GREETINGS CHASCO MEMBERS,

The Coalition for Healthy and Safe Campus Communities (CHASCo) had a busy year in 2022-2023! Our Executive Committee identified goals focused on re-engaging and supporting membership, continuing to find ways to center issues of diversity, equity, and inclusion, and refining our evaluation plan and data collection. I have included some highlights of how our Coalition worked to serve members during the past fiscal year.

UPDATES ON EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE GOALS SET FOR 2022-2023

- **Re-engage with current members, reach out to new prospective members/liaisons, and continue to find ways to support the specific needs of members.** CHASCo hosted a new member orientation, partnered with the TN Board of Regents and TICUA to recruit new members, and continued hosting CHASCo Chats. We also created and distributed twenty-one prevention toolkits for member liaisons, developed a Prevention Resource Database, and started sending out monthly social media toolkits.

- **Continue to evaluate our overall coalition, to gather membership feedback, and to collect/review the data from our large-scale surveys.** CHASCo received our second end-of-year report from EMT Associates, and we are working to implement the feedback received. We implemented the Healthy Minds Survey for nine campuses and are in the process of making the new TN Together Survey available to all campuses in 2023-2024.

- **Integrate Racial Equity and Inclusion:** CHASCo finalized the development of our institutional values and included them on the website and within our updated CHASCo brochure. We hosted a Facilitated Listening Circles Training and implemented a CHASCo Diversity Series in the Spring of 2023.

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES PROVIDED:

- **Approximately $128,525** was allocated to Tennessee Institutions for Assessment & Prevention Programming.

- **CHASCo awarded and developed social norms campaigns** at six campuses, the Healthy Minds Survey was implemented by nine campuses, and fifteen campuses developed and implemented prevention plans.

- Nine campuses participated in our TN Highway Safety Project. Student Liaisons developed a myriad of projects including art events, kickball tournaments, and in-person tabling and outreach events.

- CHASCo received funding specific to cannabis prevention. This funding was awarded to eight campuses and a limited amount of funding will continue into the new fiscal year.

- CHASCo continued its Consortium partnership with eCHECKUP TO Go, an online educational tool that many of our campuses utilize in their prevention efforts. Campuses that are a part of this Consortium receive a discount on their subscription costs.

- **HECAOD Membership:** In 2023, CHASCo purchased an Institutional Membership with the Higher Education Center for Alcohol and Drug Misuse Prevention and Recovery.
PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND NETWORKING OPPORTUNITIES PROVIDED:

- Approximately **41 hours of professional development** was provided to members in the forms of membership meetings, CHASCo Chats, our annual conference, and individual workshops.

- We hosted seven CHASCo Chats this year with an average of 18-20 participants per chat.

- CHASCo hosted five membership meetings throughout the year with an average of 30 attendees and approximately 20 institutions represented per meeting.

- CHASCo co-sponsored the TICUA Mental Health Summit on October 26 & 27, 2022. The sessions covered multiple topics addressing the current state of mental health on campuses across the country and state.

- CHASCO sponsored seven institutions to attend the HECAOD Virtual Cannabis Symposium on December 1, 2022.

- CHASCo partnered with the Tennessee Certification Board on our in-person *Partners in Prevention (PIP) Conference* that took place at Montgomery Bell State Park on May 17 & 18, 2023. There were over 160 registrants.

We are proud of our Coalition and of our institutions for their hard work and the services they provide to their students to keep our campuses healthy and safe. We are looking forward to the next academic year with renewed enthusiasm!

Sincerely,

KAYCE MATTHEWS, CHASCO DIRECTOR
CHASCO'S VISION
TO SUSTAIN A STATEWIDE NETWORK OF STAFF, FACULTY AND STUDENTS EMPOWERING OUR CAMPUSES AND COMMUNITIES TO ENGAGE IN POSITIVE, HEALTHY, INCLUSIVE AND SAFE BEHAVIORS.

CHASCO'S MISSION
TO CONNECT AND SUPPORT INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION IN TENNESSEE TO ADDRESS CAMPUS HEALTH AND SAFETY ISSUES.

We do this by providing professional development & networking opportunities, assessment tools, resources and funding for evidence-based programming, and research on prevention best-practices.

41 CHASCO MEMBER INSTITUTIONS
Membership to CHASCo is offered at no cost to the institution and membership meetings are held in various parts of the state throughout the year.

- Austin Peay State University
- Baptist Health Sciences University
- Belmont University
- Bethel University
- Carson-Newman University
- Chattanooga State Community College
- Christian Brothers University
- Cleveland State Community College
- Columbia State Community College
- Cumberland University
- Dyersburg State Community College
- East TN State University
- Fisk University
- Jackson State Community College
- Lane College
- Lipscomb University
- Maryville College
- Middle TN State University
- Motlow State Community College
- Nashville State Community College
- Northeast State Community College
- Pellissippi State Community College
- Rhodes College
- Roane State Community College
- Sewanee: University of the South
- Southern Adventist University
- Southern College of Optometry
- Southwest Tennessee Community College
- Tennessee State University
- Tennessee Technological University
- University of TN at Chattanooga
- University of TN at Knoxville
- University of TN at Martin
- University of TN at Southern
- Tennessee Board of Regents (TBR)
- Trevecca Nazarene University
- Union University
- University of Memphis
- Vanderbilt University
- Volunteer State Community College
- Walters State Community College
WELCOMING NEW MEMBER INSTITUTIONS

This year we've added 4 new member institutions to our network.

1. CLEVELAND STATE COMMUNITY COLLEGE
2. SOUTHERN COLLEGE OF OPTOMETRY
3. SOUTHWEST TENNESSEE COMMUNITY COLLEGE
4. VANDERBILT UNIVERSITY

WELCOMING TAILOR SHAFFER

TICUA DIRECTOR OF ADMINISTRATION & LOGISTICS

Tailor Shaffer, TICUA Director of Administration & Logistics, will now be spending a percentage of her time assisting CHASCo with tasks related to administration, planning and fiscal compliance. We are so excited to have her assistance! You will start to see emails from her, and she will make guest appearances at CHASCo meetings and events. Please take a moment to welcome Tailor to the CHASCo team when you have the opportunity!
OUR EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

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WALTERS STATE COMMUNITY COLLEGE
Our Higher Education COVID-19 Initiative was designed to meet the needs of higher education faculty, staff, and student leaders by providing COVID prevention, mitigation, and vaccination educational programming that utilizes professional level workshops to address the increasing rates of pandemic-induced trauma, burnout, stress, anxiety, and other negative affects to well-being.

In partnership with Crisp Communications, we have developed a social media and print campaign called #NoJudgmentTN, with the goal of increasing our social presence and presenting our audience with judgment-free, relevant COVID, cold, and flu education as well as pandemic mental health recovery information.

In conjunction with this effort, in October 2022, we held the TICUA Mental Health Summit at Trevecca Nazarene University, where we provided attendees with current college mental health and wellness data, trauma-informed leadership training, and a robust discussion on post-pandemic mental health needs utilizing our #NoJudgmentTN campaign as a vehicle to drive the conversation.

In March 2023, we provided our partners with the Tennessee Board of Regents with training on trauma-informed leadership during their Spring In-Service and had several informative conversations with our members at community colleges about the particular stressors felt by their students due to the pandemic.
CHASCO’S SHARED VALUES

CHASCo has developed a set of values that help to expand our mission and vision and to provide context for our work. These values provide the foundation for our planning, decision-making, and goal setting. We will review these values periodically, and at least every five years and will make changes as necessary.

DIVERSITY, EQUITY, & INCLUSION (DEI):

CHASCo’s dedication to the health and safety of our campus communities is inseparable from our commitment to diversity, equity, and inclusion. As prevention and health promotion practitioners, we recognize that issues of equity and inclusion are associated with health outcomes, health disparities, and social determinants of health. Therefore, rather than having just one value assigned specifically to DEI, CHASCo strives to continue its commitment to addressing issues of diversity, equity and inclusion within the context of ALL the values of our Coalition.

PROVIDE SUPPORT

We will support our coalition members by providing professional development opportunities, sharing resources, and providing a network for membership to connect.

UTILIZE DATA

We will quantify our work by providing the opportunity for data collection and data analysis as well as sharing information about emerging trends and evidence-based programs.

PROMOTE HEALTHY CHOICES

We will promote a shared vision of health promotion. This includes sharing true norms, promoting healthy choices, and recognizing individuals and campuses for their excellence and passion for prevention.

EMBODY A CULTURE OF CARE

We will strive to embody a culture of care. This includes showing care for the wellbeing of our students and colleagues, working to prevent harm, and creating a community where all individuals can succeed.

MODEL WELL-BEING & FLOURISHING

We will model best practices and ultimately have a collective impact on the culture of health and safety on our partner campuses so that all can flourish.
The Coalition for Healthy and Safe Campus Communities (CHASCo) is honored to award Ms. Melissa Febroriello the Susanna L. Baxter Alcohol, Drug, and Violence Prevention in Higher Education Award for her statewide efforts at the collegiate level. The Baxter Award recognizes an individual in the State who, like Baxter, has volunteered their time and energy to achieve positive results in alcohol and other drug and violence prevention.

Ms. Febroriello serves as the Counselor & Case Manager for Columbia State Community College. She was nominated for the award by Kristina Krau Waymire, the Director of Student Initiatives at the TN Board of Regents.

Ms. Febroriello currently serves as the Program Chair for the CHASCo Executive Committee. This is her second year serving on CHASCo's Executive Committee. Last year she served as the Professional Development Chair and was instrumental in developing our professional development lineup.

Melissa has made an impact on the lives of students and peers both on her campus and at the state level. Here is a quote from Kristina Krau Waymire’s nomination about Melissa's work on her own campus and within the TBR System.

Ms. Febroriello is seen as a leader among [her] peers. All mental health counselors for the College System of Tennessee get together regularly for meetings and in-services. This collaboration is something she was influential in establishing. Ms. Febroriello is often the first to take initiative in suggesting opportunities for professional development as she stays well-informed of current and emerging trends and issues in the field.”
CHASCo provided funding for the development of social norms campaigns!
CHASCo invited campuses across the state to participate in a cohort for the TN Highway Safety Office Project. As a part of this project, CHASCo provides funding for a student leader or student group from each institution to receive a stipend and professional development in exchange for developing a campus-specific project, focusing on alcohol education and/or impaired driving.

This year we had 6 campuses participate in our THSO Student Leadership Project and an additional 3 campuses develop special programming focused on AOD prevention and impaired driving. The campus partners were Bethel University, Columbia State Community College, Dyersburg State Community College, Middle TN State University, Union University, UT Chattanooga, UT Knoxville, UT Southern, and the University of Memphis.

100% of the student liaisons either agreed or strongly agreed that the THSO Projects they implemented increased campus awareness of positive social norms concerning student alcohol use.

100% of the student liaison agreed that the THSO Project provided a valuable leadership opportunity for students on our campuses.
Students received information they found relevant from their peers. Even the group members planning the project reported learning information around standard drinks, BAC levels, and prevention strategies as a result of preparing for the program.

THSO STAFF REPRESENTATIVE

I think the best benefit of the project was being able to pass along valuable information without seeming to be superior or judgmental of anyone. We fostered a fun learning environment that all of the participants seemed to enjoy.

THSO STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE

The THSO Project is a good opportunity to receive additional funding for prevention work. It is also a great way to get student leaders engaged in developing student-centered programming.

THSO STAFF REPRESENTATIVE

Really enjoyed the program and process from start to finish. It was a very good opportunity for the students involved and demonstrated some of the challenges for getting programs off the ground. The principal student learned a lot, but other students participating and working with the lead student also gained insight into work required and planning considerations, along with the need for innovative solutions to drive participation for this kind of event.

THSO STAFF REPRESENTATIVE
I received so many new ideas and approaches to utilize nature in prevention and to boost my overall prevention and outreach strategies.

PIP ATTENDEE

99% agreed or strongly agreed that the PIP offered ideas, tools, and resources that they can use to build prevention capacity on their campus or in their community.
CHASCo has continued to participate as a member of the National Consortium of State Coalitions. As a result of this partnership, CHASCo has been invited to present during a panel discussion at the National NASPA Strategies Conference in Kansas City in January 2023. The panel was titled, “The Impact, Importance and Variance of Statewide Networks.”

CHASCo has partnered with the Department of Health to produce a podcast for Suicide Prevention Month in September 2022.

CHASCo was invited to share information at the TCAT VP of Student Affairs meeting on February 26, 2023, and co-hosted the Tennessee Board of Regents Annual In-Service on March 9, 2023.

The CHASCo Director had the opportunity to present at the UT Summit for Mental Health on June 12, 2023. The Director provided an overview of our Healthy Minds Survey Data & Results from 2019-2022.

CHASCo continues to serve as a member of the Suicide Prevention Stakeholder Task Force organized by the TN Department of Health.

CHASCo continues to attend stakeholder meetings for the TN Coalition to End Domestic & Sexual Violence.

CHASCo partnered with the Department of Health to offer Mental Health First Aid Facilitator Training to CHASCo members in all three regions of the state.

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This academic year, we hosted two in-person meetings and two virtual meetings in addition to our annual Partners in Prevention Conference.

**SEPTEMBER 23, 2022 | IN-PERSON - TBR**

*Let’s Talk About Cannabis: Trends, Risks, & Prevention with Kristina Clark, KM Clarke Consulting*

**NOVEMBER 18, 2022 | VIRTUAL**

*The Sleep Health Crisis on College Campus: Causes, Consequences, and Culture Change with Dr. Roxanne Prichard*

**FEBRUARY 24, 2023 | IN-PERSON - PELLISSIPPI STATE**

*Let’s Talk About Bystander Intervention with Hailey Flavin, Assistant Director for Harm & Risk Reduction in the Office of Sorority & Fraternity Life at University of TN at Knoxville*

**APRIL 14, 2023 | VIRTUAL**

*Shifting Campus Drinking Culture Through Screening with Aimee Hourigan, University of South Carolina*
THE CHASCO DIVERSITY SERIES

In 2023, CHASCo hosted a new series devoted to deepening our ties with our student and campus communities. Each session focused on a different aspect of identity and ways to learn about individuals who share those identities, including actions one can take to cultivate a deeper sense of belonging for everyone.

FEBRUARY SESSION: SAY MY NAME

*Have you ever felt a sense of disconnect in belonging when it comes to race, representation, or simply the awareness of the existence of your culture, subculture, or physical presence in various spaces in places?*

In this presentation, we explore several questions around naming, belonging, and culture. This session was facilitated by faculty and staff from the University of the South.

MARCH SESSION: USING UNIVERSAL DESIGN TO IMPROVE INCLUSION AND ACCESSIBILITY FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES

This workshop provided attendees with an introduction to the concept of Universal Design and ways it can help in the creation of a more inclusive, accessible learning environment for all participants of a program, especially those who may have disabilities. This session was facilitated by Leslie Smith, Manager of the Access Center at Volunteer State Community College.

APRIL SESSION: EXPLORING THE NUANCES OF WORKING WITH FIRST-GENERATION STUDENTS

*In this workshop, we explored the different types of first-generation (first-gen) students one may encounter while working on a college campus.*

Insight was offered on how to identify and assist these individuals on their academic journey. This session was facilitated by Zennia Nesmith, Career Coach at Southeast Tennessee Adult Education through Tennessee Applied College of Technology – Athens and first-generation student.
CHASCo has once again received additional funding to address HIV Prevention as a part of our substance misuse prevention efforts. This funding will continue in the 2023-2024 academic year.

CHASCo has received ongoing funding to address cannabis/marijuana prevention for the upcoming academic year.

COVID Prevention and Post Pandemic Mental Health Grant Initiatives: We will be hosting a minority-centered Mental Health Summit for Equity, with a tentative date of October 27, 2023. In addition to the Summit, we will have minority-centered offerings through virtual presentations throughout the year, with the culmination of our efforts being highlighted at next spring’s Partners in Prevention Conference.

CHASCo is working with EMT Associates on administering the TN Together Collegiate Survey in 2023-2024. We have approximately 8-10 campuses signed up for this opportunity at this time.

CHASCo is working on revitalizing our membership and will continue to look for ways to support our members in their important work. We are planning a Re-Member Orientation theme for our September Meeting in 2023.

SOCIAL MEDIA
Our program coordinator, Rosa Cantu, is continuing to develop our social media presence. Please follow us on LinkedIn, Facebook, X (Twitter), and Instagram. We will continue to send out social media toolkits on a monthly basis.