



Maternal Health Improvement Task Force

October 26, 2021

MISSION AND VISION

MISSION

The mission of the Maryland Maternal Health Improvement Task Force is to improve maternal health and reduce maternal deaths/complications by addressing racial disparities, improving the quality of care, and strengthening service delivery systems.

VISION

The Maryland Maternal Health Improvement Task Force envisions a state where all Maryland birthing people are in optimal health and thriving.

Group Agreements

- **Be Present** – Make a conscious effort to know who is in the room, become an active listener. Refrain from multitasking and checking emails during meetings.
- **Call Each Other In As We Call Each Other Out** – When challenging ideas or perspectives give feedback respectfully. When being challenged - listen, acknowledge the issue, and respond respectfully.
- **Recognize the Difference of Intent vs Impact** – Be accountable for our words and actions
- **Create Space for Multiple Truths** – Seek understanding of differences in opinion and respect diverse perspectives.
- **Notice Power Dynamics** – Be aware of how you may unconsciously be using your power and privilege.
- **Center Learning and Growth** – At times, the work will be uncomfortable and challenging. Mistakes and misunderstanding will occur as we work towards a common solution. We are here to learn and grow from each other both individually and collectively.

Agenda

- I. Welcome and Introduction of Task Force Members
- II. Design Concept for the Strategic Plan
- III. Presentation: Engaging Community Based Organizations
Lashelle Stewart, Baltimore Healthy Start
- IV. Opportunities for Partnership/Collaboration
- V. Final Review of Task Force Charter and Co-Chairs Position Description
- VI. Task Force Needs Assessment
- VII. Announcements
- VIII. Adjournment

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Member Introductions

Introductions

1. Name
2. Organization
3. Role in your organization
4. Preferred Pronouns
5. This or That?

This or That?



THIS



THAT

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Strategic Plan Design Concept

CONCEPT 1



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Cover

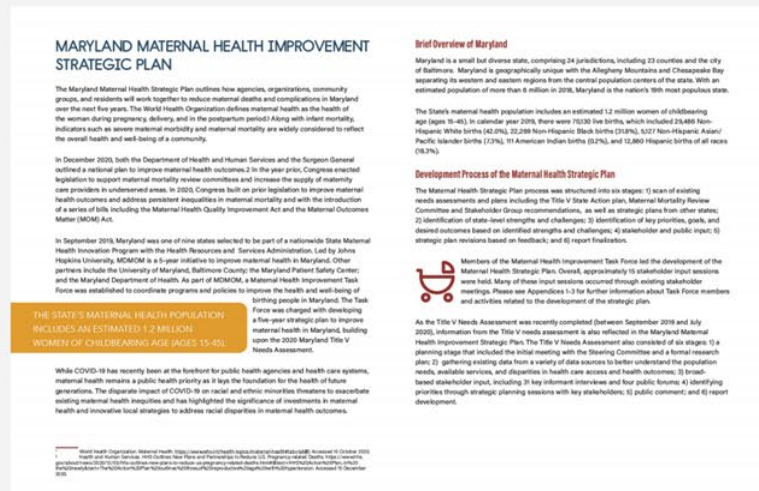


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Engaging Community Based Organizations

BALTIMORE HEALTHY START, INC.

We work with our families in their residences and communities, to ensure that every child has a safe, nurturing, thriving environment every day, for the first few years of life — and beyond.



MISSION STATEMENT



Baltimore Healthy Start, Inc. is committed to reducing infant mortality by utilizing the Life Course Perspective for improving the health and well-being of women and their families through the provision of comprehensive, supportive services offered in the communities where they live.

WHO WE ARE



- Established in 1991 as a 501(c)3 nonprofit corporation
- One of the original 15 Healthy Start projects
- The only federally funded program of its kind in Maryland
- Member of Maryland Nonprofits
- B'More for Healthy Babies Partner

REASONS WE PARTNER

- Common Agenda
- Partner Expertise
- Pooled Resources
- Broaden Reach
- Cost Savings
- Nimbleness of Company
- Fresh Ideas/Approaches
- Common Audience/People served
- Complimentary Services



WAYS PARTNERSHIPS ARE ESTABLISHED

- Relationship building with those in the field/Relationships that staff, evaluators, Board Members, Academicians etc. had existing
- Consortia
- Community Action Network
- Grant seeking (Identifying what agencies are needed to achieve the goals)
- Membership to subject matter organizations (AMCHP, National Healthy Start Association, Maryland Breastfeeding Coalition...)
- Connection to the Health Department
- Conference participation
- Participation in Leadership Programs/Taskforces/Special Interest groups of collaborations
- Grantors introducing grantees/establishing Communities of Practice



SOME DOCUMENTS INVOLVED WITH PARTNERSHIP

- Contracts
- Grant Agreements
- Memorandums of Understanding (general)
- Memorandums of Agreement (specific project)
- Letters of Support
- Non Disclosure and Confidentiality Agreements
- Conflict of Interest Policy



SOME SUCCESSFUL PARTNERSHIPS

CAN and Housing-SDOH Physical Environment

- Reason for Partnering- Common Agenda
- Partners- Jews for Justice, Communities United and the Public Justice Center
- Outcome- Passing of a Law in Baltimore City that requires ALL Landlords to pass and inspection prior to renting



Merck and Maternal Health- SDOH Health Care

- Reason for Partnering- Grant Deliverables
- Partners- Maryland Hospital Association, Total Health Care, Baltimore City Health Department, Preeclampsia Foundation and MedChi
- Outcomes-Implementation of:
 - Expanded Maternal Health Monitoring during HVs
 - Dyad Care at FQHC
 - Establishment of a Baltimore City based SMM Review
 - Patients as Partners Initiative

BENEFITS OF PARTNERING

- Partnerships are mutually beneficial
 - Allows access to people and places not typically engaged with
 - Divides the workload
 - Strengthens the plea (especially when partners are from different disciplines/areas of expertise)



SOME OF OUR PARTNERS PAST AND PRESENT



We partner with numerous other agencies through care coordination, referrals and our CAN.

TELL YOU MORE?– OK!

Reach me by email:

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Thank you!!

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Opportunities for Partnership/Collaboration

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Task Force Charter

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Task Force Charter-Discussion

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Co-Chair Positions

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Mini Needs Assessment

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Announcements