A nearly \$19 million dollar grant from the National Institutes of Health will fund research and reforms intended to reduce cancer and cardiovascular disease in Arkansas. UAMS announced today (Mon) it will allow the establishment of the Center for Research, Health and Social Justice. Dr. Pebbles Fagan, director of the Center for the Study of Tobacco at UAMS, calls this important for the state.

News07	0:19	"in our state."

(OPTIONAL) Fagan says the lack of progress in minimizing health disparities is due to the focus of changing individual habits instead of conditions that cause poor health behaviors.

News08 0:25 "...social justice perspective."

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News09	0:30	"better serve communities."

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News10 0:17 "...a healthier state."

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