDD component, Mental Health, and reach out to more organizations.</li> <li>• Reach out to the Asian and Muslim community</li> <li>• Stephanie – More education about screenings and education on what preventive medicine looks like.</li> <li>• People of color decide against being part of medical studies/research which may cause equity concerns because now there is no guarantee that the medicine given to people of color work.</li> <li>• Wendy – Physicians need to talk to patients on their level of understanding.</li> <li>• Consider having a collateral to get more people involved in the committee.</li> </ul>	