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Maternal Health Innovation updates

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Project Overview

The purpose of the MHI Program is to reduce maternal mortality, severe maternal morbidity, and maternal health disparities through:

- Quality services
- A skilled workforce,
- Enhanced data quality and capacity,
- Innovating programming

A Maternal Health Task Force has been assembled to work on developing and implementing innovations.

By September 29, 2024, MHI program staff and Maternal Health Task Force members will submit the draft of a Strategic Plan which outlines actionable items, deliverables, and projects intended for implementation.

MHI program staff is working closely with the coordinator of the KPQC and KMMRC (Jill Nelson) to ensure statewide efforts and data capacity are being supported.

Maternal Health Task Force

30-40 task force members from different geographic and professional areas

Some organizations represented on the task force include

- KDHE, KU Med, Children's Mercy, Delivering Change, Kansas Doula Alliance, Stormont Vail, Kansas Birth Equity Network, Russell Child Development Center, and others

First task force meeting held 5/23/24, and we have held two meetings to date

Maternal Health Task Force, cont.

Task force members provided input for areas of importance. Responses were then categorized and sorted into common themes:

- **Community Collaboration**
 - Expand on and support work that is being done
- **Access to care**
 - Support non-traditional care models
 - Remove barriers to health care
- **Rural maternal health**
 - Increase support in maternal care deserts
- **Education**
 - Implement workforce training and community education surrounding maternal care
- **Behavioral Health**
 - Prevent violent maternal deaths
 - Substance use disorder support and prevention
- **Social Determinants of Health**
 - Support marginalized or underserved communities



Maternal Health Strategic Plan

The Maternal Health Task Force members have provided their insight on the direction of the task force as well as areas that we should focus our attention

Strategic Planning meetings to be held in July, August, and September

Strategic Plan draft due 9/29/24 with a final version due 9/29/25

Proposed and planned activities include:

- Needs assessment with gap analysis for determining appropriate maternal health innovations
- Training, education, and outreach for providers
- Engagement with families and birthing persons in the community



Questions?