


AMCHP and the National Maternal Health Initiative



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NMHI Goal and Priority Areas

Initiative Goal: Reduce maternal morbidity and mortality by *improving women's health across the life course* and by ensuring high quality and safety of maternity care.

Priority Areas

- Women's Health
- Public Awareness and Advocacy
- State and Community Public Health Systems
- Quality and Safety
- Surveillance and Research

State and Community Public Health Systems Workgroup

- Co-chaired by AMCHP and MCHB
- Working assumption: The following will lead to improved maternal health and health equity
 - Expansion and coordination of ESSENTIAL public health services specific to the maternal health population
 - Identifying critical public health services
 - Ensuring they are available and accessible
 - Increasing their coordination and collaboration across/with health systems

Workgroup Stakeholders

- State representatives
 - New Jersey
 - Maryland
 - Michigan
 - Alaska
 - California
- Local representatives
 - Philadelphia
 - CityMatCH
- National Groups
 - CDC PRAMS/MCH EPI
 - ACOG

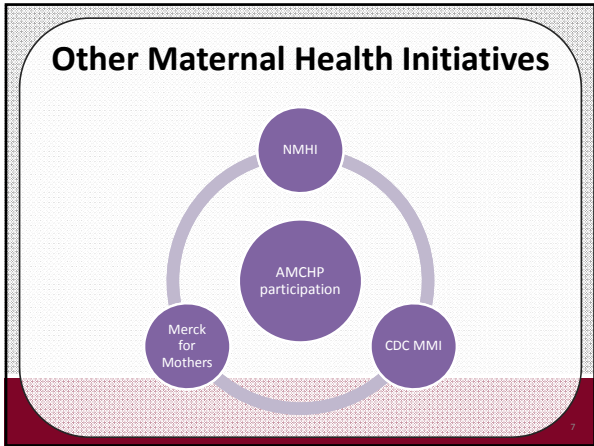
Approach to Action Plan

Ten Essential Services

- Framework to identify best practice examples of community and public health systems that address maternal health
- Of those services and systems, identified areas not likely to be covered by other workgroups
- Discussed unique role of public health systems where topics are likely to cross workgroups

Next Steps

- Identifying possible outcomes for improved maternal health
 - Choosing some short term outcomes that can be accomplished in 6-13 months
- Working backwards from outcomes to setting goals, identifying strategies to meet these goals, and planning out action steps
- Submit completed plan to MCHB in March



Thank you!

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