Conference Agenda

8:15am – 9:00am – Registration

9:00am – 9:30am  - Welcome
  o Dr. Chris Smith, PhD, APRN, FNP-BC, Professor and Director, School of Nursing, UTC
  o Dr. Amber Roache, DNP, FNP-BC, Assistant Professor, Coordinator of Nurse Practitioner Program, School of Nursing, UTC

9:30am – 10:30am – Featured Speaker: Dr. John Standridge, MD, Medical Director and Addictionologist, CADAS

Title: Substance Abuse Treatment Access and Disparities

10:45am – 12:00pm – Panel Discussion: Urban Healthcare Access
  • Speakers:
    o Dr. Rick Rader, MD, FAAIDD, DHL, Director Habilitation Center, Orange Grove Center
    Title: Urban Healthcare Access for Patients with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities
    o Dr. Kelly Arnold, MD, Medical Director, Clínica Médicos
    Title: 4 Pillars of Healthcare for the Underserved and Uninsured
    o Jill Fikkert, RN, BSN - Director of Nursing, LifeSpring Community Health
    Title: A Holistic Approach to Overcoming Pediatric Health Disparities in Urban Chattanooga

12:00pm – 1:00pm – Lunch and Poster Session

1:00pm – 2:15pm – Panel Discussion: Food Deserts
  • Speakers:
    o Dr. Shewanee Howard-Baptiste, PhD, Associate Professor, Exercise Science, Health and Human Performance, UTC
    o Kori J. Hahn, MS Candidate, Graduate Assistant, Health and Human Performance, UTC
    o Dr. Shawn Trivette, PhD, Assistant Professor, Sociology and Social, Cultural, and Justice Studies, College of Arts and Sciences, UTC
    o Dr. Cynthia Shaffer, DNP, FNP-BC, Family Medicine, CHI Memorial Medical Group

2:20pm – 3:30pm – Chattanooga Minority Health Fair – history and progress
  • Featured Speaker: Chris Ramsey, MBA
  Title: How to Address Health Disparities in Your Community" from a Grassroots Perspective

3:30pm – 4:00pm – Closing comments and discussion led by Dr. Amber Roache, DNP, FNP-BC, Assistant Professor, Coordinator of Nurse Practitioner Program, School of Nursing, UTC

Title: Addressing Urban Healthcare Issues of Underserved Populations from a Provider Perspective