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From the League of Women Voters of Oak Ridge

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Lunch with the League to feature the Alphabet Soup of Healthcare: Let's Dig In



Along with a brief history of the Affordable Care Act, Tennessee's Medicare & Medicaid programs and resources to those who are eligible for these services, guest speaker Matt Tillery will be deciphering the "alphabet soup" in the ever changing world of health care at the upcoming Lunch with League.

Tillery, the Director of Community Services, Cherokee Health Systems, will speak specifically on Community Mental Health Clinics and Federally Qualified Healthcare Centers, and what these types of service locations mean to community members. The program will be held at noon on Tuesday, March 21 in the Social Hall of the Oak Ridge Unitarian Universalist Church, located at 809 Oak Ridge Turnpike.

Born and raised in Powell, Tillery graduated from East Tennessee State University majoring in Child Development Psychology and Human Development & Learning. He started with Cherokee Health Systems in 2009 as a Case Manager. In 2010, he began coordinating CHS's Health Care for the Homeless Clinic as Outreach Coordinator, working with volunteers and providers to develop outreach and on-site care strategies in collaboration with other agencies. He accepted the position of Director of Community Services in August 2015, allowing him to cover all 14 East TN counties within CHS's service map to provide access to healthcare and care coordination for all of the residents within and near those areas. He also directs the Trinity Medical Respite Program, Knoxville's first and only medical respite for the Homeless working in an active partnership with Knox Area Rescue Ministries.

Tillery serves on a variety of Boards and Committees, including the Tennessee Department of Mental Health & Substance Abuse Services, Knoxville Mayor's Round Table to End Homelessness, and the Red Cross Emergency Preparedness Committee which recently served those in Sevier County impacted by the wildfires.

Sponsored by the League of Women Voters of Oak Ridge, Lunch with the League is open to the public. There is no cost to attend and reservations are not needed. Box lunches will be available starting at 11:30 a.m. on a first-come basis for \$8, or you may bring your own. Coffee and tea are provided.

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