



**Infant and Maternal Mortality Task Force
Community Engagement Subcommittee
Wednesday, June 10, 2020
1:00-2:30pm
Draft Minutes**

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1. Call to order– 1:02pm
 - a. Present: Tamela Milan Alexander, Stacy Carreon, Mary Elsner, Shirley Fleming, Cheryl Floyd, Wandy Hernandez Gordon, Virginia Julion, Jessica Lamberson, Karyn Stewart, Kathy Wilagora
2. Public Comment– N/A
3. Centering
 - a. Breathing exercise led by Dr. Shirley Fleming.
4. Review and Approval of Minutes
 - a. May 7, 2020 meeting minutes are approved.
5. Update of Group Actions
 - a. Findings and Policy Implications
 - i. Karyn Stewart and Jessica Lamberson to come with literature summaries of key findings and policy implications for next meeting.
6. Unfinished Business
 - a. Review of key findings from IDPH Reports
 - i. Need to know what is going on with childbearing women.
 - b. Survey Focus
 - i. Could Medicaid help in distributing the survey? Stacy to look for Medicaid contact.

- ii. MCH family councils have been involved with a community engagement focus so they might have folks that could be expanded to include post-partum women.
- iii. Focusing on postpartum women this year and next steps for next year's report could focus on all other stages of pregnancy for the coming year (intrapartum or peripartum).
- iv. Focus on postpartum and we can ask these women for a retrospective view of that their prenatal experience was like.
- v. A way to focus on the post-partum experience should be extending Medicaid coverage from 6 weeks to a year.
- vi. Ounce of Prevention has sites in the South East and Southwest sides that we could partner with. They are working with our target population.

c. Survey Questions/Content

- i. Focus on trying to capture women's experiences. What facilitates or acts as a barrier in healthcare.
- ii. Ask them what has worked and what good experiences they have had to try and duplicate and expand these efforts.
- iii. Asking moms directly what recommendations they have.
- iv. Starting with a neutral question (what has impacted your experience) but making sure we do not give them too many open-ended questions, so they don't leave it blank.
- v. Questions should be around social and environmental factors and their experience.
- vi. Focusing on "How did you feel about this" or "What could have made this experience better for you".
- vii. The format of the survey will include facilitating a focus group with open ended questions and also a survey that is distributed on paper.
- viii. WIC distributes surveys also, in their experience, open-ended questions often go unanswered.

7. New Business- N/A

8. Summary of Next Steps

a. Survey Group- Virginia Julion, Jessica Lamberson, Shirley Fleming, Tamela Milan Alexander

- i. Begin to formulate questions for the focus groups and the paper survey. Dr. Fleming will create template that she will put in the Google Doc so people can include their questions there. Tamela can review language to make sure questions are palpable to the intended audience. Would probably be the last in the chain to review due to her current capacity.

- ii. Identify who can facilitate/conduct surveys then identify persons to review answers and look at the results. Based on the themes found in the survey results, we can develop recommendations from these.
 - b. Research & Literature– Karyn Stewart and Jessica Lamberson
 - i. Prepare literature summaries of key findings and policy implications for next meeting.
- 9. Adjournment – 2:14pm

Next Meeting: Wednesday, June 24, 2020 from 1:00-2:30pm