

# Physician Liaison for Health Equity

## Division of Family Health and Wellness

### Who we are and how we impact Tennessee:

TDH incorporates our values into the work we do each day to achieve our mission, live our vision, and address our two strategic priorities of prevention and access.

### Mission:

Protect, promote, and improve the health and prosperity of people in Tennessee.

### Vision:

- Healthy People
- Healthy Communities
- Healthy Tennessee

### Our Values:

- Collaboration
- Excellence
- Integrity
- Compassion
- Respect

### Strategic Priorities:

#### Prevention:

- Support Local Leadership
- Decrease Youth Obesity
- Decrease Tobacco Use
- Decrease Substance Misuse
- Prevent and Mitigate Adverse Childhood Experiences

#### Access:

- Optimize Internal Clinical Efficiency
- Improve External Primary Care Access
- Leverage Innovation
- Expand Partnerships

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### Job Overview:

The Division of Family Health and Wellness (FHW) aims to eliminate health inequities resulting in perinatal and maternal mortality, with a focus on early childhood initiatives, injury prevention and detection, chronic disease prevention and health promotion, and reproductive and women's health. FHW aims to do this by addressing the social and environmental factors that impact health. FHW uses evidence-based best practices in socially vulnerable populations to influence and leverage the health system to promote whole-person care. The FHW physician liaison will be positioned to strategically partner within the department and with external partners to implement evidence-based strategies to address health equity. This role aims to bridge public health and health care delivery systems to increase health care access, health equity, and high-quality care for all Tennesseans.

### Key Responsibilities:

- Work with Division Assistant Commissioner and the TDH to reduce and eliminate upstream health equity risk factors for morbidity and mortality.
- Develop public health capacity for effective strategic planning and funding utilization at the local level, addressing evidence and burden of disease, using health equity as a tool for implementation.
- Lead the FHW Health Equity Steering Committee and support development and implementation of division wide health equity plan
- Lead the health equity priority for the Maternal and Child Health Title V Block Grant, including ongoing development and implementation of health equity plans
- Collaborate with colleagues across the division and department to support community-clinical linkages and strategies for clinical and primary care engagement within the medical home.
- Build partnerships with and represent the division in meetings with independent practices, community health centers, safety net clinics, hospital ambulatory settings, as well as networks such as independent practice associations, provider performing systems, managed care organizations, and other health care supportive organizations.
- Coordinate outreach and promotion of and use of current FHW programs.
- Provide guidance and oversight of federal, state, and local legislation and regulatory policies relating to health equity to ensure best practices and access to health care and linkages to supportive care.
- Providing technical expertise to contractors and stakeholders, if necessary. Using community expertise to help and encourage community grant application and technical assistance with application.
- Provide training and technical assistance to community physicians working in Safety Net Clinics or clinics serving a disproportionate number of TennCare/Medicaid/underinsured/uninsured patients or in at risk zip codes with perinatal, childhood, youth and maternal initiatives; Also, identify successful "bright spots" and leverage them as community leaders.

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### Minimum Qualifications:

**Education:** MD or DO (required); MPH (preferred), experience with public health or community-based experience may be substituted

- Must have or be eligible for active, unrestricted TN medical license

### Ideal candidate:

- Internal Medicine, Pediatrics, Med/Peds, Family Medicine, OB/GYN or Preventive Medicine.
- Experience with community engagement, public health, and community-based systems, particularly related to maternal and child health, tobacco, or obesity prevention.
- Vision for healthy equity and eliminating health disparities.
- Skilled in various platforms of social media, writing, podcasts, and public speaking.
- Strong organizational and leadership abilities and excellent interpersonal skills.
- Ability to manage multiple priorities and motivate staff.
- Experience in communications with media and high-level stakeholders, including governmental and community partners.
- Conversational and medical Spanish skills ideal.

### Other duties of the Physician Liaison include:

- Work closely with the TDH communications department with their social media platforms.
- Assist the team in finding and understanding information from the peer-reviewed literature and incorporating this information into program efforts.
- Represent FHW at TDH Medical Leadership team meetings as needed.
- Present to local, regional, state, and national groups as requested on topics relevant to section work.
- Ensure equitable allocation of available funds, particularly to groups and geographic regions disproportionately burdened by poor health outcomes.

### Personnel Details

- Reports to Assistant Commissioner (MD)

### To apply:

Interested applicants should send CV and cover letter to Dr. Tobi Amosun ([Tobi.Amosun@tn.gov](mailto:Tobi.Amosun@tn.gov)).

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