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

Tuesday, Feb 2, 2021 12:00 pm | 1 hour | (UTC-06:00) Central Time (US & Canada)

**Meeting Minutes**

**Present**

Angelique Muhammad  
Ann Borders @ 12:45pm  
Arden Handler  
Bakahia Madison  
Catherine Harth  
Cindy Mitchell  
Cynthia Wilson @ 12:15pm  
Daniel Johnson  
Glenda Burnett  
Glendean Burton  
Jessica Davenport  
Paula Brodie  
Shondra Clay  
Timika Anderson Reeves  
Jessica Lamberson

Liz Lamere, UIC SPH student  
Mickie Brown, UIC MCH student  
Minji Kang, UIC student  
SJ Doi, UIC student  
Sarah Bier, CNM Gentle Birth Center  
Kimberly Tenorio ACCESS WHSMCH intern  
Bill Garcia, Chicago Documenters  
Chloe Vitale  
Mansur Shaheen

**IDPH**

Trishna Harris  
Kenya McRae

**Guests**

Taylor Breiter

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**Call to Order**

The subcommittee meeting began at 12:05 pm by Dr. Harth. Roll was taken and the agenda reviewed.

## **Approval of Minutes**

Minutes from the December 14, 2020 meeting were approved. Arden Handler made the motion to approve, Glendean Burton seconded the motion, and the minutes were unanimously approved.

**Agenda Item:** Review of the recommendations/ideas that were not included in the 2020 Task Force report.

**Discussion:** Recommendation #2 regarding un-bundling Medicaid reimbursement for OB care; Arden Handler posed a question if anyone has an idea of what percentage of OB care is bundled with postpartum visit/care? No one in committee had an answer. Arden Handler had received information from an OB provider that postpartum visit is billable separately.

Daniel Johnson suggested adding to this recommendation the ability to unbundle the newborn care; immediate newborn care that is delivered in the hospital within the first 48 hours of life. He was not aware of how the charges apply if a baby remains in the hospital after a mother has been discharged.

The group asked for a copy of all recommendations from the Task Force Report as well as all the recommendations/ideas they generated in 2020.

**Action items:** Kenya McRae will send out the General Assembly report to Trishna Harris and the entire subcommittee, ASAP. Kenya McRae will put all recommendations from TF report into one document and note if any other group was currently working on the same issue. The subcommittee members will add to the list with any activities of which they are aware. This will help the subcommittee determine how to best leverage their time and expertise.

**Agenda item:** Change date of March subcommittee meeting.

**Discussion:** The group agreed to change meeting scheduled on March 2, 2021 to March 9, 2021 from 12pm-1pm.

## **Special notes**

Karie Stewart, CNM to discuss opening of birthing center on Southside of Chicago, March meeting. Ann Borders suggested having ILPQC do a presentation on Birth Equity initiative, date not discussed, however, Dr. Harth gave a thumbs up for this idea.

## **Public Comments**

No public comments.

## **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 12:55pm. Timika Anderson Reeves made the motion, Daniel Johnson seconded, and the group unanimously approved.