



**DELAWARE HEALTHY INFANT AND MOTHER CONSORTIUM (DHMIC)  
DATA & SCIENCE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**

Wednesday, February 23, 2022  
Via Zoom 10:30am-12:00pm

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Dr. David Paul, Chair  
Bridget Buckaloo  
Dr. Garrett Colmorgen  
Mawuna Gardesey  
Logan Herring  
John Holden  
Dr. Rita Landgraf  
Dr. Marshala Lee  
Lolita Lopez  
Susan Noyes, Co-Chair  
Brian Olson  
Liz O'Neil  
Forrest Watson  
Leah Woodall

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Tiffany Chalk  
Representative Ruth Briggs-King  
Representative Marie Pinkney  
Dr. Agnes Richardson  
Representative Melissa Minor-Brown  
Dr. Karyl Rattay  
Representative Brian Richardson

**DPH SUPPORT STAFF PRESENT:** JoEllen Kimmey, MA

TOPIC	FINDINGS, CONCLUSIONS & RECOMMENDATIONS	ACTIONS & FOLLOW-UP	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	STATUS
I. Call to Order	The meeting was called to order by Susan Noyes, Co-Chair, at 10:34am.	No further action required.	Susan Noyes, Co-Chair	Resolved
II. Approval of the Minutes	The Minutes of the 12/1/2021 DPQC meeting were approved with the correction to take Dr. Garret Colmorgen from the attendance list of the meeting. The amended meeting minutes were approved and the Maternal and Infant Morbidity and Mortality Workgroup; DPQC; the Well Woman Workgroup; Black Maternal Health Workgroup and the Doula Ad Hoc Committee meeting minutes can be found on <a href="https://www.de.gov/thrives">DE.Thrives.com</a>	No further action required.	Susan Noyes, Co-Chair	Resolved
III. Acknowledgment	Congratulations and Best Wishes to April Lyons-All, Women Infant and Family Nurse for DHMIC. She has left her role effective 2/13/2022. Appreciation for all the hard work that April has been done on behalf of the DHMIC and others groups was extended.	No further action required.	Susan Noyes, Co-Chair	Resolved

III. Chair Update	<p>-Dr. Paul welcomed Senator Marie Pinkney of the 13<sup>th</sup> district, who replaces Senator Bryan Townsend. Thank you to Senator Townsend for all the work he did for the DHMIC.</p> <p>-The Executive Committee and Workgroup chairs met last week to establish today's agenda, no voting took place.</p> <p>-There is an obstetrical coverage issue in Sussex County that was brought to the awareness of the DHMIC. There was an article in the News Journal over the weekend highlighting the challenges and concerns to this issue. Sen. Ruth Briggs King has been working on this issue; Dr. Paul and Dr. Colmorgen have met on this issue and Leah Woodall, DPH, has been charged with setting up a series of meetings with providers and other persons of interest downstate to address this issue.</p>	On-going	Dr. David Paul, Chair	On-going
IV. HWHB Mini Grantees	<p>Leah Woodall, DPH, reviewed the progress of the HWHB Mini Grantees in the past year. Goal of mini grantees was to test small scale innovative strategies in the community to shift the impact of social determinants of health tied to root causes related to poor health outcomes for women and babies. Primary strategies include: Social Networking for Empowerment; Father/ Partner Involvement and Engagement; Toxic stress/ Aversive Childhood Experiences; Financial Empowerment/ Self-Sufficiency and Housing Insecurity. The mini grantees are: Delaware Adolescent Program; Delaware Multicultural and Civic Organization; Delaware Coalition Against Domestic Violence; Hispanic American Association of Delaware; Rosehill Community Center; Parent Information Center; Black Mothers in Power/ Metropolitan Wilmington Urban League and Breastfeeding Coalition of Delaware. Implementation is going well. 534 women and girls served in this cycle. 62% African American and 27 % Latinx/ Hispanic. Data collection is going well, and evaluation is ongoing. Outcomes are to improve mental health (Stress, Depression and Wellness); physical health, healthy lifestyles, financial stability, father involvement, social networking and longer term outcomes for Mom and Baby. Present work is to have more alignment with national measures where possible. For example, healthy birth weight, full term pregnancy, decrease of birth complications for mom and baby, physical health of mother and baby, initiation of breastfeeding, Healthy Days questions and Perceived Stress Scale.</p>	On-going	Leah Woodall, DPH	On-going
V. Summit	<p>Susan Noyes provided an overview of the Summit which will occur virtually on 4/26/2022 8:30am-3pm. Registration will go out next week. The Theme is <i>Listening, Connecting, Inspiring Change</i>. The keynote speaker is <a href="#">Dr. David Williams</a>, of Harvard, who will articulate the intersection of racism and health disparities. Other speakers are Jennie Joseph, LFM, CPM, Founder and President of Commonsense Childbirth Inc. and Creator of the JJ Way; Angeline Spicer, speaker and comedienne, will examine maternal and emotional wellness and in process of booking two additional speakers. There will be individual and organizational level Health Equity Awards,</p>	On-going	Susan Noyes, Co-Chair	On-going



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	submissions to nominate someone/ group due to by end of March. <a href="https://survey.alchemer.com/s3/6708129/2022-Health-Equity-Champion-Award">https://survey.alchemer.com/s3/6708129/2022-Health-Equity-Champion-Award</a> . There will be breakout sessions and panel discussion and closing remarks.			
VI. Deep Dive and Review of DHMIC Committees and Workgroups	<p><u>SDOH and Housing</u>: Review of the Housing and Guaranteed Basic Income programs to demonstrate small scale change. Each program will serve 15-30 women. The Housing group is working with partners to explore and leverage funding to grow program and Quality Insights to provide case management. For the Guaranteed Basic Income group, will serve 15 women, recruitment happening now with supports of Rosehill and DCADV and starts in March. Evaluation will be on-going with both interventions. Meetings occur monthly.</p> <p><i>*A motion to formally recognize this workgroup as a committee going forward was approved.</i></p> <p><u>Well Women Health</u>: Review of Well Women Health work, April Lyons-Alls developed a well-women infographic, one for patients and one for providers, that should be finalized shortly. There has also been work on a collaborative project to develop an infographic on maternal warning signs that will be distributed to providers, hospitals, ambulance workers. Lastly, there is work on mental health and emotional health for women.</p> <p><i>*A motion to formally recognize this workgroup as a committee going forward was approved.</i></p> <p><u>Black Maternal Health</u>: This group is working to refresh the Black maternal health infographic and is also working on the maternal warning signs infographic. They are working on statewide activities for Black Maternal Health Awareness Week, April 11-17. Working on a landing page for the Her Story video segments which will be located on DEThrives.com</p> <p><i>*A motion to formally recognize this workgroup as a workgroup to continue this work for the next year was approved.</i></p> <p><u>Maternal Health and Neonatal Morbidity and Mortality</u>: This group last met in November and they continue to review and analyze the data from DPH, PRAMS, FIMR and other sources.</p> <p><i>*A motion to formally recognize this workgroup as a committee going forward was approved.</i></p>	On-going	Rita Landgraf, Co-Chair	On-going
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		On-going	Dr. David Paul, Chair	On-going

	<p><u>Doula Workgroup</u>: This group is led by Representative Melissa Minor Brown but she was unable to attend today. This group has met in November and in January to establish a value statement, goals and objectives, core competencies, training topics and long-term sustainability of this work and a possible certification process and components of a state infrastructure for Medicaid Reimbursement.</p> <p><i>*A motion to formally recognize this workgroup as a workgroup to continue this work for the next year was approved.</i></p>	On-going	Leah Woodall, DPH	On-going
VII. Adjourn- ment	There being no further business before the Committee, the chair adjourned the meeting at 11:56am.	No further action required	Dr. David Paul, Chair	Resolved

**Minutes prepared by: JoEllen Kimmey**

**Minutes reviewed by: Mawuna Gardesey**

**Minutes respectfully submitted by: JoEllen Kimmey**

**Minutes reviewed and approved by CHAIR: Dr. David Paul**

**Upcoming DHMIC Meetings:**  
**Annual Summit April 26, 2022**  
**June 9, 2022**  
**September 14, 2022**  
**December 1, 2022**

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