

# WELCOME

## Maryland Maternal Health Task Force

--March 30, 2020 Webinar--





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## Maryland Maternal Health Task Force

### Agenda

#### Webinar 1 – Monday, March 30<sup>th</sup>, 2020 (1:00-2:30pm EST)

1:00 Welcome Remarks

Ms. Courtney McFadden  
Deputy Director, Prevention and Health Promotion Administration, Maryland Department of Health

Dr. Joshua Sharfstein  
Vice Dean for Public Health Practice, Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health

Dr. Andrew Satin  
Chair, Gynecology and Obstetrics Department, Johns Hopkins School of Medicine

Delegate Jheanelle Wilkins  
Member, Maryland House of Delegates

1:20 Maryland Maternal Health Task Force: Goals & Membership

Ms. Colleen Wilburn  
Chair, Maryland Maternal Health Task Force & Title V Program Manager, Maryland Department of Health

1:35 Maryland Maternal Health Innovation Program (MDMOM) Overview

Dr. Andreea Creanga  
Director, MDMOM Program & Associate Professor, Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health

2:05 Introduction to Maryland Maternal Health Task Force Workgroups

Delegate Stephanie Smith  
Member, Maryland House of Delegates

Dr. Jennifer Callaghan-Koru  
Assistant Professor, University of Maryland, Baltimore County

Ms. Bonnie DiPietro  
Director of Operations, Maryland Patient Safety Center

2:25 Final Remarks and Next Webinar

Dr. Theresa Chapple-McGruder  
Project Officer, Health Resources and Services Administration

Ms. Colleen Wilburn  
Chair, Maryland Maternal Health Task Force & Title V Program Manager, Maryland Department of Health



Ms. Courtney McFadden

Deputy Director  
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# SEVERAL NEW MATERNAL HEALTH PROGRAMS IN MARYLAND & CORRESPONDING FUNDING AGENCIES



## 2020 Maryland Title V Maternal and Child Health Services Needs Assessment





## Dr. Joshua Sharfstein

Professor & Vice Dean for Public  
Health Practice and Community  
Engagement

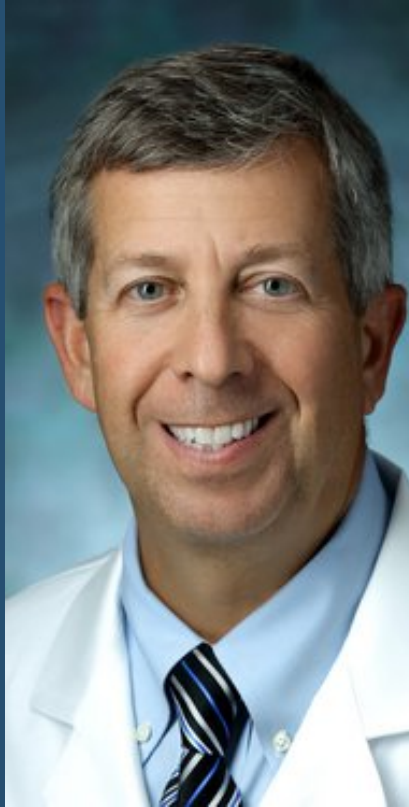
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## Ms. Michelle Spencer

Associate Scientist & Associate  
Director, Bloomberg American  
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District 20 – Montgomery  
County



Ms. Colleen Wilburn

Title V Director  
Chair, Maryland Maternal  
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**MARYLAND**  
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# Maryland Maternal Health Task Force

Colleen Wilburn, MPA

# TASK FORCE OBJECTIVES

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- Identify gaps in
  - *state maternal health data*
  - *delivery of and access to quality perinatal health services*
  - *health policies for pregnant and postpartum women*
- Develop a 5-year Strategic Plan to improve maternal health in Maryland building on
  - *2020 Maryland Title V Needs Assessment*
  - *workplans of on-going maternal health programs in the state*
  - *maternal health data (e.g. Maryland Maternal Mortality Review)*
- Engage, support and monitor implementation of maternal health programs in the state of Maryland
- Assist with dissemination of maternal health program findings and lessons learned in Maryland and beyond
- Develop a Sustainability Plan to ensure continuity of work towards improving maternal health in the state of Maryland

# Title V: Maternal and Child Health Services Block Grant

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Enacted as part of the 1935 Social Security Act to assist states with extending health services to women and children.



Provides funding for services that promote the health and well being of women, infants, children, including those with special health care needs and adolescents.



Maryland receives approximately \$12 million annually with the state matching approximately \$8 million for the program.



Every five years, states are required to complete a *Needs Assessment* to determine priorities for the next five-year period.



# TITLE V *NEEDS ASSESSMENT* PROCESS

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Steering Committee Meeting 1

Public Forums

CYSHCN Planning Sessions

Steering Committee Meeting 2

Maternal/Infant Health and Child/Adolescent Health Planning Sessions

Steering Committee Meeting 3

Public Comment Period

Finalization and Submission of Needs Assessment

# TITLE V NATIONAL PERFORMANCE MEASURES 2021-2025

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- Risk Appropriate Perinatal Care
- Breastfeeding
- Preventive Dental Care-Pregnancy
- Smoking Pregnancy
- Low Risk Cesarean Delivery
- Safe Sleep
- Medical Home
- Adolescent Well-Visits
- Transitions to Adult Care

# TASK FORCE MEMBERSHIP

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- 48 invited & confirmed members
- Aimed for representation of
  - *organizations serving pregnant and postpartum women in the state*
    - government & Maryland legislature
    - state/county/city health agencies
    - birthing hospitals
    - community groups & organizations
    - multidisciplinary review committees
    - payers
    - professional organizations
    - universities
  - *minority racial, ethnic and nativity groups*
  - *variety of counties*
- Only one representative from each organization
  - *aimed to select those who represent multiple stakeholders*
- List of Task Force members will be publicly available March 31, 2020
  - *check [mdmom.org](http://mdmom.org)*

### **State/County/City Health Agencies**

Calvert County Department of Health  
Charles County Department of Health  
Harford County Department of Health  
Maryland Association of County Health Officers  
Maryland Behavioral Health Administration  
Maryland Department of Health  
Maryland Health Services Cost Review Commission  
Maryland Health Care Commission  
Maryland Home Visiting Consortium & Family Support  
Maryland Hospital Association  
Maryland Institute for Emergency Medical Services Systems  
Maryland Maternal Child Health Bureau  
Maryland Medicaid Program  
Maryland Mental Health Association of Maryland  
Maryland Office of Health Care Quality  
Maryland Office of Minority Health  
Maryland Patient Safety Center  
Maryland State Medical Society (MedChi)  
Maryland Title V Program  
Maryland Vital Statistics Administration

### **Multidisciplinary Maternal & Infant Health Committees**

Maryland Fetal and Infant Mortality Review  
Maryland Maternal Mortality Review Committee  
Maryland Maternal Mortality Review Stakeholder Group

### **Universities**

Johns Hopkins University  
University of Maryland  
University of Maryland, Baltimore County

### **Birthing Hospitals**

Anne Arundel Medical Center  
Holy Cross Hospital  
Howard County General Hospital  
Johns Hopkins Hospital  
Johns Hopkins Bayview Medical Center  
Mercy Hospital  
Peninsula Regional Medical Center  
St. Joseph's Hospital

### **Payers**

Amerigroup  
CareFirst

### **Community Groups & Organizations**

Asian-American Center for Frederick  
Baltimore Healthy Start  
Birthers Supporters United  
House of Ruth  
Mommy Up  
Motherland Co  
Nzuri Malkia Birth Collective  
Prince George's County Child Resource Center  
The Bloom Collective  
TurnAround, Inc

### **Professional Organizations**

Academy of Family Physicians  
American College of Obstetrics & Gynecologists  
American College of Nurse Midwives  
Association of Women's Health, Obstetric and Neonatal Nurses  
National Association of Social Workers  
Society for Maternal and Fetal Medicine

# TASK FORCE OBSERVERS

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- Observers are
  - *persons invited by the Chair of the Task Force to observe and contribute to Task Force meetings on as needed basis*
  - *persons invited by the Coordinators of Task Force Workgroups to contribute to workgroup discussions on as needed basis*
- Names of Task Force Observers may be made public to
  - *acknowledge their participation in Task Force meetings in Task Force Meeting Reports*
  - *acknowledge their contributions to Strategic & Sustainability Plans*

# TASK FORCE MEETINGS, PLANS & REPORTS

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- Bi-annual meetings during 2020-2024
  - *1<sup>st</sup> Meeting (2-webinar format) on March 30, 2020 & April 30, 2020*
  - *2<sup>nd</sup> Meeting (September 2020)*
  - *generally, meetings in March & September every year*
- Work in 5 small groups
  - *maternal health data*
  - *training innovation*
  - *quality improvement*
  - *telemedicine*
  - *policy*
- Develop and annually update
  - *5-year Strategic Plan (due September 2020)*
  - *Sustainability Plan (due September 2024)*
- Meeting reports following each meeting (2020-2024)
  - *accessible to general public*



# Dr. Andreea Creanga

Associate Professor &  
MDMOM Program Director

Johns Hopkins Bloomberg  
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# MDMOM Program Overview

Andreea Creanga, MD PhD



# MDMOM

*Maryland Maternal Health Innovation Program*

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- 5-year program to improve maternal health in Maryland
- Collaboration between
  - *Johns Hopkins University*
  - *Maryland Department of Health*
  - *Maryland Patient Safety Center*
  - *University of Maryland, Baltimore County*
- Funded by the Health Resources and Services Administration
  - *\$10.3 million total funding based on annual performance reviews*
  - *similar funding received by 7 other states late 2019*
- Coordinated by the Maryland Maternal Health Task Force



## IMPROVE THROUGH INNOVATION

- Generate, analyze and disseminate maternal health data
- Implement nationally-endorsed maternal patient safety bundles through a statewide quality collaborative model
- Provide training for maternity care providers to address:
  - Implicit biases
  - Early recognition and management of pregnancy complications
  - Identification and treatment of substance use disorders
- Increase access to maternal-fetal medicine specialists through telemedicine
- Partner with home-visiting programs to deliver pre- and post-birth education to women of childbearing age

## CORE PROGRAM VALUES



PARTNERSHIP



KNOWLEDGE



HEALTH



EQUITY

## EXPECTED RESULTS

- Lower the burden of preventable severe pregnancy complications and pregnancy-associated deaths
- Reduce racial, ethnic and nativity disparities in maternal health
- Strengthen the culture of quality, safety and respect in maternity care
- Make data accessible to women of childbearing age, families, health providers and policy makers for decision-making and accountability



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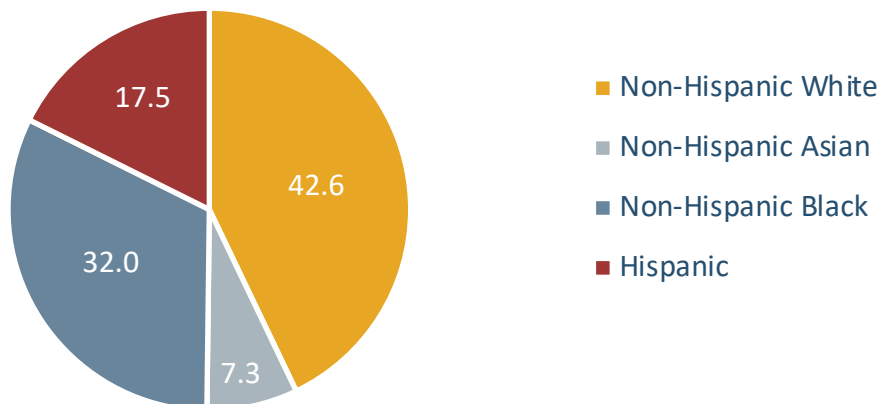
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Percentage of live births by race and Hispanic origin  
--Maryland, 2018--





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≥ 4 <sup>th</sup> order birth	11.1	8.8	13.4	4.5	15.3
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< 1,500 grams	1.7				
preterm <37 weeks	10.2				
cesarean	33.8				
Mortality rate per 1,000 deliveries <sup>1</sup> or 1,000 live births <sup>2</sup>					
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neonatal mortality <sup>2</sup>	4.2				
infant mortality <sup>2</sup>	6.1				





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neonatal mortality <sup>2</sup>	4.2	2.6	6.9	3.9	2.9
infant mortality <sup>2</sup>	6.1	4.1	10.2	4.8	3.8

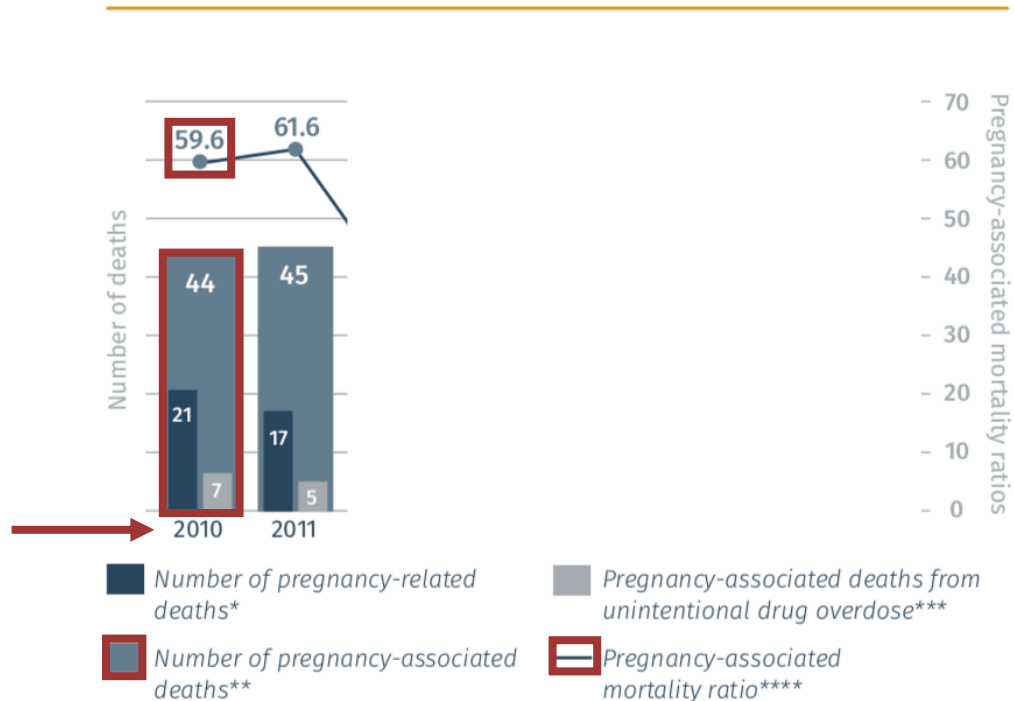


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- Maryland has a functional statewide Maternal Mortality Review
  - *established in 2000*
  - *requires*
    - identification of maternal deaths
    - review of medical records and other relevant data
    - determination of preventability of death
    - recommendations for the prevention of maternal deaths
    - dissemination of findings and recommendations
  - *2002-2018 reports available on the MDH webpage*
    - 2019 report describing 2017 maternal deaths forthcoming
    - MMR committee currently reviewing 2018 deaths



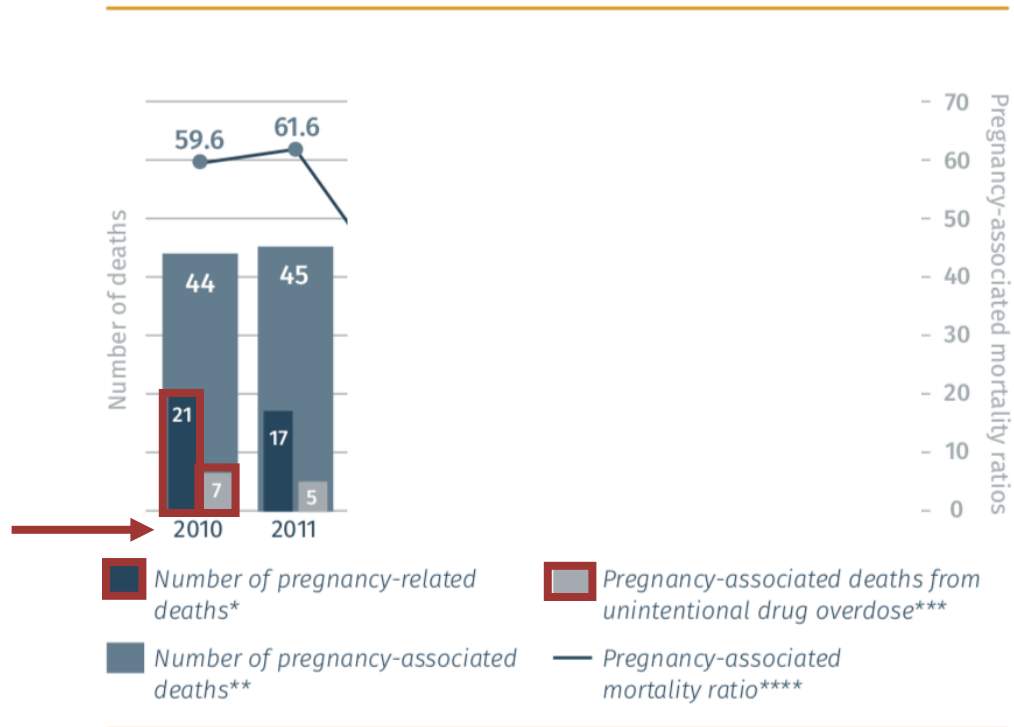
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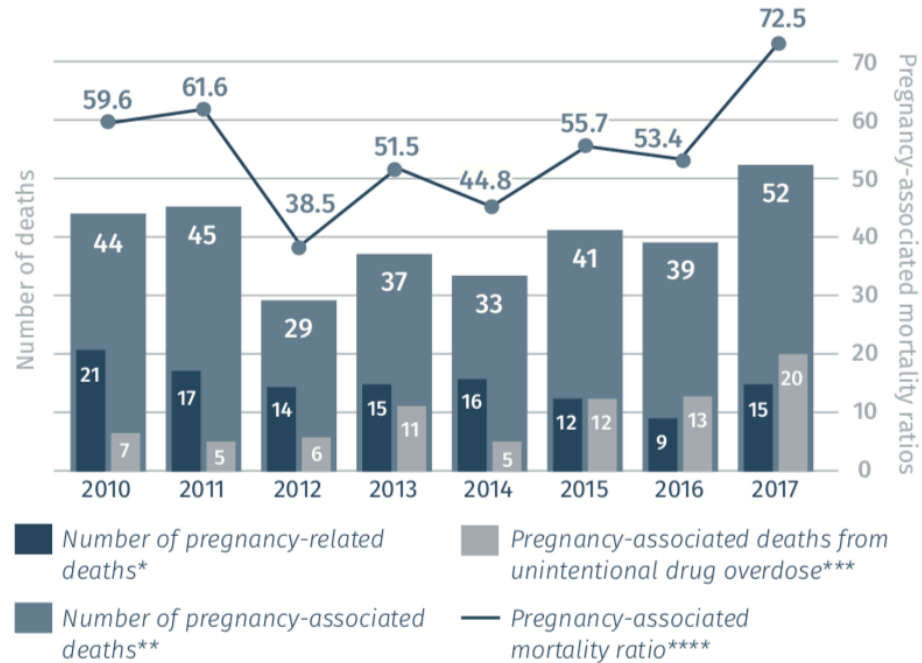
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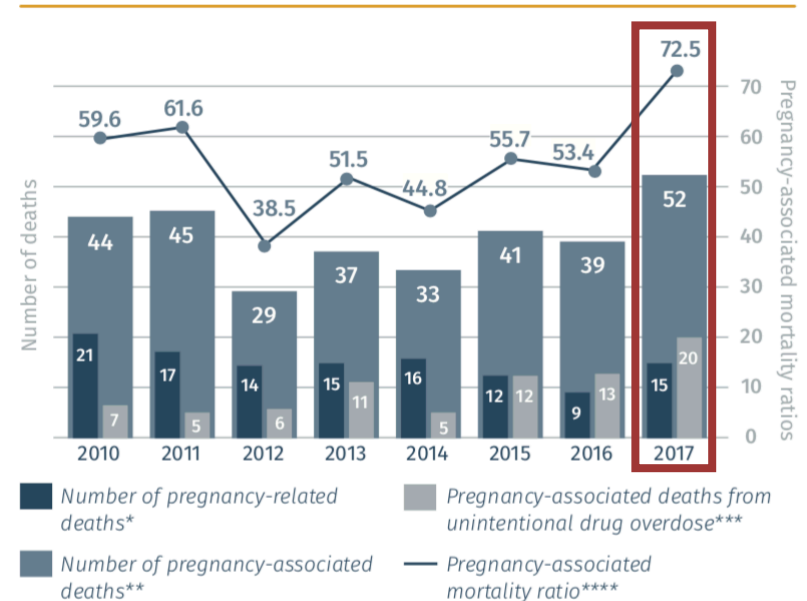
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- Timing of PA deaths
  - 34.6% during pregnancy
  - 21.2% <6 weeks postpartum
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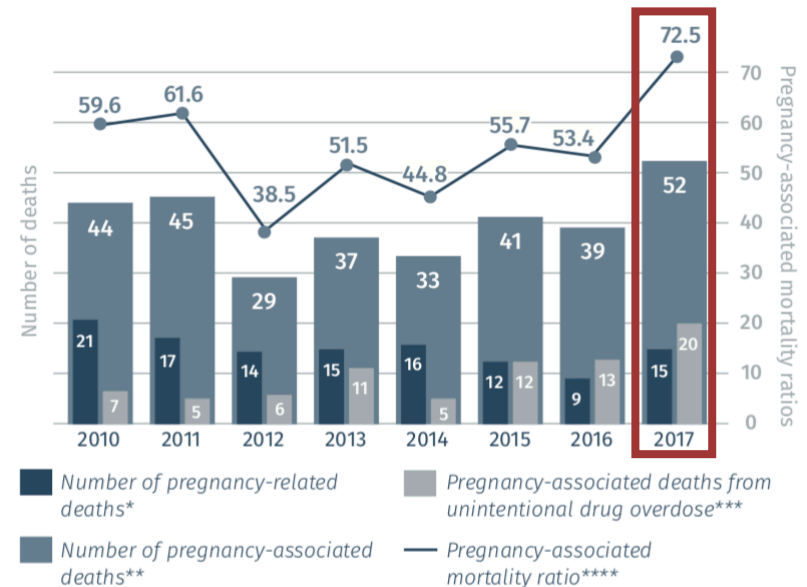
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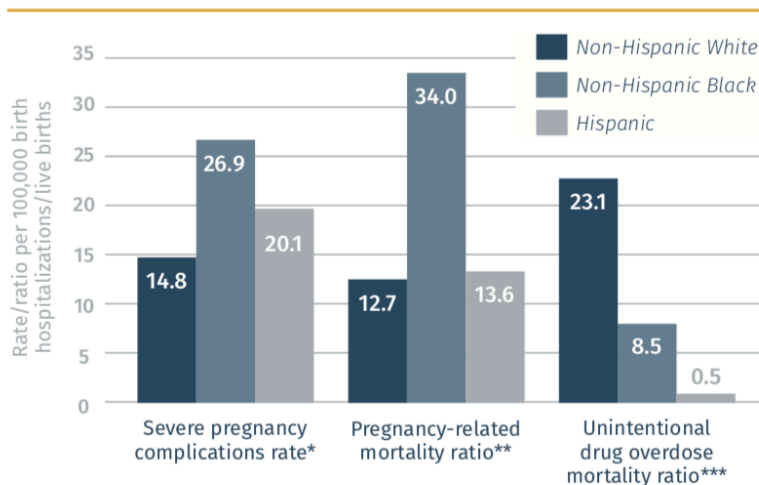
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  - *about 1,500 women experienced SMM every year in recent years*
  - *adjusted SMM risk ratios higher for women with SES/clinical risk factors*
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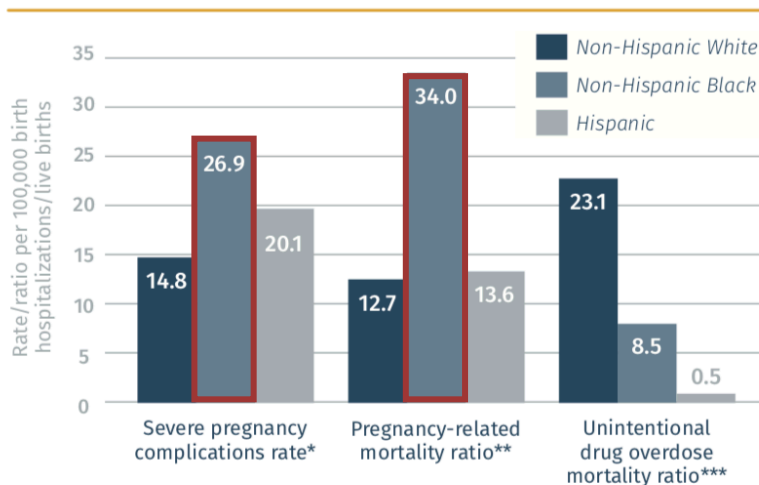
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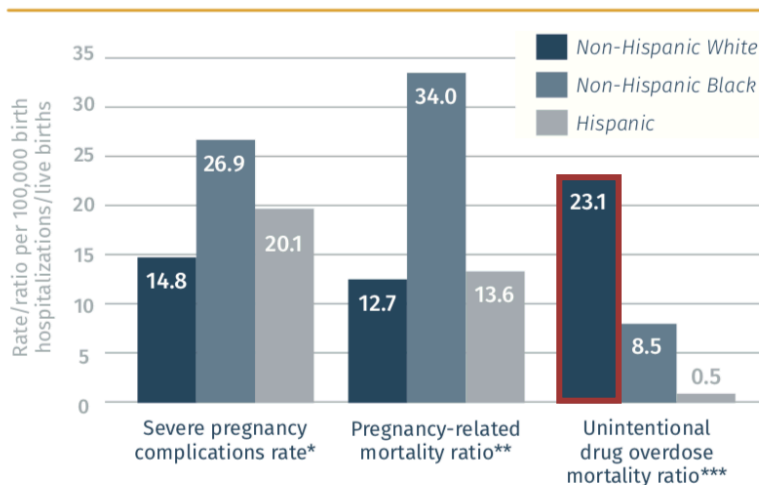
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- 32 birthing hospitals in Maryland
  - 6 Level I, 11 Level II, 13 Level III, 2 Level IV
  - *Perinatal Outreach Program*
    - MDH-funded
    - led by Johns Hopkins ObGyn (on-going)
    - provides access to expert MFM consults to Level I & II hospitals
  - *Perinatal Neonatal Quality Collaboratives*
    - MDH-funded
    - coordinated by the Maryland Patient Safety Center (2006-2019)
    - trainings, webinars, email-network, annual meetings

# MDMOM WORKPLAN

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Improve Data Availability & Utilization

Innovate in Maternal Health  
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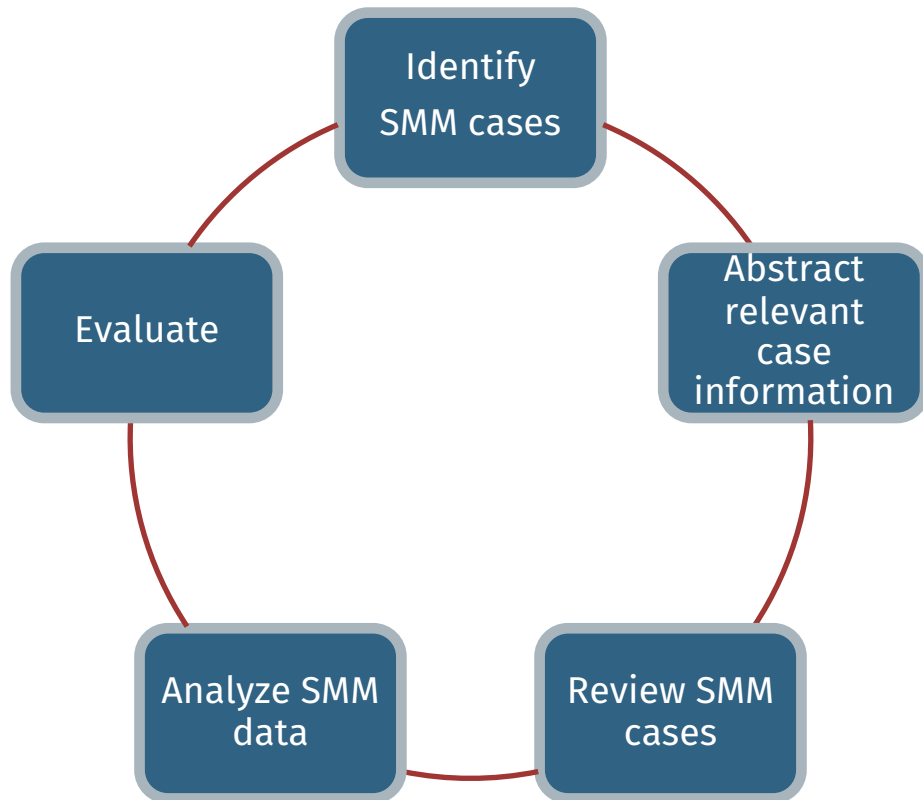
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# SMM SURVEILLANCE CYCLE

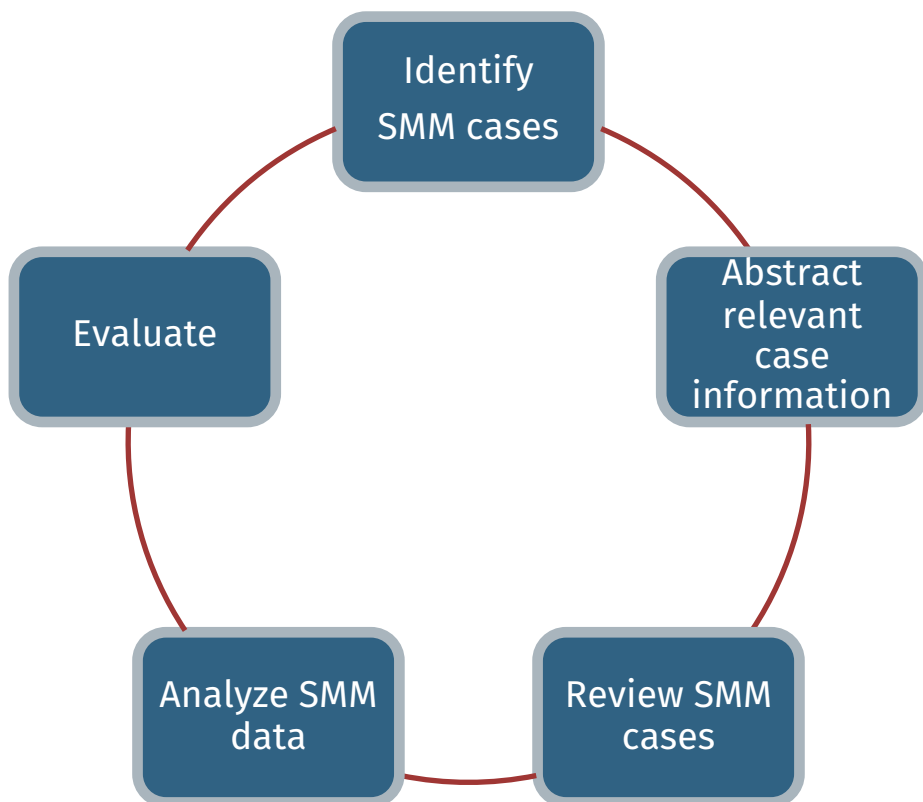
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# SMM SURVEILLANCE CYCLE



- Developed SMM surveillance & review protocol & adapted IL review form
  - ICU admission +/- 4 units RBCs
  - emerging public health threats
- Developing case review manual & trainings materials for data abstractors
- Pilot Phase (2020-2021)
  - 6-7 hospitals
  - levels I-IV, various practice models, wide range of annual deliveries
  - MDMOM support for abstractors
  - **revision of SMM protocol/form**
- MDMOM data center for data entry
- MDMOM data management & analysis
- MDMOM report generation
- Statewide implementation (2021-2024)
  - voluntary participation
  - MDMOM support

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## Innovate in Maternal Health Service Delivery

Offer continuing education trainings

- recognition & management of SMM
- quality improvement (QI) implementation
- substance use stigma
- implicit bias



# IMPLICIT BIAS TRAINING & FACILITATION

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- **Objective:** To promote maternity care staff's knowledge, attitudes and self-efficacy for mitigating implicit bias; foster a culture of respect; and improve patients' experience of care
- **Approach:** Provide online implicit bias training to all maternity care staff followed by in-person reflection and facilitation activities
- **MDMOM Activities:**
  - *develop or adopt an online implicit training that can be disseminated to all hospital staff (2020)*
  - *develop in-person reflection and facilitation activities (2020-2021)*
  - *roll-out implicit bias online trainings, reflection and facilitation activities in hospitals using a phased-approach (2021-2023 -- in line with HB-837)*
  - *conduct rigorous evaluation (2020-2024)*
    - staff satisfaction with training
    - staff knowledge, attitudes, and self-efficacy
    - unit culture of respect
    - patient experience of care

# MATERNAL HEALTH EQUITY TOOLKIT

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- **Objective:** To identify and address hospital-specific factors that may contribute to disparities in maternal health outcomes
- **Approach:** Provide hospital QI and equity teams with tools and support for identifying health disparities, examining their root causes and implementing institutional equity interventions to reduce disparities
- **MDMOM Activities:**
  - *develop a Maternal Health Equity Toolkit that is acceptable and feasible for Maryland hospitals (2020-2021)*
  - *pilot and refine the Toolkit in ~8 birthing hospitals (2021)*
  - *roll-out the Toolkit to the remaining Maryland hospitals using a phased approach (2022-2024)*

# ILLUSTRATIVE HOSPITAL TRAINING & QI CALENDAR

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2020	Online: SUD stigma training (all L&D) Workshop: QI project management (QI leads)	Opioid disorder quality collaborative
2021	Grand rounds: Recognition & management of SMM Online/in-person: Implicit bias training/facilitation (all L&D)	
2022	Workshop: Maternal Health Equity Toolkit (QI leads) Online/in-person: Implicit bias training/facilitation (all L&D)	Quality collaborative TBD
2023	Grand rounds: Recognition & management of SMM Workshop: Collaborative QI project management	
2024	Online: SUD stigma training; Recognition & management of SMM; Implicit bias training; Maternal Health Equity Toolkit	

Note: Timing of various trainings will vary between hospitals.

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- **Objective:** To enhance use of evidence-based practices among birthing hospitals in Maryland
- **Approach:** Support implementation of nationally-endorsed maternal safety standards and recommended best practices through quality collaboratives
- **MDMOM Activities:**
  - support development of state-specific QI resources
  - support enhanced facilitation & QI skill building for hospitals participating in quality collaboratives
  - evaluate quality collaborative outcomes



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# IMPLEMENTATION OF MATERNAL SAFETY STANDARDS

Cesarean Delivery: *Original Research*

## Implementation of the Safe Reduction of Primary Cesarean Births Safety Bundle During the First Year of a Statewide Collaborative in Maryland

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**OBJECTIVE:** To describe the status of implementation of the Alliance for Innovation in Maternal Health's primary cesarean birth patient safety bundle in Maryland after 1 year (2016–2017), and assess whether hospital characteristics and implementation strategies employed are associated with bundle implementation.

**METHODS:** The Alliance for Innovation in Maternal Health's bundle to decrease primary cesarean births includes 26 evidence-based practices that hospitals

can adopt based on specific needs. One year after the start of a statewide implementation collaborative at 31 of 32 birthing hospitals in Maryland, we sent a computer-based survey to hospital collaborative leaders to assess progress. Respondents reported on hospital characteristics, adoption of bundle practices, and use of 15 selected implementation strategies. We conducted descriptive and bivariate analyses of their responses.

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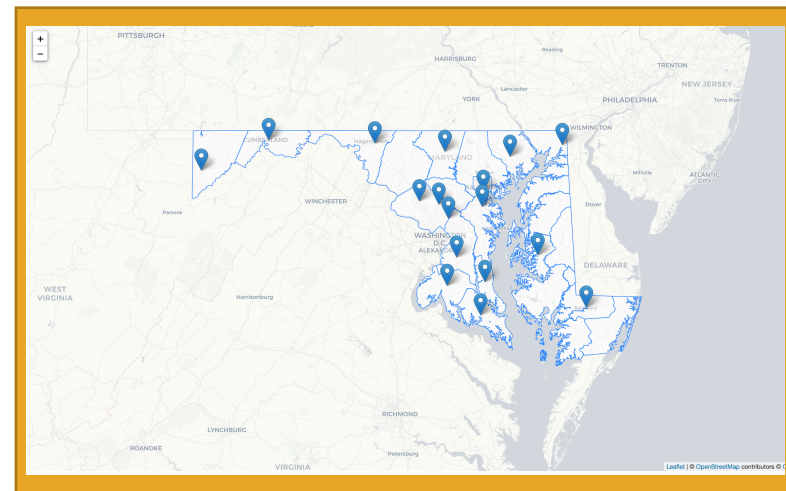
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# COORDINATE PERINATAL TELEMEDICINE PROGRAM

- **Objective:** Increase access to expert MFM consults in Levels I-II hospitals in Maryland
- **Approach:** Partner with Level IV hospitals (JHU & University of Maryland) to offer MFM consults through telemedicine
- **MDMOM Activities:**
  - needs assessment (2020)
  - pilot program in several hospitals with high need (2021)
  - scale-up to include additional hospitals with need (2022-2023)
  - monitor sustainability & evaluate (2021-2024)



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# FAMILY EDUCATION ON MATERNAL WARNING SIGNS

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- **Objective:** Improve awareness of and timely care seeking for signs of maternal complications in the postpartum period
- **Approach:** Partner with Maryland's *Home Visiting (HV) Programs* to deliver education & select screenings for postpartum women
- **MDMOM Activities:**
  - Develop/adapt education & screening package that is acceptable and feasible for HV programs (2020)
  - pilot and refine package in ~10 programs (2021)
  - rollout to ~1/3 of HV programs & evaluate (2022)
  - rollout to remaining HV programs (2023)
  - monitor sustainability & evaluate (2024)



## Targeted Complications

- Hypertensive disorders of pregnancy
- Hemorrhage
- Infection
- Embolism
- Cardiomyopathy
- Postpartum depression
- Opioid use disorder

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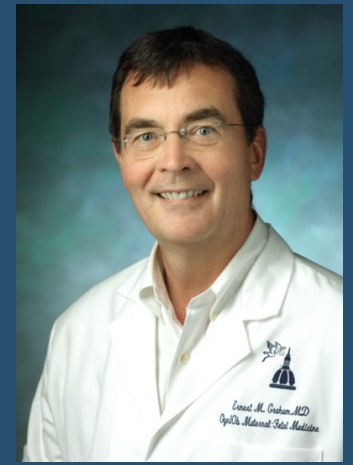
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Coordination with the Maryland Maternal Health Task Force

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# DEVELOPING THE FIVE-YEAR STRATEGIC PLAN

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- This year (2020), the Maryland Maternal Health Task Force will develop a 5-year Strategic Plan for improving maternal health
- Inputs for the plan
  - *2020 Maryland Title V Needs Assessment*
  - *workplans of on-going maternal health programs in the state*
  - *maternal health data (e.g. Maryland Maternal Mortality Review)*
- Task Force member contributions
  - *contribute perspectives to planning questions in small workgroups*
  - *provide feedback on the draft Strategic Plan*



# TASK FORCE OBJECTIVES

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- Identify gaps in
  - *state maternal health data*
  - *delivery of and access to quality perinatal health services*
  - *health policies for pregnant and postpartum women*
- Develop a 5-year Strategic Plan to improve maternal health in Maryland building on
  - *2020 Maryland Title V Needs Assessment*
  - *workplans of on-going maternal health programs in the state*
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- Engage, support and monitor implementation of maternal health programs in the state of Maryland
- Assist with dissemination of maternal health program findings and lessons learned in Maryland and beyond
- Develop a Sustainability Plan to ensure continuity of work towards improving maternal health in the state of Maryland



# TASK FORCE WORKGROUPS

GROUP	CURRENT FOCUS
1. Data	SMM surveillance & maternal data dashboard
2. Telemedicine	Perinatal telemedicine program
3. Quality Improvement	Hospital-based implementation of safety protocols Maternal warning signs education for home visiting
4. Provider Trainings	Implicit bias, SMM recognition and management, and QI skills training for physicians and nurses
5. Policy	State-based workforce and Medicaid policies



# WORKGROUP INPUT PROCESS

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**3/31:** Receive group assignment, discussion questions, and instructions from workgroup leader

Between Task Force webinars, workgroup members provide feedback by email and/or small group calls

WORKGROUP TIMELINE

**4/20:** Last day for written feedback

**4/30:** Workgroup feedback summarized at 2<sup>nd</sup> Task Force webinar

**Sep 2020:** Draft plan presented at Task Force meeting





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# NEXT WEBINAR

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