



Infant and Maternal Mortality Task Force Among African Americans
Systems Subcommittee
Friday, April 3, 2020

Minutes

1. Call to order– 11:01 a.m.
 - a. Present: Glenda Morriss Burnett, Glendean Burton, Shondra Clay, Angela Ellison, Wandy Hernandez Gordon, Catherine Hearth, Daniel Johnson, Jessica Lamberson, Tamela Milan, Cindy Mitchell, Glenda Morris, Angelique Muhammad, Ashley Phillips
2. Welcome and Introductions
3. Public Comment- N/a
4. New business
 - a. Review of key objectives:
 - i. Focus on educational, political and social systems that impact the health and wellbeing of African American women and babies
 - ii. Nationwide data on maternal deaths and complications, including data by race, geography, and socioeconomic status.
 - iii. Identify best practices to improve quality and safe maternity care
 - b. Volunteers for subcommittee co-leads are still welcome. Glendean Burton is kindly co-leading the group at the moment.
 - c. There is a lot of data and research on this topic that the group can tap into. For example, Illinois ACES team has done a lot of work. Other groups that have conducted a great deal of work around topics such as implicit bias and impact of institutional racism on the health of individuals and groups of color, include national/state COIIN teams that were previously in place, the Illinois Public Health Association, and NICHQ. The group can gather information, resources and data, and share this on the proposed shared Google Doc.
 - d. The idea of a survey was discussed to reach the community and for further insights. The Programs and Best Practices group is working on a survey and sharing information from this survey when it is ready will be helpful for insight.
 - e. Suggestions were made for a member of the political arena to possibly help the Task Force enact legislation. Representative Camille Lilly was suggested as a possible leader.
 - f. Addressing how to actually change the system will be key. We know the data is out there, now it is a matter of coming up with solutions on how to improve maternal health. We know that there is increase in maternal mortality, and that there are mothers going into delivery rooms without having any pre-natal care.

5. Next steps
 - a. Share Google document for work to be done.
 - b. Next meeting will be April 24, 2020 at 11:00 a.m.
6. Adjourn– 11:34 a.m.