



Maternal Mortality Prevention Workgroup Application

Background and overview

In 2019, the Wyoming Department of Health (WDH) partnered with the Utah Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) to establish a Utah-Wyoming (UT-WY) Joint Maternal Mortality Review Committee (MMRC), funded by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). The goal of the MMRC is to reduce maternal mortality rates in both Utah and Wyoming.

Maternal mortality includes deaths occurring during pregnancy or within a year of the end of pregnancy. Information about an identified case of maternal death is gathered from death and birth certificates, medical records, autopsy reports, and other pertinent sources of information. Records are abstracted by a trained abstractor and de-identified case summaries are reviewed by the MMRC.

The review process is intended to be educational and prevention-oriented. The goals of the committee reviews and associated maternal mortality work are to:

- Identify trends and risk factors for pregnancy -related deaths in Utah and Wyoming.
 - Identify preventable risk factors.
 - Develop recommendations or strategies for prevention or intervention.

WDH has recently partnered with Healthy Moms- Healthy Births and are looking for several members to join a Maternal Mortality Prevention Work Group (MMPWG). The workgroup will be a statewide effort, with members from various communities. The goal of the MMPWG is to decrease maternal mortality in Wyoming. The workgroup will receive recommendations and data from the MMRC based on the maternal death cases they review. The goal of the MMWPG is to improve the dissemination, access to, and actionability of maternal mortality recommendations and data to drive opportunities for prevention. A large function of the MMPWG will be to review and approve project applications for funding from around the state designed to lower Maternal Mortality, identify ways to target and share data coming out of the Maternal Mortality Review Committee (MMRC) and brainstorm other ways to support the prevention of maternal mortality outside of direct funding.

Skillsets for recruited members should include but are not limited to, nursing and healthcare, social work and mental health, non-profit work in various communities, an accounting and/or financial background, governmental, or other practical or real experience in the areas of need for maternal mortality and morbidity.

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The purpose of this application is to select representatives to join the MMPWG. Members will be asked to attend virtual meetings.

Selected members will be asked to sign a commitment letter.

Applications for the MMPWG will be scored based on answers to the questions below, including how well applicants describe their experience as it relates to the MMPWG, how likely they are to contribute to the goals of the MMPWG, and how enthusiastic they are about potentially joining the MMPWG.

Once applications are scored, select applicants will move on to a brief interview. From there applicants will be selected as a new member of the MMPWG

Applicant contact information

Name:

Agency/organization:

Address:

Email address:

Phone number:

Title:

Credentials:

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The MMPWG meets virtually via Zoom. A meeting schedule will be determined later based on selected members availability. Are you able to attend meetings monthly, quarterly or both?

- Monthly
- Quarterly
- Both
- Unsure

Please provide responses to the questions below. This information will be used to determine appropriate fit and expertise/experience for the Maternal Mortality Prevention Workgroup (MMPWG).

1. Describe your area(s) of work, expertise, or lived experience that make you an ideal member of the MMPWG. You can have multiple areas of expertise and/or lived experience. Please don't limit yourself to talking about one specific area if you qualify for more than one.

2. What agency(ies), populations, groups, or other voices will you represent as a MMPWG member? *This may include the place you work, the type of professional you are, professional organizations you are connected with, other committee(s) you sit on, geographic location where you live or work, or additional pertinent areas of representation, such as your own personal experiences.*

3. MMPWG members may be called upon to support actionable recommendations made by the MMRC. Thus, it is helpful for members to have direct or indirect influence within their

professional or personal lives. This may include being engaged in a professional organization, or sitting on another committee charged with making decisions or recommendations. Members will also be asked to help identify and award funding to community organizations to put recommendations into action.

Describe your influence and how you might help identify community organizations to award funding.

For this question, "influence" is defined as the ability to have an effect on an environment, process, or decision that may be happening around you.

4. Describe what interests you about joining the MMPWG.

Sign and date below:

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Please return to:

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