

**REGIONAL HEALTH ALLIANCE**

**Maternal and Infant Health Commission**

**MEETING MINUTES**

**February 11, 2015**

**Members Present:** Mary Barkley, Jennifer Frank Brenton Michelle Datema, Sondra Fettes, Melinda Hautau, Cheryl Hinds, Angela Myers, Jessica Rapelje, Kristin Roux, Sallie Shears, Erin Somerlott, Cindy Standish, Jennifer VanValkenburg, Mallory Vredeveld, Catie Zamarwn, Linn Mahabir

1. **Welcome and Call to Order:** Meeting called to order at 8:00 a.m. by Sallie Shears
2. **Approval of December Minutes:**

**Motion**: Approve December 2014 Minutes

Cheryl Hinds

Michelle Datema

 Motion Carried

1. **2015 Meeting Calendar** – The April 2015 meeting falls on the week of spring break and the November 2015 meeting is on Veteran’s Day. Co-chairs will notify the group if the meetings are to be rescheduled or cancelled. This document also has a proposed presentation calendar highlighting the MIHC workgroups
2. **FIMR/Infant Safe Sleep Workgroup Update** – Erin Somerlott provided data and recommendations from the 2006-2013 FIMR cumulative report. A full annual report was not compiled this year since there were only 7 deaths with 5 mothers which created confidentiality issues. 2013 and 2014 data will be combined once 2014 case reviews are complete. It was noted that the death rate for black infants is 3x higher than that of white infants. The top causes of death are consistently related to prematurity/extreme prematurity, infant safe sleep, and congenital anomalies. Findings from the FIMR report will be very valuable as this group works to develop objectives and strategies. Erin will send Jennifer the latest FIMR data once complete to be shared with the group.

A detailed work plan for the Infant Safe Sleep group was distributed. Activities included group presentations, pack-n-play distribution, distribution of TIP Cards, and childcare provider training on infant safe sleep. 174 pack-n-plays were given out last year. 21 have already been distributed in January of 2015. An infant safe sleep message will be shown at the cinema before movies begin in September. All moms at the hospital are also shown the “Tomorrow’s Child” video. Grace Health is offering a class that teaches women how to sooth their babies. WIC may also be offering infant safe sleep education as part of WIC renewal.

1. **Collective Conversation & Decision Making**
	1. **MIHC Current Objectives** – Current objectives were distributed to the group. Based on conversations in this meeting, we have focused on pregravid underweight and overweight, access to prenatal care, prenatal nutrition, prenatal tobacco use, and Herpes. Co-chairs will be taking this information and will report back to RHA leadership to explain our strategies and present the data driving our decision-making. It was suggested that we also collect data on health disparities and include this in our priorities for the year. Sondra Fettes made a motion to keep the 2015 objectives as written. Seconded by Cheryl Hinds. All approved.
2. **Presentations**
	1. **PRAMS Update –** Jill Hardy from Michigan PRAMS provided a presentation on the PRAMS surveillance system. PRAMS is a population-based system that collects data on maternal behaviors and experiences that occur before, during, and after pregnancy. The data are intended to be used for policy and program development. PRAMS stratifies by birth weight, geography and race. PRAMS is the only survey that collect pregnancy intention data and are also one of the only sources of data on infant safe sleep and satisfaction with prenatal care. Women can complete a paper survey or online. A report for Calhoun County is not yet complete but Jill is working with WIC and the home visiting programs to gather more data. The PRAMS advisory committee is being reconvened and is in the process of rewriting the survey. Jill asked that someone from this group participate on the advisory committee.
	2. **CCPHD Pregnant/Parenting Teen Program -** The Health Department has received an MDCH grant for pregnant and parenting teen moms and dads. Funding will support case management services to provide linkage to support services with the teens working on goals they develop. The goals of the program are to reduce repeat teen pregnancies, increase graduation rates, and increase linkages to supports. The goal is to have 25 teen moms and dads.There is no income requirement. In addition the CCPHD is doing a needs assessment utilizing focus group data from pregnant teen moms and dads to be held this month.
3. **Items for Follow Up:**
	1. Erin Somerlott to email additional FIMR data to Jennifer VanValkenburg when available.
	2. Have county epidemiologist Berta Griffin provide updated health data on pregnant women and infants when it is released.
4. **Next Meeting: Wednesday, March 11, 2015, 8:00am – 9:30am.**
5. **Meeting adjourned**

**Minutes submitted by: Linn Mahabir**

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