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**Infant and Maternal Mortality Task Force Among African Americans (IMMT)
Systems Subcommittee**

Tuesday, March 11, 2025, 12:30 pm | 1 hour | (UTC-06:00) Central Time (US & Canada)

Meeting Minutes

Present

Catherine Harth
Cynthia Wilson
Daniel Johnson
Glenda Morris Burnett
Glendean Burton
Shondra Clay
Jessica Lamberson

IDPH

Trishna Harris
Leandra Diaz
Julia Strehlow
Jennifer Seo
Arti Barnes

Guests

Tamika Anderson Reeves

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Call to Order

The subcommittee meeting began at 12:33pm. Roll was taken, and the agenda reviewed.

Approval of Minutes

Minutes from the January 28, 2025, meeting was approved. Daniel Johnson made the motion to approve, Glendean Burton seconded the motion, and the minutes were unanimously approved.

Agenda Item: IDPH updates

Discussion: Job updates provided, birth equity grants, and personnel changes.

Agenda Item: Vaccine Letter

Discussion: Questions from IDPH Medical Staff addressed by the committee.

1. Did they mean to call RSV a seasonal vaccine? Yes, RSV is mainly respiratory virus seen in late Fall and Winter and disappears in Spring.
2. Is RSV the highest cause of hospitalization in children under age 2 years in IL? JAMA Pediatric article Dan Johnson discussed the use of the vaccine under age 2 and this seemed more appropriate to use versus < 1 year. Send article to IDPH medical staff to reference this section of the letter. Dr. Johnson will send article for reference.

Action items: After approval of IDPH medical team; dissemination of this letter will be worked out to get disseminated broadly before the next season. Roster of professional societies can be used, per Dr. Arti Barnes. Timing for this August 2025. Work on action plans at next meeting to provide for the recommendations suggested to IDPH.

Agenda Item: Access

Discussion: Main Task Force decided for this group to focus on Access to Care: Provider representation (minority representation), Access for immigrants, and Access to hospitals (closures of facilities).

Action items: Glendean and Catherine will send out an email to the committee for interest of the categories.

Reminder 2025 Focus Topics

Discussion: Consider focusing on maternal and childhood obesity; doing work around 6-month mandatory paid maternity leave post-delivery; intimate partner violence; gun violence associated maternal morbidity/mortality. Have one workgroup focusing on maternal obesity and one on childhood obesity. Maternal obesity ideas or suggestions is teaching good eating habits, access to good food, limit food outside of home; talk about what that means now and what that means as a family unit; exercise/activity; GLP inhibitors, etc.

Public Comments: No public comments.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 1:30pm, Jessica Lamberson made the motion, Daniel Johnson seconded, and the group unanimously approved.

Next meeting April 22, 2025.