Appendix A

Maryland Maternal Mortality Review
Case Discussion Guide

Date: ___________________ Case #___________________

Purpose: To review pregnancy-associated deaths in order to classify cases, identify trends in mortality, and develop recommendations for systems change.

Case Definition: Death of a woman while pregnant or within 365 days of pregnancy conclusion

1. Medical Care and Non-medical Causes Underlying the Death

**Quality/content of medical care**
- Preventive services
- Community and patient education
- Nutrition, substance abuse, and social services
- Preconception services
- Prenatal care
- Labor and delivery services
- Postpartum care and follow-up
- Management & treatment
- Diagnostic procedures
- Medical interventions
- Patient education and follow-up

**Non-medical (social) causes underlying the death**
- Intendedness of pregnancy
- Woman’s and her family’s knowledge about pregnancy & its possible complications
- Timeliness on the part of the woman in recognizing a problem & taking action
- Accessibility/acceptability of healthcare (cultural/experience/financial/geographic/transportation/logistic)
- Cultural competence and communication skills of health care providers
- Woman’s adherence or non-adherence to medical advice and health interventions

2. Issues specific to this case

Individual Behavior: ______________________________________________________

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Provider Practice: ______________________________________________________

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Institutional/ Systems Issues: ___________________________________________

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Additional issues: _______________________________________________________

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1. Type of Case:
   ___Pregnancy-related (causes related to or aggravated by pregnancy or its management)
   ___Not Pregnancy-related (cause unrelated to pregnancy)
   ___Undetermined

   Due to: ________________________________________________________________
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2. This case was:
   ___Preventable (___individual ___provider ___institutional/systems issues)
   ___Potentially Preventable (___individual ___provider ___institutional/systems issues)
   ___Undetermined
   ___Not Preventable

3. Resources or services needed but __not used or __not available:
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4. Recommendation(s) to address issues in this case:
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