



SDOH COMMITTEE MEETING

Date: March 5, 2026 10:00 am to 11:30 am -Virtual

Attendees: Dr. Julius Mullen, Ray Fitzgerald, Leah Jones, Jennifer Pulcinella, Monica H. Fleming Scott, MSN, RN, Marci Eads, Erin Nescott, Jennifer Pulcinella, Michelle Statham, Sara Paris, Lisa Savino, Danielle Johnson, Emily Haas Katzen and Dara Hall.

Facilitator: Ana Bueno

Agenda Item	Notes
Welcome and Roll Call	Ray Fitzgerald welcomed committee members and went through the shared agreements.
Approval of October 1, 2026 and December 10, 2026	Ray requested a motion to approve the October and December meeting minutes. Michelle Statham moved to approve both sets of minutes, and Erin Nescott seconded the motion. The committee approved the October and December 2025 meeting minutes unanimously.
Housing Pilot for Pregnant Families	Leah shared that she had met with Secretary Young to present strategic priorities and the work of the Healthy Mother Infant Consortium, though no specific funding source has been identified yet. Ray mentioned he sent an email to Social Contract and he is waiting for a response.
Medicaid transportation	Ana reported that research confirmed non-emergency medical transportation coverage only applies to the individual Medicaid beneficiary, not accompanying passengers like children, which creates a barrier for mothers attending appointments.
Transportation List and data	HMA compiled a comprehensive list of transportation providers and sources that could be shared with the committee and potentially added to DE Thrives website. Committee Members also reviewed data collection efforts, including collaboration with DPH to analyze existing datasets from various sources like 2-1-1 counts, Food Bank of Delaware, and Health of Women and Children reports. Leah mentioned an ongoing maternal health resources map project funded by a grant, which could incorporate the transportation research findings to help pregnant women navigate available resources.
Updates from other members	Ray presented a proposal for building affordable housing using shipping containers, including plans for a pilot project in Wilmington with potential for statewide implementation. The discussion included considerations about accessibility requirements and cost implications for different unit types. Erin shared that she had joined a cohort focused on homelessness prevention for prenatal to 3-year-olds and would share insights from other states at future meetings. The group agreed to analyze data on transportation and food access, with HMA tasked to present findings at the next meeting.
Public Comment	No public Comment

<p>ACTION ITEMS</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ray Fitzgerald: Follow up with Social Contract regarding the status/expectations for the housing pilot for pregnant families presentation to the Secretary and update the committee when there is news. • Leah Jones: Share the report/presentation on the housing pilot for pregnant families with the Secretary (or her team) for review. • HMA: Share the compiled list of transportation providers/resources with the committee (and consider posting on a website such as DE Thrives). • HMA: Analyze the transportation and food security data received from DPH in collaboration with DPH (including 2-1-1 counts, Food Bank of Delaware, Harry K Foundation, Health of Women and Children report, HMG data, March of Dimes, PRAMS, etc.) and present findings at the next meeting. • HMA: Update and compile food access resources and data, incorporating information sent by Erin and data from Vik for presentation to the committee. • Erin Nescott: Share updates and insights from the multi-state prenatal to 3 homelessness prevention cohort, including an official letter for the records, and provide updates at future meetings. • Leah Jones: Review the scope of the maternal health resources map project to consider inclusion of multiple languages and report back to the committee. • Erin Nescott: Get the status of similar food resource mapping work and, if not updated, consider opportunities for updating or integrating with current work.
<p>Next Steps</p>	<p>Next SDoH Committee Meeting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • June 4, 2026, from 10:00am to 11:30am • HMA tasked to present findings of data Analysis during next meeting.
<p>Adjournment</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meeting adjourned at 11:00am