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

Tuesday, March 9, 2021 12:00 pm | 1 hour | (UTC-06:00) Central Time (US & Canada)

Meeting Minutes

Present

Angelique Muhammad
Bakahia Madison
Catherine Harth
Cynthia Wilson
Glendean Burton
Jessica Davenport
Shondra Clay
Jeanine Logan
Glenda Morris-Burnett

Minji Kang
Rex Tai
Taylor Breiter
Tracy Brannstrom

IDPH

Trishna Harris
Kenya McRae
Alexander Smith

Guests

Christina Urbina
Grace Daniel
Marissa Miller

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Call to Order

The subcommittee meeting began at 12:07pm by Dr. Harth. Roll was taken and the agenda reviewed.

Approval of Minutes

Minutes from the February 2, 2021 meeting were approved. Glendean Burton made the motion to approve, Angelique Muhammad seconded the motion, and the minutes were unanimously approved.

Agenda Item: Southside Birth Center presentation. Karie Stewart, CNM unable to present, presentation completed by Jeanine Logan, CNM.

Discussion: Presentation gave information on efforts put into place to open a free-standing birth center on Chicago's southside around Stoney and the 80's.

Action items: HB738; a bill to allow Black midwives to open a free-standing birth center on the Southside of Chicago.

Agenda Item: Group discussion on recommendations and which will be selected for subgroups.

Discussion: The subcommittee can elect to work on the Action Steps included in the 2020 report and build upon the existing recommendations or the committee can begin working on additional recommendations that will add to the ones included in the 2020 report . Keeping in consideration some of the other ideas generated during last year.

The 3 recommendations that were provided to the Task Force for the General Assembly; #2 will need to be tweaked and provided to the GA report. Issue is not unbundling of Medicaid reimbursement for postpartum care; the barrier is the lack of education of the providers on how to bill for multiple postpartum care visits.

Dr. Harth suggested a discussion on the expansion of recommendation #1 **“Ensure provider education (equity through out the state by ensuring that providers have the same level of competency and need for enforcement) - topics such as Trauma Informed Care, Implicit Bias, Racial Equity and impact of these issues on health and health outcomes.”** No further discussion mentioned, due to time restraints.

Action items: Need to decide on how this correction or change of recommendation #2 will be done for the GA report.

Agenda Item: Members to choose a recommendation subgroup to work on.

Discussion: Figure a way to have members chose out of the 3 recommendations, suggestion of Kenya to send out form that was previously used for voting and have members utilize this form for voting.

Action items: Kenya to send this form to Trishna and then Trishna will send to all committee members.

Public Comments

No public comments.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 1:04pm. Catherine Harth made the motion, Glendean Burton seconded, and the group unanimously approved.

Next meeting; April 6, 2021, 12pm-1pm.