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2024 MATERNAL MORTALITY REVIEW TEAM APPLICATION

Background:

The [Wisconsin Maternal Mortality Review Team](#) (MMRT) is a multi-disciplinary group of professionals that reviews case-level information about deaths of Wisconsin residents that occur during pregnancy or within one year of the end of pregnancy. The purpose of these surveillance activities is not only to identify and review maternal deaths but to also develop recommendations to prevent future deaths. All MMRT members serve in a volunteer capacity and do not receive compensation for their time or participation on the Team. Team members are expected to commit to a year-long membership with the opportunity to recommit annually.

The Maternal Mortality Review Team is committed to broad membership inclusion, embracing the idea that a diverse member representation allows the Team to focus on both improving the quality of care for pregnant/postpartum people in the healthcare setting and on improving social determinants of health. Specifically, the Team seeks professional, geographic, economic, gender, racial, and ethnic diversity.

In 2024, the Team is looking to onboard 3-4 new members with experience in the following areas:

- Substance use/addiction medicine
- Emergency medicine
- Rural health
- Intimate partner violence/violence prevention
- Child protective services/Department of Child & Family Services
- Racism/discrimination experts
- Tribal organizations
- Law enforcement agencies
- Community or family representative

Overview of Commitment to the Wisconsin Maternal Mortality Review Team:

Factors to be considered for Team membership include the experience of prospective members, as well as the ability to commit the time that is required to participate on the Maternal Mortality Review Team.

Committee Meetings		Meeting Preparation		Other Participation
6 meetings annually – with 5 of note in 2024: - Friday, March 8 - Friday, May 10 - Friday, July 12 - Friday, September 20 - Friday, November 15	Each meeting is scheduled from 9am-3:30pm.	30–60-minute review per case, including meeting preparatory work	10-12 cases expected for each meeting, i.e. 8-12 hours of preparation per meeting	Supplementary MMRT activities or workgroups, reflection sessions, community-building opportunities, providing input on reports to publish, etc.

Expectations:

- New members are expected to attend the March MMRT meeting as an observer and then later attend a new member onboarding/training session with the MMR Program Coordinator in late March/April.
- All MMRT members are expected to attend at least 75% of meetings throughout the year (i.e., for new members that means four out of the five meetings remaining in 2024). All meetings will have a virtual option, though we anticipate one in-person/hybrid meeting at some point during the year.
- All MMRT members are expected to complete the preparatory work for each meeting (even if you are unable to attend that meeting).
- All MMRT members are expected to participate in the discussion during review meetings (once onboarded).

Application Process

Please send a statement of interest and resume/CV (or brief bio) with current contact information to the [MMR Program](#) by end of day **January 31, 2024**. Your resume/CV/brief bio should include your name, primary email address, affiliation/organization, and your credentials (if applicable).

Statement of Interest (1-2 pages) should address the following questions:

- Why do you want to join the Maternal Mortality Review Team?
- What perspectives and contributions would you bring to the Team?
- What is your approach to dealing with discussions about potentially difficult topics, such as health inequity, race, politics, mental health, substance use, or sexual orientation?
 - Please provide a specific example.
- What is your approach to understanding the perspectives of colleagues and/or patients from different backgrounds?
 - Please provide a specific example of a time when you worked with a colleague or team with a different background/culture than yours, and how you made sure to be inclusive of their identity.

Other Resources

For more information, please visit: <https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/mch/maternal-mortality-and-morbidity.htm> or contact the [MMR Program Coordinator](#) with questions.

Additionally, we will be hosting **two 60-minute virtual Q&A sessions** if you are interested in asking questions or connecting with program staff before you submit your application (Zoom details linked below):

- Session 1 on **Thursday, January 11** at 12pm: [Click here to join the meeting on that date.](#)
- Session 2 on **Thursday, January 25** at 12pm: [Click here to join the meeting on that date.](#)

Please send all materials (CV or brief bio, and a statement of interest) to the [MMR program](#) by end of day January 31, 2024.