

Public Notice of Open Meeting

Task Force on Infant and Maternal Mortality Among African Americans:

Systems Subcommittee

Tuesday, March 11, 2025 | 12:30pm – 1:30 p.m.

Meeting is held entirely VIRTUAL

Virtual Meeting Information: <https://illinois.webex.com/illinois/j.php?MTID=mcc6126df7f6edba83c634369368d378e>

Phone: 312-535-8110 | Meeting # (access code): 2863 178 7168 → #, #

AGENDA

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Minutes Review and Approval (Vote): 1/28/2025
4. IDPH Updates
 - **IDPH Job Fair:** This event will be held on **Wednesday, April 23, 2025, from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.** at the John R. Block Building on the Illinois State Fairgrounds.
 - **Posting: MCH Title V Block Grant Coordinator (Public Service Administrator, Opt.1)**
https://illinois.jobs2web.com/job/Springfield-MCH-Title-V-Block-Grant-Coordinator-%28Public-Service-Administrator%2C-Opt_1%29-IL-62702-5076/1266509700/
 - **IDPH Personnel updates:** Adebola Hassan, Title V Division Chief & Ashley Horne have left IDPH.
 - **Maternal Health Blueprint:** The purpose of the survey is to identify and understand the various programs and services available across the state to improve the health of Illinois' MCH population and will be a continuous effort to allow updates to the blueprint. https://uic.ca1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_aWtcnGk4FUQqrY
 - **2023-2024 Report to The General Assembly: Illinois Task Force on Infant and Maternal Mortality Among African Americans** <https://dph.illinois.gov/about/annual-reports/immt/report-20232024.html>
 - **Fetal and Infant Mortality Data Report is now available:**
<https://dph.illinois.gov/content/dam/soi/en/web/idph/publications/idph/topics-and-services/life-stages-populations/maternal-child-family-health-services/maternal-health/perinatal-health/fetal-and-infant-mortality-report-2024.pdf>
 - **Birth Equity:** IDPH Awards \$4.5 Million in Grants to Support Governor Pritzker's **Birth Equity** Efforts Across Illinois: State Announces Grants to **12 Groups that Provide Innovative, Equity-Focused Maternal Care for Pregnant Illinoisans.** <https://dph.illinois.gov/resource-center/news/2025/january/release-20250129.html#:~:text=January%209%2C%202025-,IDPH%20Awards%20%244.5%20Million%20in%20Grants%20to%20Support,Birth%20Equity%20Efforts%20Across%20Illinois&text=CHICAGO%20%E2%80%93%20The%20Illinois%20Department%20of,Pritzker's%202024%20Birth%20Equity%20Initiative.>
 - **IDPH New Office Location:** 115 S. La Salle St, Suite 700, Chicago, IL 60603

5. Vaccine Letter Updates (IDPH Discussion)-Vote

- RSV a seasonal vaccine? Perhaps semantics, but when one hears seasonal, one thinks of a vaccine like the flu vaccine.
- Is RSV the highest cause of hospitalization in children under age 2 years in IL? The latest for the US was that RSV was the highest cause of hospitalization in US infants (age <1 year).

6. Sub-Committee “Access” Theme/focus for 2025 Discussion

IMMT Co-Chair meeting and unanimous vote for Sub-committees to collectively address "Access" to care/services/resources needed to improve maternal and infant health in Illinois. **(25 minutes)**

- Access to hospitals, clinics, birth centers
- Access to Providers (diminishing rates of medical student of color)
- Access of care for Migrants

7. 2022 IL legislation in support of Certified Midwives, Doulas, and LC’s. (25 minutes)

<https://www.wbez.org/health-medicine/2024/11/21/west-suburban-hospital-abruptly-cuts-ties-with-midwives-and-family-medicine-doctors>

8. Article: Black and Hispanic Medical Students Admissions Race Affirmative Action

<https://www.wbez.org/education/2025/02/24/illinois-medical-school-amissions-race-affirmative-action-black-hispanic-students#:~:text=In%202023%2D24%2C%20162%20Black,Asian%20and%20white%20students%20enrolled.>

<https://www.statnews.com/2025/01/09/medical-school-black-hispanic-enrollment-drops-after-supreme-court-affirmative-action-ruling/>

- 9. Public Comment (5 minutes):** Persons interested in making public comment are encouraged to contact the Office of Women’s Health at 312-814-1093. If there are speakers remaining after the fifteen (15) minutes allotted for public testimony, who registered prior to the start of the meeting and who have not spoken, they may be permitted to provide their testimony at the conclusion of the meeting, at the discretion of the Chair.

- 10. Next Systems Subcommittee meeting:** April 22, 2025, 12:30pm-1:30pm

11. Adjournment

* Agenda subject to change: For the most up to date agenda, please visit IDPH Events page <https://dph.illinois.gov/events.html>.