

Detroit Collaboration for Equitable Health

2024 Q3 Meeting Highlights



Meeting Recap: Community Voices

The second Detroit Collaboration for Equitable Health Engagement Council Meeting of 2024 took place on Wednesday, August 7th. The meeting was graciously hosted by the [Detroit Association of Black Organizations \(DABO\)](#) at the Dr. LaVonne M. Sheffield Bridge Center Library, including opening remarks by A'Lynne Boles Dukes (American Heart Association), Chelsea Andrews (American Heart Association), and Esha Price ([Premiere Quality Health Center](#)). Presenters and meeting attendees shared their experiences and best practices regarding leveraging the power of community voice, building trust with residents, and establishing unique partnerships with local organizations.



Partner Spotlight: Detroit Change Initiative

Norman Clement, Founder and Co-Director of [Detroit Change Initiative \(DCI\)](#), hosted the opening presentation and discussed how the organization is acting with heart and advocating for health. In partnership with [Sound Mind Sound Body Academy](#), DCI has implemented [Cardiac Emergency Response Plans](#) to safeguard youth athletes across Southeastern Michigan in the event of cardiac arrest. These plans mandate that traveling youth athletics teams carry an Automated External Defibrillator (AED) on-site and ensure that supervising adults, including coaches, volunteers, and guardians, are [certified in Cardiac Pulmonary Resuscitation \(CPR\)](#).



Partner Panel: Engaging & Leveraging Community for Health Equity

The panel discussion showcased the innovative efforts of community health leaders from CFEH-supported organizations in Detroit. Emphasizing attentive listening to community needs, panelists highlighted community involvement in leadership roles and program design. They also shared creative strategies for addressing health disparities, underscoring the significance of professional networks, community engagement, and social media in advocating for health equity.



Panelists (from left): Raphael Wright ([Neighborhood Grocery](#)), Todd Scott ([Detroit Greenways Coalition](#)), Pastor Alonzo Bell ([Redeem Detroit](#)), Dr. Richard Bryce ([Community Health and Social Services Center](#)), Norman Clement ([Detroit Change Initiative](#)), Dr. Gwendolyn Daniels ([Institute for Population Health](#))

Do you have a health equity resource, advocacy opportunity, or community event that you would like to share with your CFEH Engagement Council partners or the CFEH grantees? If so, please send [Chelsea](#) an email with relevant links and attachments.

Council Corner

- Are you attending [BLAC's Health is Wealth](#) at Eastern Market on **Friday, August 16th**? Make sure to stop by the CFEH table in Shed 3!
- Do you know a community group, organization, or school district that wants **free CPR/AED training**? Join the Detroit Lions and the American Heart Association on **September 16th** by [registering here](#). Registration is offered on a first come, first served basis through August 30th.
- Would you like to receive timely **emergency notifications for Detroit**? [Sign up for Detroit Alerts 365](#) today to receive alerts from CodeRED.