

**Task Force on Infant and Maternal Mortality Among African Americans  
Community Engagement Subcommittee**

July 14, 2021

1:00-2:30 PM

**Attendance**

**Present**

Shirley Fleming, Co-Chair  
Tia Britton  
Cheryl Floyd  
Virginia Julion  
Jessica Lamberson  
Shirley Scott  
Karyn Stewart

**IDPH**

Alexander Smith  
Kenya McRae  
Bria Oden

**Member Not Present**

Pamela Roesch (excused)  
Marie Versher

**Guests**

Renee Odom  
Jean Davis  
Minji Kang  
Ananya Stoller

**Meeting Minutes**

**Call to Order, Check-In, and Centering Exercise (Shirley Fleming)**

Shirley Fleming called the meeting to order at 1:02 pm. Roll was taken and Shirley checked in with the committee. The group then proceeded to do a short centering exercise.

**Approval of Minutes (Shirley Fleming)**

The group reviewed the Minutes from the June 2021 meeting. Shirley Scott made a motion to approve the Minutes with a correction of the date on the minutes, Virginia Julion seconded and the group unanimously approved.

**Review of the Charge (Shirley Fleming)**

- Discussed Identifying Best Practices – Wanted the group to make 2 to 3 recommendations
  - o Host listening sessions and to do an environmental scan

**Indicators for Environmental Scan (Bria Oden)**

- Bria presented on economic disadvantage as structural context indicator.
- Data looked at economic disadvantage and birth outcomes.
- Went over maps of Illinois that showed where economic disadvantage was highest.

- Question for committee, what should be considered for rural areas? Answer: Less than 60k is defined as rural.
  - o Committee plans to ask for Zipcodes on the intake form to keep it de-identified as possible. Can line it up with the map.

#### **IRB Submission Update (Shirley Fleming)**

- Reviewed the flyer for the listening session to be submitted to the IRB.
- Reviewed the intake form as well for the sessions.
- Discussed whether or not to include education level again. But decided to leave it off.
- Add on the full WIC name and Geographic Location.
- Discussed the IRB Submission itself and need to fill out an application.
  - o Looked at recruitment processes and had two options
  - o Alex to set up a meeting with Shirley to work on IRB submission documents.

#### **Student Research Project (Shirley Fleming)**

- Shirley asked the interns to introduce themselves.
- Work on identifying agencies to reach out to for volunteers.

#### **I PROMOTE-IL (Shirley Scott)**

- There will be roll over from the fiscal year to help with the projects.
- Let Shirley know if there are any POC that would be interested in the story telling sessions.
- Asked if there was any criteria to be involved – Answer: Shirley has a flyer that will list off the benefits will send to Alex to send to the committee.

#### **Membership Updates (Shirley Fleming/Alexander Smith)**

- Discussed the people aligned with I PROMOTE-IL so that there is not overlap of members or resources.

#### **Next Steps (Shirley Fleming, Committee)**

- Alex to set up with meeting with Shirley Fleming to complete the IRB documents.
- Bria working on the environmental scan.
- Plan to have a draft from the Student project

#### **Public Comment**

There were no public comments at this time.

#### **Adjournment**

With no further business to discuss, there was a motion to adjourn by Shirley Scott, seconded by Cheryl Floyd, and was unanimously approved. The meeting was adjourned at 2:08 pm.