



3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Summit

# Strengthening Systems for Heart Health

*Building Sustainable Partnerships for Cardiovascular Health*

Friday June 12, 2026

## Agenda

- 9:00 - 9:25 Check in/Networking
- 9:25 - 9:30 Welcome- Jim Bailey, MD, MPH
- 9:30 -10:10 American Heart Association/Tennessee Department of Health Heart Health Food Program: Supporting Nutrition Awareness in Communities (SNAC)  
**Madelyn Howe, MS, MPH, RDN, LDN**  
Program Manager, Healthy Weight  
Knox County Health Department
- 10:10-10:50 Bridging Evidence and Access in Comprehensive Type 2 Diabetes Care: Perspectives from Family Practice  
**Luke Henrich, PharmD, BCPS**  
Assistant Professor, Department of Clinical Pharmacy and Translational Science, University of Tennessee Health Science Center
- 10:50-11:00 Break/Networking/Visit poster presentations
- 11:00-11:45 Community Panel – Key Challenges and Supports Needed to Navigate the Path to Heart Health
- 11:45-12:00 Drums Alive Activity  
**Stephanie McReady, Lead Health Coach**  
TennesseeCares Health Hub Decatur
- 12:00 - 1:00 Lunch on your own/Visit poster presentations
- 1:00 - 1:45 Delivering Patient Centered Heart Health in Rural Tennessee  
**Judith Tessema, MD** Chief Medical Officer of  
Hardeman County Community Health Center

- 1:45 - 2:30 Using Tennessee Community Compass in Primary Care to Address Social Needs  
**Wendy Stewart, BA, CRS-A/D**, East Region Resource Liaison  
Rural Health Association Of Tennessee
- 2:30 – 2:45 Break/Networking/Visit poster presentations
- 2:45 - 3:30 Linking Primary Care Patients to Needed Social Services in Knox County: The Secret Sauce  
Interfaith Health Center team, Knoxville
- 3:30 – 4:15 Provider Panel –Addressing Social Needs in Primary Care to Improve Heart Health  
Teighla McKinney, Free Medical  
Judith Tessema, MD  
Juli Williams, MD  
Becky Grando, MPH
- 4:15 - 4:45 Social Jeopardy Game -Can you navigate the challenges of living in poverty in Knox County?  
**Ashley Ellis, PharmD**, Assistant Dean for Strategic Partnerships & Innovation, College of Pharmacy/Director for Practice Innovation, Tennessee Population Health Consortium
- 4:45 - 5:00 Summary and Next Steps -Jim Bailey, MD, MPH