



**ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH
IMMT- COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT SUBCOMMITTEE**

July 8, 2020
1:00 pm – 2:30 pm

Meeting Minutes

Subcommittee Members Present

Jessica Lamberson
Angela Ellison
Shirley Fleming
Virginia Julion
Tamela Milan-Alexander
Pamela Roesch
Karyn Stewart

Guests

Denetria Adams
Jordan Elder
Gabriela Garcia
Dominique Matthews
Dominica McBride
Brenikki Floyd

Subcommittee Members Not Present

Bisola Bello
Cheryl Floyd
Wandy Hernandez
Stephannie James
Kelsie Landers
Jasmine Martin
Judith Stewart
Kathy Waligora
Debra Wesley

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Call to Order:

The subcommittee meeting began at 1:03 pm with a welcome from Tamela..., Subcommittee Co-Chair. Roll was taken and the agenda approved. Dr. Shirley Fleming led the group in a centering and check-in exercise. Minutes from the June 10, 2020 meeting were reviewed and approved.

Public Comments

There were no public comments.

Presentations & Discussion

Drs. Dominica McBride and Brenikki R. Floyd gave presentations to the group. Dr. McBride's presentation focused on her Courage to Love Collaborative Study, and Dr. Floyd's presentation provided information on the UIC Healthy Start & Center for Excellence in Maternal and Child Health 2020 Focus Groups project. There was much interest in both projects, and the group had a lively discussion regarding the findings and potential implications.

Dr. Fleming mentioned the purpose of hearing from the projects was to help in determining what kind of questions should be asked in the subcommittee's survey as well as how it can further inform the work of the subcommittee.

Workgroup Updates

The Survey question workgroup provided an update on their activities.

One workgroup is interested in building a quantitative survey that will be administered across the state regarding women's experiences with the system. Jessica Lamberson has been researching information on women's social and environmental experience during prenatal and postpartum care and is compiling ideas for survey/documents in the google doc. and trying to determine which questions to include. The subcommittee agreed that it will need to ensure language is appropriate as well as identify partners to help distribute the survey. One member emphasized the importance of building a quantitative survey in a contextualized way to understand the differences across the state in terms of women's experiences.

Another member stated that it is really important to capture the voice of the community especially regarding well-being, healthcare access and toxic stress. One member stated that there is a need to provide an operational definition of well-being and toxic stress. Jessica will look into more information regarding toxic stress.

Dr. Fleming asked everyone to look at information in the Google Doc (https://docs.google.com/document/d/1CL6_7lAWDgJ3uoF1jyp0HEJPHgK-FxEENgh&xYRleol/edit) and review some of the survey questions under consideration. The subcommittee may need to revise the questions to include more appropriate language for the targeted population. Dr. Fleming indicated that she would like to do an online survey to the subcommittee of the questions and have them vote.

It was determined that the small workgroup would determine the questions to present to the subcommittee within 2 weeks. Once the questions are selected, the subcommittee will have a chance to revise the language. The final step will be to send the questions to an advisory group to ask if the questions are the right questions to include (will they help capture the information the subcommittee is seeking).

Due to time constraints, the research workgroup was asked to provide its updates at the next meeting.

Adjournment

With nothing further to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 2:36 pm.