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MEETINGS SET FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ANNUAL  
STATE HEALTH PLAN DEVELOPMENT  
Residents Can Provide Suggestions and Comments during Nine Public Meetings

NASHVILLE, Tenn. – The Tennessee Department of Health has scheduled nine meetings across the state to collect input from the general public about the State Health Plan. Each meeting will be in a workshop setting, allowing participants to provide comments and recommendations for setting health objectives for communities and to address the state's population health improvement plan.

The schedule of workshops includes:

**Knoxville** - Wednesday, April 20, 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. (Eastern time) – Knox County Health Department, Auditorium, 140 Dameron Ave., 37917.

**Chattanooga** - Thursday, April 21, 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. (Eastern time) – Eastgate Building, Conference Room 2.307, 5600 Brainerd Road, 37411.

**Clarksville** – Tuesday, April 26, 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. (Central time) – Montgomery County Health Department, 330 Pageant Lane, 37040.

**Nashville** – Wednesday, April 27, 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. (Central time) – William R. Snodgrass Tennessee Tower, Tennessee Room 1, 3rd floor, 312 Rosa L Parks Blvd., 37219.

**Cookeville** – Thursday, April 28, 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. (Central time) – Upper Cumberland Regional Health Office, 1100 England Drive, 38501.

**Gray** – Friday, April 29, 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. (Eastern time) – ETSU Natural History Museum, Gray Fossil Site, 1212 Suncrest Drive, 37615.

**Fayetteville** – Tuesday, May 3, 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. (Central time) – Fayetteville City Municipal Building, Auditorium, 110 Elk Ave. South, 37334.
Jackson – Wednesday, May 4, 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. (Central time) – Jackson-Madison County Regional Health Department, 804 North Parkway, 38305.

Memphis – Thursday, May 5, 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. (Central time) – University of Memphis, University Center, Fountain View Room, UC 350, 499 University Street, 38111.

The State Health Plan is required by state law, TCA Section 68-11-1625, and is a policy guide for protecting, promoting and improving the health and prosperity of people in Tennessee. It is reviewed at a minimum annually to address emerging health opportunities and concerns, and to consider new resources and technologies. During each of the workshops, participants will focus on their community health issues as they help define measures for progress and evaluation, suggest changes to existing recommendations and assign priorities.

Those with questions or wanting to confirm their attendance should contact Christina Hartlage in the TDH Health Planning office at 615-741-1739 or Christina.Hartlage@tn.gov.

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