



# SOCIAL DETERMINANTS OF HEALTH COMMITTEE MEETING

## Meeting Minutes

**Date:** March 26, 2025, 9 – 10:30 AM. Virtual Zoom and Anchor Site DPH

**Name of note taker:** Ana Bueno

**Attendees:** Ray Fitzgerald, Dr. J, Adriana Viveros Sosa, Amanda Weaver, Danielle Johnson, Dara Hall, Dara Dupont, Emily Haas Katzen, Ifunanya Ifezulike, Jacqueline Corbin-Armstrong, Lisa Savino, Danielle Johnson, Michelle Statham, Shaila Kapur, Rebecca Sax, Leah Woodall, Jen Pulcinella, Liddy Garcia-Bunuel and Ana Bueno

**Absent:** Helen Arthur, Shannon Weeks, Cynthia Guy, Karen McLaughlin, Forrest Watson II, Nick Beard, Garrett Colmorgen, Erin Nescott, Rene Fortune, Alexandra Wynn, Makaila Davis, Monica Scott, Shebra Hall, Amanda Bennett, Katie Labgold, Sarah Paris.

Agenda Item	Notes
Welcome and Roll Call	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ray Fitzgerald called the meeting to order and welcomed attendees. reviewed the agenda, and did a roll call.</li> </ul>
Introduction of New Co-chair	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ray introduced Dr. Julius Mullen, as the new co-chair of the SDOH Committee who has spent the last two decades at Children and Families First focused on brain science and trauma, mental health, youth, mentorship, and public speaking. He is currently the Chief Learning and Community Officer.</li> </ul>
Approval of Minutes December 18, 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Michelle Statham made a motion to approve the December meeting minutes, and Dara Hall Seconded.               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All approved with Dr. J abstaining since he was not present.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
Updates from other DPQC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>DPQC: Chaired by Dr. Colmorgen and Dr. Umobi work to improve the care of mothers and babies. It focuses on obstetrical blood loss management, pregnant women with substance use disorder, and evidence-based clinical practices.               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Leah Jones provided updates on the Delaware Perinatal Quality Collaborative (DPQC) and its projects, including efforts to address hypertension among pregnant women, neonatal opiate withdrawal syndrome, and the effects of low-dose aspirin on preeclampsia<sup>1</sup>. She also mentioned new grants and initiatives focused on perinatal women with substance use disorders and postpartum care.</li> </ul> </li> <li>Well Woman Committee Update: The committee chaired by Tiffany Chalk and Mona Liza Hamlin will continue to focus on comprehensive and evidence-based approaches to reproductive health and the health of women before, during, and</li> </ul>



	<p>between pregnancies, as well as the persistent maternal health disparities experienced by Black birthing people.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b>Shaila Kapoor</b> asked for clarification on the focus of the Well Woman Committee compared to the committee focused on pregnant women.</li> <li>○ <b>Leah Jones</b> explained that the Well Woman Committee has been working on various educational initiatives aimed at women of reproductive age, including preconception health, mental health, access to care, managing chronic conditions, healthy eating, and activity. Leah also mentioned that the Well Woman Committee focuses on the fourth trimester, breastfeeding, maternal health warning signs, and the importance of community health workers. Leah confirmed that the Well Woman Committee's focus is broader and includes women across different phases of their reproductive life, not just pregnant women.</li> </ul>
<p>Updates Housing Workgroup recommendations</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● The DHMIC board approved the recommendations of the housing workgroup on March 17th. The discussion included the formation of a combined workgroup to address central intake and prioritization of pregnant women, as well as the incorporation of the SRAP program. The workgroup will meet monthly, starting in April, with the first meeting being in person and focused on central intake and the SRAP program. There was also a conversation about securing TANF funds for housing support for pregnant women. The meeting emphasized the urgency of launching the workgroup and the importance of securing funding to support the recommendations.</li> </ul>
<p>Updates from SDOH members that may impact Housing Group Recommendations</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Erin Nescott sent a copy of the Division of Social Service’s RFP for temporary shelter that utilized TANF dollars.</li> <li>● Michelle Statham suggested that Julianne Atkins be added to any discussion on the SRAP pilot.</li> <li>● <b>ACTION ITEM:</b> HMA to modify the Workgroup list to remove Vanessa Cullen and add Julianne Watkins from DSHA.</li> <li>● <b>ACTION ITEM:</b> Provide Dr. Mpsasi status update on potential funding sources (TANF Funding) for housing workgroup recommendations to update Secretary Manning about DHMIC priorities.</li> <li>● <b>ACTION ITEM:</b> Contact Liddy or Ana if interested in serving as an implementation partner in the workgroup.</li> </ul>
<p>DHMIC Summit</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● The DHMIC summit will take place April 14, 2025, at the Chase Center on the Riverfront from 8:15 am to 4:00 pm.</li> <li>● Ray suggested all members to attend.</li> <li>● <b>ACTION ITEM:</b> All members to register and attend.</li> </ul>
<p>Public Comment</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Armani Coleman, from One Village Alliance, introduced himself and shared his excitement to be part of the committee.</li> <li>● Emily Haas Katzen shared with the team that Delaware Online recognized Ray Fitzgerald as the most influential person impacting the community in Delaware. Armani mentioned Chandra Pitts was also recognized. See link <a href="#">here</a></li> </ul>



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Adriana Viveros-Sosa requested that committee members share the survey to identify the number of community health workers embedded in the community and how many of them speak languages such as Spanish or Haitian Creole. The goal is to ensure that all community health workers, regardless of their official title, are accounted for and receive appropriate training. Adriana Viveros shared this <a href="#">link</a> to send to all CHWs.</li></ul>
Next Steps	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><b>ACTION ITEM:</b> The next SDOH Committee meeting will be held virtually on August 20, 2025</li></ul>
Adjournment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Meeting adjourned right at 9:45 AM</li></ul>

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