



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

Wednesday, September 14, 2022
Via Zoom 10:30am-12:00pm

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Dr. David Paul, Chair
Tiffany Chalk
Dr. Garrett Colmorgen
Mawuna Gardesey
Logan Herring
John Holden
Dr. Rita Landgraf
Dr. Marshala Lee
Brian Olson
Dr. Agnes Richardson
Susan Noyes, Co-Chair
Forrest Watson
Leah Woodall

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Bridget Buckaloo
Representative Ruth Briggs-King
Lolita Lopez
Representative Melissa Minor-Brown
Representative Marie Pinkney
Representative Bryant 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 Dr. David Paul, Chair, at 10:34am.	No further action required.	Dr. David Paul, Chair	Resolved
II. Approval of the Minutes	The Minutes of the 6/9/2022 DPQC meeting 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. Announcements	-Thank you for the Executive Committee who met prior to this meeting to work on the DHMIC Strategic Plan. -Liz O’Neil has resigned, a big thank you for her work on the DHMIC. If anyone has any nominations, please let Dr. Paul, John Holden or any member know. -The Executive Committee met on 8/19, no voting took place, the initiatives were reviewed, and today’s meeting agenda set. -Welcome to Latoya Brathwaite who is the DHMIC Women,	No further action required.	Dr. David Paul, Chair	Resolved

	<p>Infant and Families Nurse Consultant, replacing April Lyons.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Kim Petrella has been renewed in her nurse consultant position for the DPQC. -Congratulations and a big thank you to Dr. Karyl Rattay, DPH Director, the longest standing Public Health Director in the Country, who resigned at the end of June. She has been a long-standing advocate of maternal child health and the DHMIC. -Welcome to Dr. Judy Gorra, Pediatrician, who will assume Dr. Rattay's role on the DHMIC as DPH representative. -Leah Woodall, DPH, reviewed that Dr. Rick Hong is Interim Acting Medical Director at DPH and Steve Blessing is Interim Acting Deputy Director as Crystal Webb resigned in June as well. Two rounds of interviews for both positions have been completed and an announcement should be made shortly. -9/27 ACOG has an evening meeting to review disparities at Riverfront. 			
<p>IV. Data Update</p>	<p>Dr. Paul reviewed data. IM Rates for 2010-2020 were reviewed in Delaware and the Nation and Delaware rate met National rate at 5.4% for the first time since late 90's. The overall IM rate from 2000-2020 shows a drop of 30% in Delaware. Delaware's five-year IM, Neonatal Mortality, and Post Neonatal Mortality from 2010-2020 were reviewed. Noting that Black IMR post neonatal has gone up. Data by county and the city of Wilmington and race was reviewed, noting that the Hispanic IM rate for the city of Wilmington is higher. The major driver of IM is preterm births and data from this was reviewed by Nation, Delaware, and Race. NAS Abstinence Syndrome from 2010-2020 was reviewed and it peaked in 2016-2017 and has been declining since. In conclusion, Delaware 2020 Infant Mortality rate is at the national average; 30% reduction in 5-year Infant Mortality since 2004; and decreased number of babies with Nows. Ongoing challenges Black to White disparity is at 3:1; there is increased postnatal neonatal mortality rate in Black babies; increasing infant mortality rate in Black babies in Kent County and Increasing infant mortality rate in Hispanic babies in Wilmington.</p>	<p>On-going</p>	<p>Dr. David Paul, Chair</p>	<p>On-going</p>
<p>V. Community Health Workers, Quality Insights</p>	<p>Quality Insights is managing the Community Health Worker project for the HWHB program. The goal is to develop a closed loop referral mechanism to facilitate a client's referral to and receipt of community services to support a healthy lifestyle. The program started in February 2020 with focus on high-risk areas in Wilmington and New Castle County, and in September of 2021 it expanded to Southern Kent and Northern Sussex and Western Sussex County. There are presently 7 CHW's and most all of them are bilingual. An intake form is completed, or client can be referred via phone call. From October 2021 to August 2022, 121 intakes were completed, and top areas of need were food, housing, employment, and income; 42 SDOH assessments were completed and the SDOH assessment reflected top needs of food, medical, insurance and transportation issues. For</p>	<p>On-going</p>	<p>Lisa Gruss, Quality Insights</p>	<p>On-going</p>



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	further information or to review three success stories, -HIT (qualityinsights.org)			
VI. Social Determinants of Health Committee, Guaranteed Basic Income Workgroup	The SDOH Committee continues meet monthly to focus on establishing housing priority for pregnant women. Two workgroups within this committee, the Housing Stabilization Program, which has faced challenges due to low housing stock and will be reviewed at next DHMIC meeting, and the Guaranteed Basic Income workgroup. The group met on 9/12 and will be meeting bimonthly going forward with next meeting in November of 2022. A woman is eligible for the \$1000 if she is pregnant in the first or second trimester, lives in a high-risk zone and is under 185% of the FPL. Forty women are enrolled in the program, 15 in Cohort 1 which began in May and 25 in Cohort 2 which began in July. The women receive financial coaching and case management services. Evaluation is on-going and reviews spending data, if the program helps link women to long term health and stability and if the program results in reductions in other systemic costs due to improved health, stability and other positive outcomes. All women in the Cohort 1 reported that the program has positively impacted their lives in some way and most reported lower stress levels. Grocery stores are the greatest spending category, followed by restaurants and fast food, gasoline, utility bills, discount stores and transportation. Eight women are using the funds to assist with rent or mortgage. 75% of women were Black and 25% were Hispanic.	On-going	Dr. Rita Landgraf, co-chair of SDOH Committee	On-going
VII. HWHB Mini Grantees	Two additional HWHB Mini Grantees are being sought; the first round of oral presentations occurred 9/9 and on 9/16 an additional 5 presentations will occur. The award will given in November 2022 and Health Management Associates (HMA) is the backbone agency providing coaching and TA to the Mini Grantee program.	On-going	Leah Woodall, DPH	On-going

VIII. Committee and Work Group Reports	<p><u>DPQC</u>- Eight out of the eleven maternal deaths in 2021 occurred due to drug overdose. The Hypertension and OB Hemorrhage projects are continuing. AIM is encouraging quantitative blood loss and the Committee is working to achieve this at all hospitals. DPQC is working to develop Implicit Bias training for all hospitals and medical providers and presently still awaiting official Governor appointment for its members.</p> <p><u>Doula Work Group</u>- an ad hoc committee formed to support the implementation pathway for Medicaid reimbursement for Doula services; working to establish a certification pathway and certification process for Doulas.</p> <p><u>Well Woman and Black Maternal Health</u>- Combined meeting occurred 6/14; the next joint workgroup meeting will occur on 9/20 1pm-2:30pm. There were initiatives that occurred the week of August 25-31, Black Breastfeeding Week with social media, blogs, an eblast and an op ed event. Rep. Melissa Minor Brown helped to coordinate a viewing and discussion of the Hulu documentary "Aftershock" at the Riverfront on 8/20.</p> <p><u>Infant and Maternal Mortality</u>- met recently and through emails have reviewed PRAMS, FIMR and Birth Defects data and have finalized the next generation of PRAMS questions, including questions about Doula services.</p>	On-going On-going On-going On-going	Dr. Garrett Colmorgen, Chair of DPQC Leah Woodall, DPH Leah Woodall, DPH Dr. David Paul	On-going On-going On-going On-going
IX. Adjourn- ment	There being no further business before the Committee, the chair adjourned the meeting at 12:00pm.	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: (Via Zoom)
December 1, 2022

