

Maternal Mortality Review Committee (MMRC)**Friday, April 26, 2024 1:00-4:30****Oklahoma State Department of Health****123 Robert S. Kerr, 28th Floor, Room 5****Oklahoma City, OK 73102**

Open Meeting Act: Announcement of the meeting was filed with the Office of the Secretary of State on Wednesday, November 22, 2023 at 7:56 AM for the in-person meeting. The final agenda was shared via email April 16, 2024 at 9:38 AM and posted at the OSDH Central Office at 8:20 AM on April 23, 2024.

Call to Order, Roll Call, and Determination of Quorum: Dr. Chad Smith, Chair, called the meeting of the Maternal Mortality Review Committee (MMRC) to order at 1:32 PM.

A quorum was determined with the presence of:

Name	Entity Representation	Name	Entity Representation
Barbara O'Brien	Director, Office of Perinatal Quality Improvement	Blaine Bolding Designee for Dr. Patrick McGough	Director, Oklahoma City County Health Department
Dr. Angela Hawkins	Chair, Oklahoma Chapter of the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists	Lori Essary	Director, Family Support and Prevention Services, Oklahoma State Department of Health
Dr. Paula Root	Chief Medical Officer, Oklahoma Health Care Authority	Dr. Tracy Wendling	Director, Injury Prevention Service, Oklahoma State Department of Health
Dr. Chad Smith	Medical Director, Oklahoma Perinatal Quality Improvement Collaborative	Nikki Garrod Designee for Joyce Marshall	Director, Maternal and Child Health Service, Oklahoma State Department of Health
Nicolas Barton	Executive Director, Southern Plain Tribal Health Board	Jill Nobles Botkin Designee for Dr. Gitanjali Pai	Chief Medical Officer, Oklahoma State Department of Health
Larry Terry, Paramedic	SSM Health St. Anthony's Midwest EMS	Kristy Wente Designee for Evelyn Radichel	Oklahoma Chapter, Association of Women's Health, Obstetric, and Neonatal Nurses
Omare Jimmerson	Community Representative	Regina Kizer	President, OK Chapter of the American College of Nurse Midwives
Dr. John Stanley	The Perinatal Center- Maternal Fetal Medicine Representative	Dr. Pamela Miles	Medical Director, Perinatal & Reproductive Health, OUHSC

Committee Members/Designees Absent: Oklahoma Osteopathic Association, Oklahoma State Medical Association, Office of Chief Medical Examiner, Oklahoma Chapter National Association of Social Workers, Current law enforcement officer, Tulsa Health Department, Oklahoma State Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services, Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation

OSDH Staff Present: Two case abstractors: Tony Fleshman and Amy Foster, Jenna Bellantoni, Epidemiologist, Assessment, Maternal and Child Health Service and Dawn Butler, administrative support, Maternal & Child Health Service.

Public Comment: None

Vote to accept the January 26, 2024 meeting minutes as presented: Omare Jimmerson made a motion to approve the January 26, 2024 meeting minutes with Regina Kizer seconding the motion. Members voted accordingly.

Name	Yes	No	Abstain	Name	Yes	No	Abstain
Barbara O'Brien	✓			Blaine Bolding Designee for Dr. Patrick McGough	✓		
Dr. Angela Hawkins	✓			Lori Essary			✓
Dr. Paula Root	✓			Dr. Tracy Wendling	✓		
Dr. Chad Smith	✓			Nikki Garrod Designee for Joyce Marshall	✓		
Nicolas Barton	✓			Jill Nobles Botkin Designee for Dr. Gitanjali Pai	✓		
Larry Terry, Paramedic	✓			Kristy Wentz Designee for Evelyn Radichel	✓		
Omare Jimmerson	✓			Regina Kizer	✓		
Dr. John Stanley	✓			Dr. Pamela Miles	✓		

Motion Passed

Discussion and follow up on previous recommendations: There were no updates regarding previous recommendations.

Key insights from the MMRIA conference: Barbara O'Brien spoke to the group regarding the MMRIA conference in Atlanta that she recently attended. She stated that all 50 states were represented and were introduced to the new form that needs to be completed for each case. She also spoke about the importance of conducting key informant interviews to gather additional information that may not be available in the Dr. notes and records. Nikki stated that with the staff shortage they are currently facing, unfortunately there isn't the manpower available to conduct these interviews. She did however mention that the Maternal and Child Health Service area is in the process of applying for the ERASE grant and if awarded, would like to hire some additional help to handle some of these interviews.

She also spoke about the importance of having a diverse committee that represents multiple areas of the population and professions.

Barbara also stated that there is a group of tribal across the states that are working on starting their own Maternal Mortality and Morbidity Committee for indigenous members who have died during pregnancy or postpartum period. Nick mentioned that the Tribal Public Health Conference was held the day prior to this meeting where they discussed four different options the tribes could have regarding their MMRC. First would be that a tribe could have their own MMRC, an area wide MMRC, a possibility of a sub-committee of the State MMRC, and a national committee.

Discussion regarding legislative bills- Dr. Hawkins updated the committee on a Legislative bill they have been watching. She stated that HB 2152 is a bill that when written would have required all maternal deaths be referred to the State Medical Examiners for autopsy. This bill will reduce the size of the MMRC from 24 to 11 committee members. This bill has passed both houses of the legislature and is now being reviewed by the House for determination of which entities will be eliminated.

Moment of silence: Dr. Smith asked the members to observe a moment of silence in remembrance of the women who lost their lives and the families they left behind.

Enter into Executive Session: Lori Essary made a motion to enter into Executive Session with Regina Kizer seconding. Members voted accordingly.

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Barbara O'Brien	✓			Blaine Bolding Designee for Dr. Patrick McGough	✓		
Dr. Angela Hawkins	✓			Lori Essary	✓		
Dr. Paula Root	✓			Dr. Tracy Wendling	✓		
Dr. Chad Smith	✓			Nikki Garrod Designee for Joyce Marshall	✓		
Nicolas Barton	✓			Jill Nobles Botkin Designee for Dr. Gitanjali Pai	✓		
Larry Terry, Paramedic	✓			Kristy Wentz Designee for Evelyn Radichel	✓		
Omare Jimmerson	✓			Regina Kizer	✓		
Dr. John Stanley	✓			Dr. Pamela Miles	✓		

Motion Passed

Enter into Open Session: Barbara O'Brien made a motion to enter into open session with Kristy Wentz seconding the motion. Members voted accordingly.

Name	Yes	No	Abstain	Name	Yes	No	Abstain
Barbara O'Brien	✓			Blaine Bolding Designee for Dr. Patrick McGough	✓		
Dr. Paula Root	✓			Dr. Tracy Wendling	✓		
Dr. Angela Hawkins	✓			Lori Essary	✓		
Dr. Chad Smith	✓			Nikki Garrod Designee for Joyce Marshall	✓		
Nicolas Barton	✓			Jill Nobles Botkin Designee for Dr. Gitanjali Pai	✓		
Larry Terry, Paramedic	✓			Kristy Wentz Designee for Evelyn Radichel	✓		
Omare Jimmerson	✓			Regina Kizer	✓		
Dr. John Stanley	✓			Dr. Pamela Miles	✓		

Motion Passed

Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Matters Discussed in Executive Session: During the Executive Session the following recommendations were presented.

1. Community health workers and pregnancy resource navigators provide education about, and increase awareness of, community resources (e.g., 211, county health departments) in patients, providers, and the community.
2. MMRC provides feedback to EMS that the MMRC identified two drug toxicity cases where Narcan was not given in either situation.

Adjourn: Dr. Root made a motion to adjourn the meeting with Barbara O'Brien seconding.

Meeting adjourned at 4:02 PM.

Next Meeting:
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