

Health Commission: Birth Equity Committee | MINUTES

September 15th, 2021 | 10:30AM |

Present Members

Hakima Payne
(Health Commission Co-Chair)
Samantha Collinson
(Community Co-Chair)
Dr. Jumesha Wade
Elizabeth Lewis
Deidra West

Absent Members

Claire Wilkinson
Crystal Captain
Tracy Russell
Katherine Campbell
Keesha King
Karishma Rao
Willy Pegues

Health Commissioners

HD Staff

Erica Taylor
Kimberly A. McCauley

Other Attendees

Amy Sielaff
Nia Casey
Janice Ingram
Monica Nielson-Parker
Mariah Chrans

AGENDA ITEMS AND DISCUSSION

Welcome and Introductions

Samantha Collison called the meeting to order at 10:33AM.

- Welcome and Introductions

Presentation

- Promise 1000 Home Visiting Collective <https://www.promise1000.org/>
(Amy Sielaff, Project Coordinator – Division of Child Adversity & Resilience – Children’s Mercy Hospital)
 - Video Overview
 - Presentation/Summary/Discussion
 - Promise 1000 has programs in 31 Counties across the Kansas City region
 - Promise 1000 is a Bi-State initiative
 - Promise 1000 programs service communities they know best
 - Promise 1000 uses the collective impact model <https://www.promise1000.org/>
- Review of August 2021 Minutes
 - Elizabeth Lewis motioned to approve the August 18th, 2021 minutes. Dr. Jumesha Wade seconded. August meeting minutes were approved.

Legislative Updates

- Erica Taylor provided a brief update.
 - Legislative Session is fast approaching, and there will be a focus on legislative priorities
 - The Health Commission will be submitting legislation updates to the City Council in October
 - Other Committees can email any legislative priorities to be recommended for adoption to Erica Taylor who will then forward the information to the Health Policy & Advocacy Collaborative
 - The Pregnant Workers Fairness Act was discussed <https://cleaver.house.gov/media-center/press-releases/house-passes-bipartisan-pregnant-workers-fairness-act>
 - Parents as Teachers is moving to a model that will require certification to participate in the program
 - Certification cost is \$2500
 - There was a suggestion to have Legislation to obtain waiver of the certification cost to ensure every demographic is represented and able to participate in the program without the undue hardship of certification expenses

Old Business

Best Babies Zone (BBZ) Update & Recommendations:

- Nurse Update:
 - Erica Taylor advised that Hilary Lindstrom the KCHD NFP Supervisor assuming the role previously held by Josie Adams will begin attending Committee meetings once her scheduling and acclimation process permits
- The Near Miss Review Board Workgroup:
- Hakima Payne provided an update
 - Work on templates continues
 - Workgroup is still putting together funding ideas; complete report out will be provided at the end of the year

Old Business

- Health Equity Strategies:
- Hakima Payne provided an update
 - Still working with Dr. Hogan to refine framework
 - Work continues on the Health Levy Innovation Fund
- Fetal Infant Mortality Review (FIMR) will now be a bi-annual report out that will come from Nuture KC

Additional Business

COVID-19 Updates:

- Uzazi Village partnered with Black-Out to promote vaccinations in the black community
- Uzazi Village hosted a virtual community event on 9/11/2021 titled “Mindful Approach to Vaccination”
- Uzazi Village will be hosting another webinar in October aimed towards pregnant women in the black community
- What We Know About COVID-19 & Pregnancy & Vaccine Safety: Update for Missouri Webinar will be held 9/21 12:00PM https://marchofdimes.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_QQ-B8k_PRMuqLMyC8QUPMg

KC-CHIP Update:

- On 9/10/2021 the full Health Commission voted and approved a funding recommendation for hiring staff to implement the KC-CHIP
- Option 1 funding request voted on by full Health Commission:
 - Funding request to obtain \$350,000 from the General Fund to implement the KC-CHIP, this option will fund:
 - 1 FTE CHIP Manager (LTM/LTC)
 - 6.5 Half Time Priority Area Coordinators (LTM/LTC)
 - Other grant and funding opportunities will be pursued
- **The model to be implemented will mirror the Wyandotte County CHIP process**

Health Department Staff Requests

Announcements

- September is National Suicide Prevention Awareness Month
- September is National Infant Mortality Awareness Month
- New Birth Company is sponsoring in-house all-day training 9/17
- The United Way is hosting the Spirit of Caring 2021 event 9/16 from 4-5pm to kick off the 2021 United Way Campaign <https://www.unitedwaygkc.org/spiritofcaring2021>
- Uzazi Village is hosting the annual Black Infant Mortality Awareness Walk (BIMAW) 9/18 <https://uzazivillage.org/bimaw/>
- The Virtual Maternal Mood Disorder Support Group meets the 3rd Saturday of the month
- The Uzazi Village Community Expert Review Board (CERB) is currently accepting membership applications for new board members until the end of September <https://uzazivillage.org/cerb/>

Elizabeth Lewis motioned to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Deidre West. The meeting was adjourned at 11:53AM.

The next Birth Equity Committee Meeting will be held virtually on October 20th, 2021.