

## Meeting Minutes of:

### Task Force on Infant and Maternal Mortality Among African Americans (IMMT)

#### Programs & Best Practices Subcommittee

Date: Tuesday, October 24, 2023 | 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. | Location: WebEx

#### Attendees:

<u>Members in Attendance</u>	<u>IDPH</u>	<u>Guest</u>	<u>Members Not in Attendance</u>
Patricia Lee King (Vice-Chair) Cynthia Price Ellen Mason Jose Ortiz Santana Wheat	Leandra Díaz	Alicia Diebold Jaime Hamil Darius Tandon, Northwestern University	<b>Excused:</b> Dara Gray Basley (Chair) Angela Ellison Dara Basely (Chair) Deanna Durica Gloria Elam Joanna Su

## AGENDA ITEMS

#### Call to Order & Roll Call

The Co-Chair, Patricia Lee King, called the meeting to order at approximately 3:07 P.M. Leandra Díaz conducted the roll call and asked guests to respond in the chat box with their name and association. **Quorum was not reached.**

#### Review/Approval of Minutes

- The agenda was reviewed, and Minutes from the **September 26, 2023** meeting were viewed. No motion was conducted due to no quorum.

#### IDPH Updates

- Title V Division Chief/Director: This position is moving forward with great progress. Candidates have been approved and interviews are being scheduled.

#### New Business

- Presentation by **Darius Tandon from Northwestern University on Mothers & Babies (MB)**.
  - During Fetal development, evidence suggests that maternal stress and depression affect the emotion regulation and later psychopathology in children.
  - Maternal stress/depression can lead to preterm birth: increase in corticotrophin by releasing hormone (CRH) caused by stress leading to upregulation of inflammatory cytokine release that stimulates contractions leading to preterm labor.
  - Most MB research studies have focused on prevention of perinatal depression, thereby recruiting individuals at risk for developing perinatal depression but not currently exhibiting major depression.

**Public Comment:** No public comment provided.

**Adjournment:** With nothing further to discuss, meeting was adjourned.