

Maternal Health Improvement Task Force

Fall Quarterly Meeting

October 22, 2024 | 2:30-4:00 PM ET

In-person

6540 Washington Blvd, Elkridge, MD 21075
Belmont Room

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Attendees: Teneele Bruce, Adriane Burgess, Jackie Douge, Danielle Haskin, Tanay Lynn Harris, Sandy Kick, Alyson Jacobsen, Nina Martin, Shawn McIntosh, Ashley Milcetic, Katie Richards, Donna Neale, Lisa Wright

Welcome and Opening Remarks

Co-Chair Neale opened the meeting and thanked the group for joining. She provided an outline of today's session, and that the group will revisit the schedule, meeting format, and cadence towards the end of the meeting.

Task Force Business

Co-Chair Harris provided a brief recap of the July 22-23, 2024 strategic planning retreat, which took the place of the summer quarterly meeting. The July retreat was designed to catalyze conversations around revisions to the existing strategic plan. The sessions were facilitated by the Maternal Health Learning and Innovation Center (MHLIC). She also shared how the Task Force plays a role of providing accountability for the grant's implementation and its impact on maternal health. During the retreat, participants discussed topics including who might be missing from the Task Force and how it can be expanded. At the retreat, the group was asked to answer questions about the future vision of maternal health in Maryland. Responses included:

- Accountability and reduction of silos
- Access to services/care needed w/ emphasis on midwives/doulas/birth workers
- Health care outside of a hospital
- Paid family leave
- Commitment of resources to continuity of care, transitions in care
- Sustainable funding
- Community wisdom is honored and uplifted
- Increase in maternal health providers of color
- Accessible statewide data

The group further discussed how the Task Force can provide accountability for what is written in the strategic plan. The group reviewed the potential Task Force models that were developed during the July retreat (see end of document). They discussed who is missing from the Task Force currently, and who could be added. They reflected that the membership of the Task Force could recognize all individuals who play a part in a person's journey from preconception to postpartum. The group also discussed how

the membership could enhance linkages between existing state initiatives and other committees. To guide the conversation, questions that the group raised included what funding is available or could be leveraged, whether MCOs and insurers are included, what population the Task Force is focused on, and how adolescent health is represented. The Co-Chairs asked members to refer any potential members to them. The group also discussed potential revisions to the MDMOM resource map to broaden types of providers – i.e. adolescent gynecologists, pediatricians who are trained in contraceptive care.

Follow up: Members are asked to provide additional feedback on these models, and identify individuals and/or groups who are missing from the Task Force's membership.

Strategic Plan Revisions

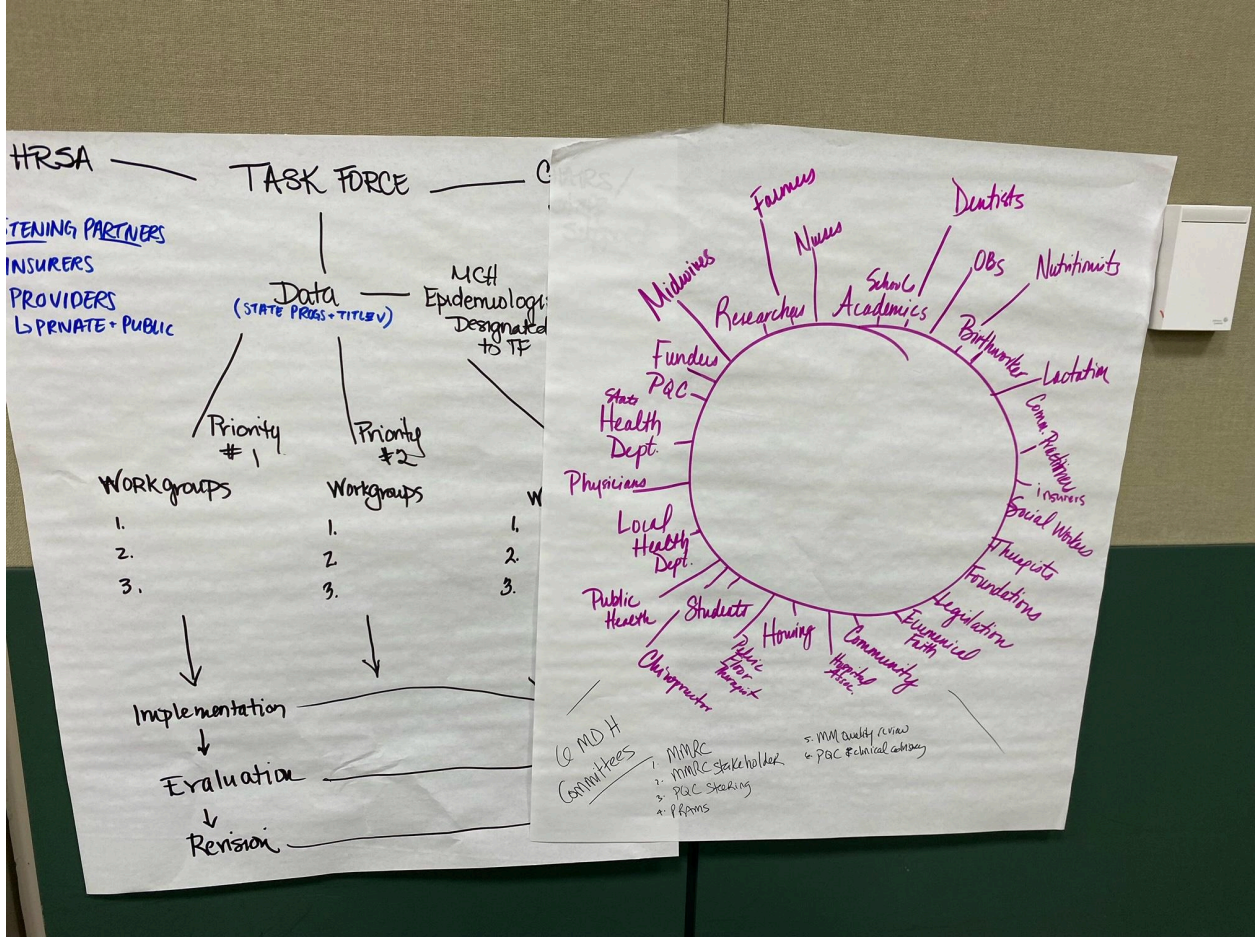
The Co-Chairs presented the revised SP 2.0 goals and objectives that were submitted as a draft to HRSA at the end of September. They reviewed the timeline of revisions: The goal is to finish revisions to the goals, objectives, and accountability measures by February or March 2025, to have a draft strategic plan to review over Summer 2025, and to have a final product designed and submitted by September 2025.

The group discussed the goals and objectives, and provided feedback to refine them further. Suggestions included:

- Define what we mean by community-based programs, and what does that look like operationalized
- Consider where perimenopause care fits into these conversations?
- How are we thinking of measuring success in “achieving maternal health”?
- Identifying data sharing gaps and barriers
- Address unfunded mandates for activities that will fall to LHDs/CBOs/FBOs

See the attached document for the full list of suggestions. A virtual call will be scheduled in November to continue to gather feedback and begin identifying accountability measures.

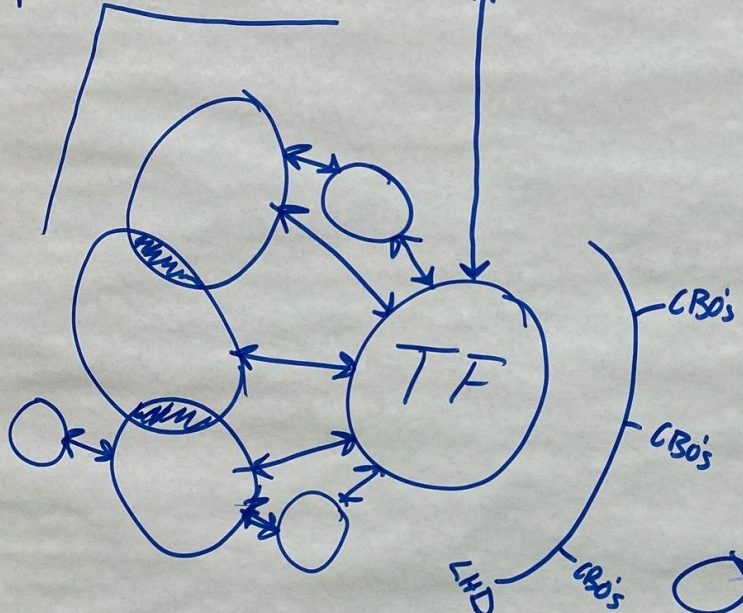
Task Force Models from July 2024 Strategic Planning Retreat



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Care First!

MCO's
Private Insurance
Private Funders
FQHC's



Private OB's ?

LHD

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 Birthing Hospitals - others
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 Maryland
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