Wednesday, September 9, 2020

Virtual Meeting Via Zoom Conference Call

**MEMBERS PRESENT: MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Dr. David Paul, Chair Dr. Aguida Atkinson

Susan Noyes, Co-Chair Representative Deborah Hudson

Bridget Buckaloo Representative Ruth Briggs King

Dr. Garrett Colmorgen Loplita Lopez

Tiffany Chalk Dr. Karyl Rattay

Mawuna Gardesey Representative Bryan Townsend

Logan Herring Representative Bryant Richardson

Rev. John Holden

Dr. Rita Landgraf

Representative Melissa Minor-Brown

Brian Olson

Liz O’Neil

Dr. Agnes Richardson

Forrest Watson

Leah Woodall

(other members in attendance virtually)

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

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| **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 10:30am. | No further action required. | Dr. David Paul, Chair | Resolved |
| II. Consent Agenda | The Consent Agenda consisting of the 6/10/20 DPQC minutes, the Maternal and Infant Morbidity and Mortality Workgroup Minutes from 8/31/20; and the Delaware Perinatal Quality Cooperative (DPQC) meeting from 6/18/20, 7/16/20 and 8/20/20 were approved. The minutes from the SDOH and Well Woman Work Group to be posted to Basecamp when available. | No further action required. | Dr. David Paul, Chair | Resolved |
| III. Health Equity in Delaware | Presentations to discuss the landscape of different Delaware programs before embarking on a specific DHMIC initiative centering on mothers and babies. DHMIC wants to make sure that our efforts are not duplicative and more complementary to the great work already happening in our State.   1. Michelle Taylor presented about racial equity and social justice in the state and the various workgroups and collaboratives in place to address these issues. Focus is on 1 ) criminal justice 2) Education pre-k to post-secondary 3) wealth creation (i.e. livable wage, housing, homelessness, financial empowerment) 4) youth voices 5) Health equity There is also a [21 day Equity Challenge](https://deracialequitychallenge.org/) available. 2. Logan Herring, [Reach Riverside](https://reachriverside.org/), presented about efforts of Reach Riverside, Kingswood Community Center and The Warehouse for Teens by Teens to revitalize the area of Wilmington. A $215 revitalization process is in place and ground should be broken in 30-60 days, revitalizing housing, the community center, plans to build a grocery store and more. The goal is to create a comprehensive economic self-sufficiency and mobility program for the Riverside residents as they transition into new housing units. There is also a Riverside Relief Fund to empower the community members. 3. Rita Landgraf presented the charter for race equity advocacy. [Proactively counteract race inequalities inside and outside of an organization](https://www.equityinthecenter.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/04/Equity-in-Center-Awake-Woke-Work-2019-final-1.pdf). Because each organization is comprised of different people, systems, and histories, individual organizations will enter the Race Equity Cycle at different stages and will approach their race equity work with varying levels of organizational readiness. A while the impact will look and feel different at each stage of the Race Equity Cycle, we believe that all three stages mutually reinforce each other. At the AWAKE stage, organizations are focused on people and on building a workforce and boards comprised of individuals from different race backgrounds. The primary goal is representation, with efforts aimed at increasing the number of people of different race backgrounds. At the WOKE stage, organizations are focused on culture and on creating an environment where everyone is comfortable sharing their experiences, and everyone is equipped to talk about race equity and inequities. The primary goal is inclusion and internal change in behaviors, policies, and practices. At the WORK stage, organizations are focused on systems to improve race equity. The primary goal is integration of a race equity lens into all aspects of an organization. This involves internal and external systems change and regularly administering a race equity assessment to evaluate processes, programs, and operations. This approach is being used at Reach Riverside to adopt race equity. 4. Khaleel Hussaini presented the [Data Brief on Reproductive Health](https://dethrives.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/08/Data_Brief_Reproductive_Health_PB_reviewed_team1.pdf) for data on 2012-2018. As per the BRFSS results, between 2017 and 2018, there was about seven-percentage point increase in use of moderately effective methods of contraception (14.7% to 21.4%) in Delaware. Approximately 12,436 women at risk for unintended pregnancy indicated using moderately effective methods in 2018, as compared to 8,435women in 2017.•As per the PRAMS results, in Delaware, during 2012 to 2018, there was a 17% increase in the percent of Delaware women with a recent live birth indicating that their pregnancy as “wanted then or sooner” and during the same time-frame, there was approximately 29% decrease in the percent of women indicating that their pregnancy as “wanted later or unwanted.” •Among Delaware women who had a live birth, there was a 107% increase in reversible methods of contraceptionduring2012-2018. There was an 89% increase in intrauterine devices and 162.5% increase in use of contraceptive implants. | On-going | Michelle Taylor, United Way of DE  Logan Herring, DHMIC  Rita Landgraf, DHMIC  Khaleel Hussaini, DPH | On-going |
| IV. Workgroup Reports | SDOH: the group is focused on how to improve birth outcomes in Delaware and to address the housing issues for pregnant women and women with young children in Delaware. There is a pilot program from Ohio that the group is researching and hoping to implement in DE that had improved birth outcomes for the women in their program compared to a control group with not only housing services but other wrap around services to address SDOH.  Well-Women and Black Maternal Health: next meeting is 9/16 9-10:30am. Group hosted 2 webinars in Spring; [Black Breastfeeding Week](https://dethrives.com/blog/black-breastfeeding-week) was supported week of August 23. A video to experience Black Women as consumers in well-women care before, during, and after pregnancies is in production to help hear women and their voices and help others be aware of implicit bias.  Neonatal and Maternal Mortality: minutes available through Zoom link to today’s meeting. | On-going | Melissa Minor Brown and Rita Landgraf  Tiffany Chalk  Dr. David Paul | On-going |
| V. Other Business | * The Margaret Handy lecture, designed to provide cutting edge insights on topics in neonatal/perinatal medicine and held in honor of Dr. Margaret Handy, Delaware’s first pediatrician. will be Oct 9, 2020 at CCHS. For more information see Dr. Paul. | On-going | Panel Guests | On-going |
| XI. Adjourn-ment | There being no further business before the Committee, the chair adjourned the meeting at 12:01pm. | 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: DHMIC November 12, 2020 from 10:30am-12pm, to be held virtually (Zoom)**