

Maternal Mortality and Morbidity Review Committee Maternal Health Disparities Subcommittee Update

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Overview

- Data Analyses Update
 - Discrimination Assessment and Social Determinants of Health (DASH) Pilot Study
 - Trends related to Morbidity and Mortality
- DASH Tool Refinement
- Other Areas of Interest and Focus
 - Homicide Tool Development
 - Storytelling/Hear Her Campaign Leverage Opportunities:

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COVID-19 Subcommittee Members

- Carey Eppes - Maternal Fetal Medicine
- Patrick Ramsey - Maternal Fetal Medicine
- Anitra Doty - Psychiatry:
- Amy Raines-Milenkov – Research/Expertise with maternal health
- Lavanya Panditt - Critical Care:
- Eumenia Castro - Pathologist
- Kelly FegenBohm - DSHS Community Health Improvement Medical Director

COVID-19 Subcommittee Actions

- 4 meetings (3/24/2023, 3/31/2023, 5/1/2023, 5/12/2023)
- CDCs: Themes to consider when identifying contributing factors to pregnancy-related deaths occurring during the COVID-19 pandemic
- Tool Development:
 - *COVID-19 timeline to help the abstractors collect relevant data*
 - *COVID-19-Pandemic-Related Data Elements abstraction tool*
 - *Pregnancy-relatedness criteria for pregnancy-associated deaths due to COVID-19*
 - *Recommendation repository spreadsheet*
- Discussion of how to assess when delays in care, barriers to accessing care, bias, or staffing resources from the pandemic may have impacted maternal deaths