

**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
 - 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.