



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

Wednesday, Thursday June 9, 2022
Via Zoom 10:30am-12:00pm

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Dr. David Paul, Chair
Tiffany Chalk
Dr. Garrett Colmorgen
Mawuna Gardeseey
John Holden
Representative Marie Pinkney
Dr. Agnes Richardson
Representative Melissa Minor-Brown
Dr. Rita Landgraf
Dr. Marshala Lee
Susan Noyes, Co-Chair
Leah Woodall

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Bridget Buckaloo
Logan Herring
Representative Ruth Briggs-King
Brian Olson
Liz O’Neil
Dr. Karyl Rattay
Representative Brian Richardson
Forrest Watson

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 Dr. David Paul, Chair, at 10:32am.	No further action required.	Dr. David Paul, Chair	Resolved
II. Approval of the Minutes	The Minutes of the 2/24/2022 DPQC meeting were approved with the correction to take Dr. Aquida Atkinson from the membership and in the fifth section change the working from “the marriage of racism and health disparity to the “the intersection of racism and health disparity.” 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 DE.Thrives.com	No further action required.	Dr. David Paul, Chair	Resolved
III. Chair’s Report	Congratulations and a big thank you to Dr. Karyl Rattay, DPH Director, the longest standing Public Health Director in the Country, who is leaving DPH at the end of June. She has been a long-standing advocate of maternal child health and the DHMIC. Congratulations to the “Delaware Today” top nurses, Bridget	No further action required.	Dr. David Paul, Chair	Resolved

	<p>Buckaloo; Kim Petrella and Rep. Melissa Minor-Brown. Congratulations to Secretary Rita Landgraff who has been nominated to a Federal position with HSS.</p> <p>DHMIC executive committee met on May 26th. No voting took place, discussed issues with some community partners, and progress on the programs sponsored by DHMIC, today's meeting agenda and the minutes will be available on DETHrives.com.</p> <p>The two nurse positions that support the DHMIC are in the interview process and will announce hires at the September meeting.</p> <p>The "News Journal" had an article in the June 5th newspaper detailing the challenges to find OB providers in Sussex County. Tidal Health has contracted with Team Health and should have coverage over the summer.</p> <p>The five-year infant mortality rates including 2020 are not yet finalized but the 2020-year data is showing a 5.5% IM rate per 1,000 live births. National average is 5.4%.</p>			
<p>IV. Healthy Women Healthy Babies Program</p>	<p>Leah and Vik presented data on CY 2020 and 2021 demographics and Benchmark results for FY22 to date. This is a performance-based approach with Benchmarks to show progress and impact to the health of women in Delaware. In CY 2020 7,526 unique patients were seen with 9,642 visit and in CY 2021 6,654 unique patients were seen and 9,239 visits. The Benchmarks are the Pregnancy Intention Screening question; Depression Screening; Hypertension Screening; Substance Misuse Screening; Intimate Partner Violence Screening and / or Social Determinants of Health Screening.</p>	<p>On-going</p>	<p>Leah Woodall, DPH and Vik Vishnubhakta, Excelsior Associates</p>	<p>On-going</p>
<p>V. HWHB Mini Grantees</p>	<p>Leah Woodall, DPH, reviewed the progress of the HWHB Mini Grantees as they close out their third year. The mini grantees are managed by Health Management Associates. The 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, data collection and evaluation are going well. Over 550 women and girls served in this cycle. 62% African American and 27 % Latinx/ Hispanic. 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</p>	<p>On-going</p>	<p>Leah Woodall, DPH</p>	<p>On-going</p>



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	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. July 1 will start Cycle 4 and will add 1-2 mini grantees for the remaining two years of the program. All details about mini grantees can be found on DETHrives.com.			
VI. Review and discussion on 2022 DHMIC Summit	Susan Noyes provided an overview of the Summit evaluations which occurred virtually on 4/26/2022 8:30am-3pm. There were 423 registrants, 340 attendees. There was an 80% turnout which is above national average for attendance in virtual events. Key highlights, 95% felt that the presentations were well organized, and the amount of information covered in each session was sufficient; 96% of attendees felt that the teaching methods were effective; 96% of attendees felt that their personal education objectives were met and 88% of attendees felt that the event platform support and enhanced their learning. Attendees would like more information relative to fathers and to include more information about what local OB's and pediatricians are doing to address racism in their practice. More information available on DETHrives.com. Plans are underway to have the meeting be live in April 2023.	On-going	Susan Noyes, Co-Chair	On-going
VII. Update on new legislative initiatives	There are several House Bills before Senate that will support Maternal and Infant Health in Delaware. HB 234 : an act to amend the extension of Medicaid coverage throughout the first year postpartum (presently 60 days). HB 342 : has provisions in place for the shackling of a pregnant and postpartum woman as The American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists states that shackling a pregnant inmate increases the risk of falling, impairs evaluations for serious pregnancy-associated conditions, causes pain and skin damage, and further endangers inmates at increased risk of preeclampsia. The use of restraints in the post-partum period creates additional risks to physical and mental health. HB 343 : an act providing coverage of doula services to Medicaid patients. HB 344 : an act to address bias training for healthcare workers. The DPQC to establish guidelines by January 1,	On-going	Rep. Melissa Minor-Brown and Senator Marie Pinkney	On-going

	<p>2023, for all hospitals and freestanding birthing centers to conform their cultural competency training programs.</p> <p>HB 345: an act that ensures that all pregnant women and women who have given birth within the past six weeks who are in the custody of the Department of Corrections (DOC) have access to a midwife and / or doula and for DOC to make the necessary accommodations for these women.</p> <p>HB 346: an act to remove prior authorization for a pregnant woman on Medicaid to receive an automated take home blood pressure cuff when recommended by their doctor.</p> <p>HB 340: an act to change the name of the Child Death Review Commission, to “Child and Maternal Death Review Commission” to reflect the intended dual focus of the Commission.</p> <p>HB 455 an act regarding women’s reproductive health and pregnancy termination.</p> <p>Additionally, House Concurrent Resolution 86: Recognized May 22,2022 as World Preeclampsia Day.</p> <p>Senate Concurrent Resolution 108: which recognized May 2022 as Maternal Mental Health Awareness Month.</p> <p>Work for 2023 is to prioritize rural and underserved areas for maternal health and on paid parental leave throughout the state.</p>			
VIII. Strategic Planning	The present three-year strategic plan of the DHMIC is ending this fall. The Executive Committee will set aside a few hours on the next DHMIC meeting date (9/14) to meet and discuss the new three-year strategic plan. Dr. Paul to send out notice.	On-going	Dr. David Paul, Chair	On-going
IX. Committee and Work Group Reports	<p><u>Well Woman and Black Maternal Health-</u> The Well Woman group has worked on a collaborative project to develop an infographic on urgent maternal health warning signs. It has been finalized and will be launched soon. Tiffany Chalk developed a Reel on urgent maternal health warning signs and the Reel on social media has been very successful and can be found here: https://www.instagram.com/reel/CdqqfRtFkoT/. There is a lot of information about Black Maternal Health that can be found on HerStoryDE.com.</p> <p>The next joint workgroup meeting will occur on June 14th 1pm-2:30pm.</p> <p><u>Social Determinants of Health and Housing-</u> For the Guaranteed Basic Income Cohort, it is made of 13 out of 15 women who enrolled in the program in March. April 1, they received \$500 and another \$500 on the 15th of the month for 24 months. Rolling enrollment for the 2 additional women will occur. Average age is 30yo; average months pregnant is 4.6; 33% are Hispanic and 67% are African American. For the Housing Cohort, the program will launch July 1 and was challenging to start due to the large number of housing insecure Delawareans. Case management will occur by Quality</p>	On-going	<p>Susan Noyes, Co-Chair</p> <p>Rita Landgraf</p>	On-going



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	<p>Insights; will partner with Stand By Me for financial coaching; working with St. Francis and Westside Family Healthcare to help identify pregnant women in first or second trimester who need housing. Working with Abor Housing and Wilmington Housing Authority as well as the Hope Center to house these women. Women with SUD will be able to receive treatment services by Guadenzia. Guadenzia is opening the first mother and baby treatment center in Delaware on June 23. They have a four-tiered housing program to successfully transition a mom with SUD issues to being independent and in recovery.</p> <p><u>Doula Work Group</u>- Have met and reviewed what other states are doing for Medicaid reimbursement for doula’s and are developing a plan for what this will look like in Delaware. Working to spread knowledge in the community of what a doula does and how a doula can help in the birthing process.</p> <p><u>Infant and Maternal Mortality</u>- met recently and reviewed PRAMS, FIMR and Birth Defects data. There were 11 maternal deaths in 2021, 8 involving over-doses: 13 unsafe sleep deaths in 2021.</p> <p><u>DPQC</u>- The committee has split into two groups, PEDS and OB; working on the LOCATE process and will have a training in the June meeting which is a leveling process for the birthing hospitals in Delaware and has three interns working with the Committee.</p> <p>All committee meeting minutes can be found on DEThrives.com.</p>		<p>Rep. Melissa Minor Brown</p> <p>Dr. David Paul</p> <p>Dr. Garrett Colmorgen</p>	
<p>X. Adjournment</p>	<p>There being no further business before the Committee, the chair adjourned the meeting at 12:03pm.</p>	<p>No further action required</p>	<p>Dr. David Paul, Chair</p>	<p>Resolved</p>

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:

September 14, 2022

December 1, 2022

