Delaware Healthy Mother & Infant Consortium

Maternal Morbidity and Mortality Work Group

Thursday, August 12, 2021

2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Remote via Microsoft Team Meeting

**Meeting Notes**

Attending: Dr. David Paul, Anne Pedrick, Dara Hall, Khaleel Hussaini, George Yocher, Louis Bartoshesky, Dr. Matthew Hoffman, Bryant Richardson, Amy Acheson, Caitlin Baskerville, Mawuna Gardesey, Noah Duckett, Kim Petrella, Crystal Hurley, Pam Berentsen, Lisa Klein

**Review/Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes**

Minutes from the previous meeting were approved.

**Review of Report on Women of Child Bearing Age**

Khaleel gave a presentation on the updated PRAMS consolidated report. The report uses data from 2012 to 2019. Some highlights from the report:

Higher adverse maternal experiences (AMEs) occur to those who are younger, with lower levels of education, and lower income.

The same subgroups also had a higher percentage of visits for depression

Higher percentage of Black (non-Hispanic) women indicated AMEs

Those with less education have an increase in prenatal visits

Prenatal visit are higher for low income women

Obesity has increased over time, including for those of other races

Chronic conditions seem to be stable over time

Percentages for those with 2 or more chronic conditions are higher for lower ages

Percentages for chronic conditions increase for those with lower income

Exercise increases for those with higher incomes

Vitamin use increases with age, and also with increased education

Cigarette use (smoking) has declined overtime

**Legacy Programs – PRAMS, FIMR, Birth Defects**

**For FIMR**, Anne noted that there were 7 or 8 deaths so far this year, about 1 or 2 per month.

**For PRAMS**, George presented information about Phase 9 of the survey which is being worked on by CDC now. Delaware will have an opportunity to change, or drop particular state used questions and comment on core questions that will be used by states. The time line is to have a new questionnaire ready by April, 2023.

George reviewed the current survey noting what was changeable for state questions. Among other things:

It was agreed to keep the NICU question

We should look into ER dental questions

Are there abuse questions that go beyond the home environment

Are there questions looking at the influence of race in office interactions

Are there questions about aspirin use

George stated he would look through the current standard list of questions and see what was available. It is possible that additional new questions would be available once states are finished on voting of potential questions.

**For the birth defects registry**:

-The 2018 birth cohort is done. Need PI to OK before sending to state.

-We have started abstracting 2019; there are about 350 cases.

-There are two research projects: one on Genetics, the other on Hip Dysplasia.

The value of the registry will be part of grand rounds at CCHS.

**Other**

Covid and birth numbers – any change in DE? Unknown at this time.

**Next Meeting**

**DHMIC General Meeting:** Wednesday, Sept 9, 2021 (virtual meeting via Zoom). No committee meetings will be held.

Next work group meeting; TBD