



WELL WOMAN-BLACK MATERNAL HEALTH

Meeting Minutes

Date: April 30, 2025, 11:00 AM – 12:00 PM. Virtual Zoom and Anchor Site DPH

Name of note taker: Hannah Savage

Facilitator: Mona Liza Hamlin and Tiffany Chalk

Member Attendees: Mona Liza Hamlin, Tiffany Chalk, Nickee Alexander, Ama Amponsah, Jackie Armstrong, Liddy Garcia, Cynthia Guy, Dara Hall, Shebra Hall, Tracy Harpe, Emily Hass Katzen, Ida Lewis, Chelsea Manwiller, Michelle Mathew, Philinda Mindler, Meena Ramakrishnan, Erin Ridout

Public Attendees: Donnia Murphy, Nychole Wright4/30

Agenda Item	Notes
Call to Order, Roll Call, and Approval of Minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Remove retired committee members from the roll call.ACTION ITEM: HMA to maintain roster of committee members.
Ground Rules	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Mona Liza reviewed the ground rules and asked the committee if any members had feedback or additions. Members agreed to the ground rules.
Share Workgroup Focus – Her Story 2.0	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Tiffany reviewed the history of Her Story and the movement toward launching Her Story 2.0. The kickoff meeting will be on May 12th; work group members were selected by the co-chairs. Co-chairs will provide updates on the workgroup's progress and solicit input from the committee in future meetings.Tiffany shared the DE Thrives link for the original Her Story. https://dethrives.com/services-for-me/womens-health/her-story
Update on Maternal Warning Signs and Life Plans	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Maternal Warning Signs Update<ul style="list-style-type: none">Liddy shared that the DPQC created provider-facing materials for maternal warning signs and will be adapting these materials to be public-facing/community-focused. They would like to present these materials to our committee to provide feedback. They will send them out in advance for review, then discuss them in the September meeting.<ul style="list-style-type: none">A committee member asked if these materials are different than the toolkit available on DE Thrives. Liddy confirmed that it is the same, but they are adapting it to be more public facing.A committee member shared that the CDC has a version of this tool translated into multiple languages, and it will be a great to cross-reference it with Delaware's.ACTION ITEM: Liddy to review the CDC's signs and symptoms of urgency, maternal warning signs, and cross-reference to DEs to identify differences. The CDCs' tool has multiple languages.



	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ A committee member suggested that for both warning signs and life plans, marketing materials, we should be sure to include doulas and community health workers to make sure they can contribute and ensure they are using the tools. They are important stakeholders to provide input.▪ ACTION ITEM: Liddy to obtain and incorporate feedback from front-line workers, such as community health ambassadors and doulas. <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Life Plans<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Michelle and Chelsea shared the work that has been done on the life plans recently and put out a call for action to the committee.○ Life plans are available on DE Thrives; we are aiming to “dust off” what was done rather than create something new. We want input from this committee on what could be changed, if the language is appropriate, and what works well.○ Chelsea presented the materials for the committee to see where they are located. The links were available in the chat and shared in the meeting minutes.○ We will be convening a special meeting in July for those that would like to be involved. We would like to make co-chair approved revisions to the website by our September committee meeting.○ ACTION ITEM: Committee members to please review the tool most aligned with your work and provide feedback directly to and/or attend the Special Meeting which will be in July:<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Chelsea (Chelsea.Manwiller@delaware.gov) and Michelle (genah.michelle.mathew@delaware.gov).▪ https://dethrives.com/programs/womens-health-life-plan▪ https://dethrives.com/programs/man-up-plan-up▪ https://dethrives.com/programs/teen-life-plan○ The committee expressed the need for men to review the page focused on men.○ ACTION ITEM: Tiffany agreed to reach out to DHMIC members and people involved in the panel on fatherhood to obtain feedback.○ The committee continued to discuss the best way to distribute and promote the materials, including school-based health centers, doulas, and other health educators. Committee members expressed concern that the tools may be repetitive with things they are already using, and it is important to involve them in discussions.
Debrief from DHMIC Summit	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Tiffany opened the floor for feedback regarding the recent DHMIC summit – both what went well and what could be improved.<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Committee members shared that they enjoyed the summit, like having it in-person, and love the community work/collaboration focus. It was clear that a lot of time, effort, and thought went into the planning.



	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Committee members agreed that the addition of the men's session was great; they had a good dialogue about how men fit into this space, and they often feel ignored.▪ The keynote speaker was engaging and dynamic, the inclusion of U.S. Senator Lisa Blunt Rochester was meaningful, and the session activities were well thought out.○ Some committee members agreed that the last speaker felt like a lecture with the data-heavy presentation, especially being in the afternoon.<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Committee members enjoyed the opening and think it is meaningful. However, since it was a surprise, some people missed it. Requested that in future years the opening is on the agenda, even if the presenter is unknown.
Public Comment Period	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• A community member and stakeholder shared that the maternal mortality rate is still increasing and agreed with the committee that the method of distributing information in the community is vital. People are not getting the important messages.• A committee member spoke about their organization's programming, focusing on the fourth trimester. they have a new postpartum project coming out that will hopefully become a model program.
Next Steps and Closing Remarks	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Her Story Workgroup Kickoff May 12th• ACTION ITEM: Review Life Plans and attend the Special Meeting which will be held in July.<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Please look for the links with the meeting minutes.○ Tiffany will follow up with DHMIC members and the panel for feedback from men.• Next committee meeting September 10th
Adjournment	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Meeting adjourned at 12:00 PM