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2025 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 including and uplifting diverse racial, ethnic, economic, gender, geographic and professional membership. This diversity ensures our work will address social drivers of health and improve quality of care for pregnant and postpartum people.

In 2025, the Team is looking to onboard **2 to 3 new members** with experience in the following areas:

- Child protective services/Department of Child & Family Services
- Maternal fetal medicine (currently practicing)
- Community or family representative
- Tribal organizations

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 2025: - Friday, March 14 - Friday, May 9 - Friday, July 11 - Friday, September 12 - Friday, November 14	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 2025). 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 **noon on January 31, 2025**. Your resume/CV/brief bio should include your name, primary email address, affiliation/organization, and your credentials (if applicable).

Statement of Interest (1 to 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.

Regarding the MMR Impact Team

In 2022, the MMR Program launched the Impact Team, a team of public health, health care, and other experts who meet quarterly to identify critical action steps for disseminating and implementing MMRT recommendations. The Impact Team will also be working closely with the Maternal Health Innovation Program to foster actionable steps to achieve optimal maternal health in Wisconsin. If you are interested in also being considered for membership on the Impact Team as openings arise, please answer the following questions in your statement of interest:

- What do you believe needs to happen in Wisconsin to move maternal mortality related data and recommendations into action?
- If you were to join a data to action team, what strengths would you bring?

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 **Tuesday, January 14** at **12pm**: [Click here to join Session 1](#).
- Session 2 on **Wednesday, January 22** at **12pm**: [Click here to join Session 2](#).

Please send all materials (CV or brief bio, and a statement of interest) to the [MMR program](#) by 12pm CT on January 31, 2025.