

Health Commission: Birth Equity Committee | MINUTES

October 20th, 2021 | 10:30AM |

Present Members

Hakima Payne
(Health Commission Co-Chair)
Samantha Collinson
(Community Co-Chair)
Dr. Jumesha Wade
Nia Casey
Deidra West
Elizabeth Lewis
Claire Wilkinson
Tracy Russel
Crystal Captain

Absent Members

Keesha King
Britany Dwyer

Health Commissioners

HD Staff

Erica Taylor
John Santner

AGENDA ITEMS AND DISCUSSION

Welcome and Introductions

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

- Welcome and Introductions
- Review of September 2021 Minutes
 - **Motion:** Elizabeth Lewis motioned to approve the September 2021 minutes. Diedra West seconded. Unanimously approved.

Old Business

Legislative Update

- Tracy Russel reports that Medicaid enrollment is underway in the state. There is still a plan to pursue the Postpartum coverage for people of Medicaid.
- Tracy Russel reports Black Momibus For Missouri
 - Organizing out of St. Louis and Tracy will provide updates in how to support their work
- Extend Postpartum Medicaid Coverage
 - Link: <https://www.acog.org/advocacy/policy-priorities/extend-postpartum-medicaid-coverage>

Parents as Teachers Update

- Dr. Jumesha Wade provides slides on current categories
 - Affiliation (Offered Nationally)
 - \$2,000 Affiliate fee
 - Curriculum Partner (Proposal for Missouri)
 - \$550-\$750 Partner fee
 - Curriculum Subscribers (Offered Nationally)
 - \$300/\$65 fee
 - No use of PAT name or no discounted trainings
- Are there ways to advocate for the community-based PAT?
 - See more concrete numbers on who is an affiliate at these different categories
- Looking for three new parent teachers to start in January
 - Bilingual preferred in Spanish, Arabic, Burmese, and Somali

Best Babies Zone Updates and Recommendations

- Nurse Update
 - Erica Taylor – no updates at this time
- Near Miss Review Board
 - Hakima Payne- meeting monthly with the review board
 - Next steps get input from community stakeholders and to get a pilot program for 2021
 - Who would be a stakeholder? People committed to a Community driven model instead of token presence
- Health Equity Updates
 - Hakima Payne- no updates at this time
- Fetal Monitoring Review
 - Tracy Russel- No updates at this time

KC-CHIP Updates

- Discussion around what priorities should Birth Equity oversee
- Option 1 funding request voted on by full Health Commission:
 - o 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)
 - o Other grant and funding opportunities will be pursued
- Just because the committee will oversee that work that doesn't mean they will have to provide the data tracking points as those positions will be contracted out
- Housing issue is a particular interest to this committee as pregnant individuals experiencing houselessness will not get reliable care.
 - o Suggestion- Someone from the Birth Equity committee to attend those Housing meetings
 - o **Action:** Invite a representative from KC Tenants and the Housing Trust Fund to speak to what advances are being made on this issue

Announcements

Uzazi Village will be hosting a webinar on Covid 19 Vaccine in Pregnancy

-Link: [COVID 19 Vaccine in Pregnancy Webinar | Uzazi Village](#)

HC Co-Chair Parks-Shaw wants input from this committee on Black Maternal Health Week

-Link: [Black Maternal Health Week - Black Mamas Matter Alliance](#)

Mom and Baby Action Network Virtual Summit

- Link: https://whova.com/portal/registration/hemab_202106/

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

The next Birth Equity Committee Meeting will tentatively be held virtually on November 17th, 2021.