

Monitoring Progress in Eliminating Racial and Ethnic Disparities

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Goal: Elimination of Disparities in Birth Outcomes

- Charge of Wisconsin's 2010 Health Plan
- Framework for Action
- How will we know we are making a difference?

Define a Set of Key Indicators

- The most useful **set** of data, since no single data element tells the whole story
- Given the “universe” of population-based and program-based indicators, initiating a process to select **key indicators** is necessary

Process for Choosing Indicators

- Form DHFS Data Indicators Workgroup (Internal Partners)
- Establish criteria for indicator selection
- Indicators under consideration: apply criteria
- Engage outside experts and finalize key indicators
- Review and approval by the Collaborative Data Partner Workgroup

Data Indicators Workgroup (Internal Partners)

Program Areas Represented:

- Birth Record Data
- Maternal and Child Health Program (MCH)
- Medicaid Program
- Woman, Infants and Children (WIC)

Criteria for Indicator Selection

- Relevant to policy
- Useful
- Representative
- Understandable
- Accessible
- Ethical

Indicators Under Consideration

	Birth Record	Medicaid	Women, Infants and Children (WIC)
Body Mass Index		•	•
Breastfeeding (current and ever)			•
Caesarian Section	•	•	
Diabetes Screening		•	
Enrollment Timing		•	•
Environmental Tobacco Smoke			•
HIV Screening		•	
Interpregnancy Interval	•		•
Low Birthweight	•	•	•
Maternal Smoking			•

Indicators Under Consideration (2)

	Birth Record	Medicaid	Women, Infants and Children (WIC)
Maternal Weight Gain			•
Multivitamin and Folate Use (before conception and current)			•
Prematurity	•	•	•
Prenatal Care Visit Frequency		•	
Preventive Dental Services		•	
Screening and/or Treatment for Mental Health Issues		•	
Screening and/or Treatment for Substance Abuse		•	
Sleep Position			•
Teen Births	•		

Engage Outside Experts

- Provide academic expertise on
 - Set of key indicators
 - Method to disseminate key indicators
 - Method to establish benchmarks

Key Indicators Review and Approval by Collaborative Partner Data Workgroup

- Address data collection, access, analysis, and dissemination needs
- Set realistic outcome measures for eliminating disparities in birth outcomes
- Act as a resource to this State Advisory Committee

In Summary

Key Indicators are being developed to:

- Represent our activities and programs
- Keep our “out of sight” work visible
- Track changes over time
- Establish Accountability

Next steps:

- Approve key indicators with the Collaborative Partner Data Workgroup
- Report back to State Advisory Committee