

### **The Council's Charge**

To work with existing state entities focused on maternal death and severe maternal morbidity

The council shall address racial and ethnic disparities in maternal health outcomes and incorporate a community-engaged, equity-focused lens into current programs and campaigns, and shall promote safe and equitable care for every mother and every birth in our state.

### **Current Major Statewide Efforts\***

Pregnancy Associated Mortality Review (PAMR)\*\*

Louisiana Perinatal Quality Collaborative (LaPQC)\*\*

Louisiana Medicaid Program

\*Definitions and descriptions found in HMMB Presentation\_10\_24\_18\_FINAL.pdf (slides 36-48)

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### **The Council's Tasks**

- Evaluate functions and activities of existing statewide efforts (PAMR, LaPQC, Medicaid)
- Support and contextualize reporting of maternal outcomes data
- Recommend how to ensure an ongoing community advisory process into existing state committees and collaboratives
- Establish guidelines for specific data components relevant to equity
- Make recommendations on further policy options

#### **Deliverables:**

- Issue a report of findings and recommendations to the Louisiana Commission on Perinatal Care and Prevention of Infant Mortality, the Governor, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and the President of the Senate, on or before February 1, 2020
- Issue research findings, reports, and recommendations for legislation at the discretion of the council

### Council Timeline

Council Convenes, Quarterly Meetings  
Begin September 2018  
End March 2021

Prepare Draft Report  
Due September 2019

Submit Final Report  
February 1, 2020

### Council Resources:

#### Maternal Health in Louisiana

##### Environmental Scan of Existing Efforts

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Bureau of Family Health, Office of Public Health, Louisiana Department of Health

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Document: HMMB Presentation\_10\_24\_18\_FINAL.pdf

#### Dr. Joia Crear-Perry

##### National Birth Equity Collaborative

January 18, 2019

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#### Louisiana Maternal Mortality Review Report 2011-2016

Document: 2011-2016\_MMR\_Report\_FINAL.pdf

#### MMRC Logic Model

Document: MMRC Logic Model 9-27.pdf

#### Recommended Reading (list here)

Racial and Ethnic Disparities in Obstetrics and Gynecology, The American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists, December 2015

Document: co649 racial ethnic disparities.pdf

Patient Safety Bundle: Reduction of Peripartum Racial/Ethnic Disparities, Council on Patient Safety in Women's Health Care

Document: Reduction-of-Peripartum-Disparities-Bundle.pdf

**Council Next Steps:**

Review any national, state level groups who are addressing maternal mortality

Deepen understanding of Council's charge to make recommendations specific to current major statewide efforts (PAMR, LaPQC, LA Medicaid)

Re: IHI Framework to Achieve Health Equity (slide)

Opportunity for Council to build community partnerships and educate shared message re: systematic barriers and opportunities

Deeper Community Engagement: Explore conversation within Council to identify community organization opportunities to engage in (policy/action solutions)

Guide Council to embrace anti-racist framework to look closely at system changes happening in Louisiana now, and how to draw connections across those systems to achieve Council charge

Provide recommendations and set guidelines for state agency led initiatives and activities focused on severe maternal morbidity and mortality regarding

- Data connected to track birth equity trends
- Meaningful community engagement
- Policy options to ensure continued public health monitoring and activated response

**5 Whys Exercise**

Define the problem:

Louisiana Maternal Mortality rate is significantly higher than the US rate

The racial and ethnic disparity between black and white women in Louisiana is 4:1

Transportation and access to maternal care

Health care coverage to pregnant and parenting women

Interventions

Policies that are modifiable as systems interventions