

2nd Annual Health Summit Agenda

Date: Friday, October 4, 2024

Location: Pellissippi State, J. L. Goins Admin. Building
10915 Hardin Valley Rd, Knoxville, TN 37932

Time/Schedule: 8:30 am to 2:30 pm

8:30 am—9:00 am Registration

9:00 am—9:15 am Opening of Summit/Plan for the Day

Facilitator: [Cynthia J. Finch](#), LMSW, CCM, CCME
Founder and Executive Director of New Direction

9:15 am—10:15 am **Speaker:** [Andre Forde](#), Chief Executive Officer, Dula Corporation
Orlando, Florida

TOPIC: The Crisis: A Mental Health and Opioid Epidemic and
Other Factors That Impact Communities of Color

10:30 am—11:15 am **Facilitator:** [Donna Mitchell](#), LMSW, Covenant Counseling &
Consultation Services
President and Chief Executive Officer

TOPIC: Strategic Discussion with Providers on the Crisis

- Helen Ross McNabb Center, [Mona Blanton-Kitts](#), LMSW, Chief Executive Officer
- Cherokee Health Systems, [Dr. Parinda Khatri](#), Chief Executive Officer
- Metropolitan Drug Commission, [Webster Bailey](#), LADACII, NCACII, CPRS, R, Executive Director
- Mental Health Association/[Ben Harrington](#), Executive Director

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11:30 am—1:00 pm LUNCH (provided by New Direction)

INTRODUCTION: Keira Wyatt, CONNECT Ministries, Executive Director, New Direction Board Member

12—12:45 pm Speaker: [Dr. Keith Gray](#), President and Chief Executive Officer

TOPIC: The State of Healthcare and the Pursuit of Health Equity

12:45—1 pm Questions & Answers

Facilitator: [Gwen McKenzie](#), City Council, 6th District, ND Board Member

1:15 pm—2:15 pm TOPIC: Strategic Discussion with Health System Leaders

Panel Discussion Members:

- **Tennova North Medical Center/Powell** – [Bill Rich](#), Chief Executive Officer, Tennova North Medical Center
- **University of Tennessee Medical Center** – [Dr. Keith Gray](#), MD President & CEO
- **Covenant Health** – [Jim Vandersteeg](#), President and Chief Executive Officer
- **East Tennessee Children's Hospital** – [Matt C. Schaefer](#), President and Chief Executive Officer

RESOURCE EXPERTS:

[Dr. Ron Brown](#), Clinical Psychologist
[Bonnie Graham](#), DNP, BS Ed., APRN, FNP-BC
[Dr. Sharon Drummonds](#), DNP, PMHNP-BC

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