



Adverse Birth Outcomes Recommendations

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Committee Overview

Purpose: To create proposed recommendations to eliminate disparities in in adverse birth outcomes

6 meetings

15 members & additional contributors

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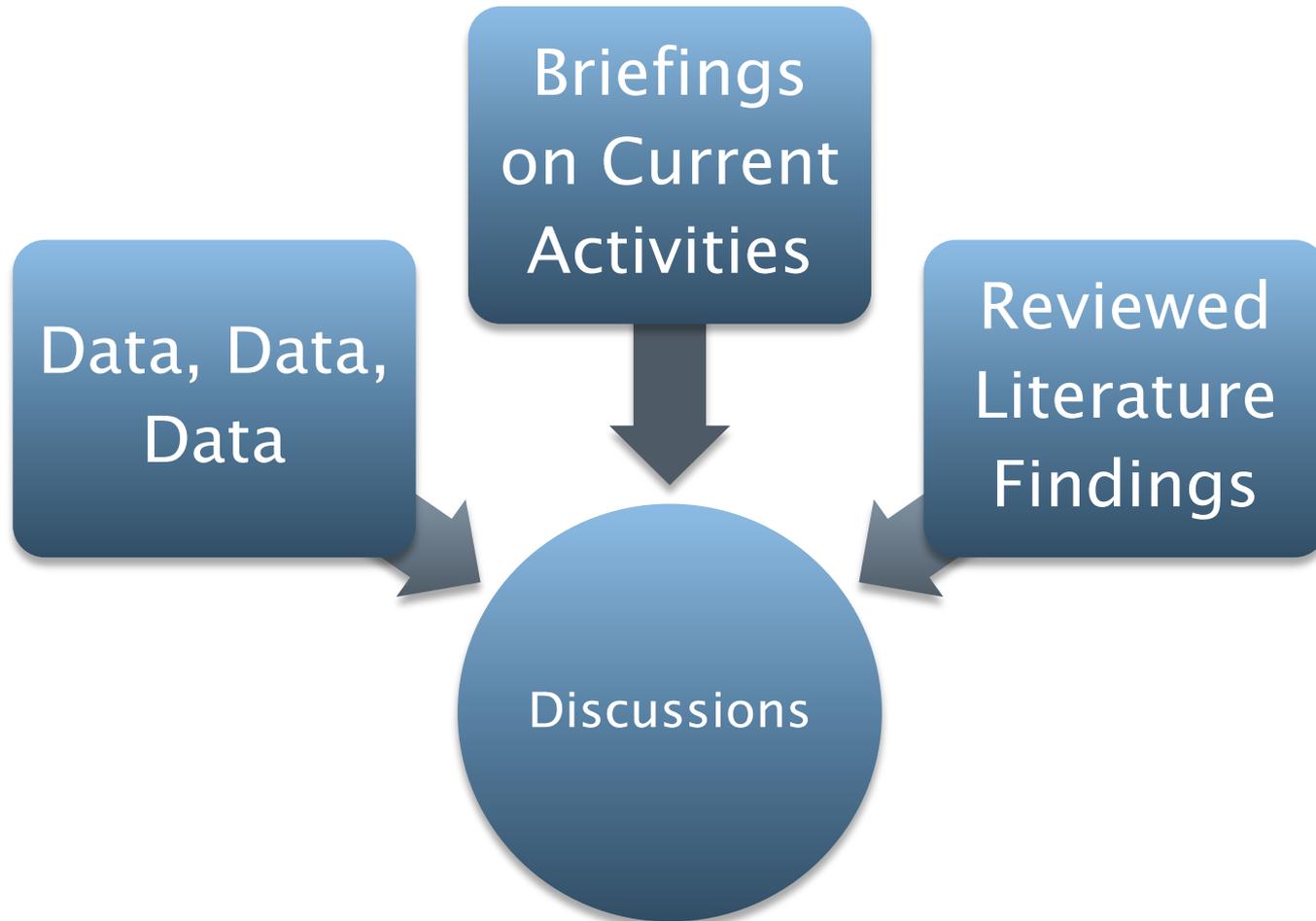
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Committee Deliberations



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Criteria

Focus on reducing disparities

Be actionable, measurable, focused, feasible, and strategic

Build on practice-based evidence

Address any federal or state barriers if they exist

Prioritization

DOULAS

RACISM

PAID
FAMILY
LEAVE

FIRST
STEPS

SUPPORT
COMMUNITY

LARC

HOME
VISITING

Rec 1: Support Community

- ▶ DOH should conduct a preliminary analysis to identify local communities at high risk.
- ▶ The Legislature should provide funding to support local communities.
- ▶ Support should include funding for project implementation, technical assistance, and evaluation.
- ▶ Support should be prioritized for innovative, culturally-connected projects led by community-based organizations that are trusted among those they serve.

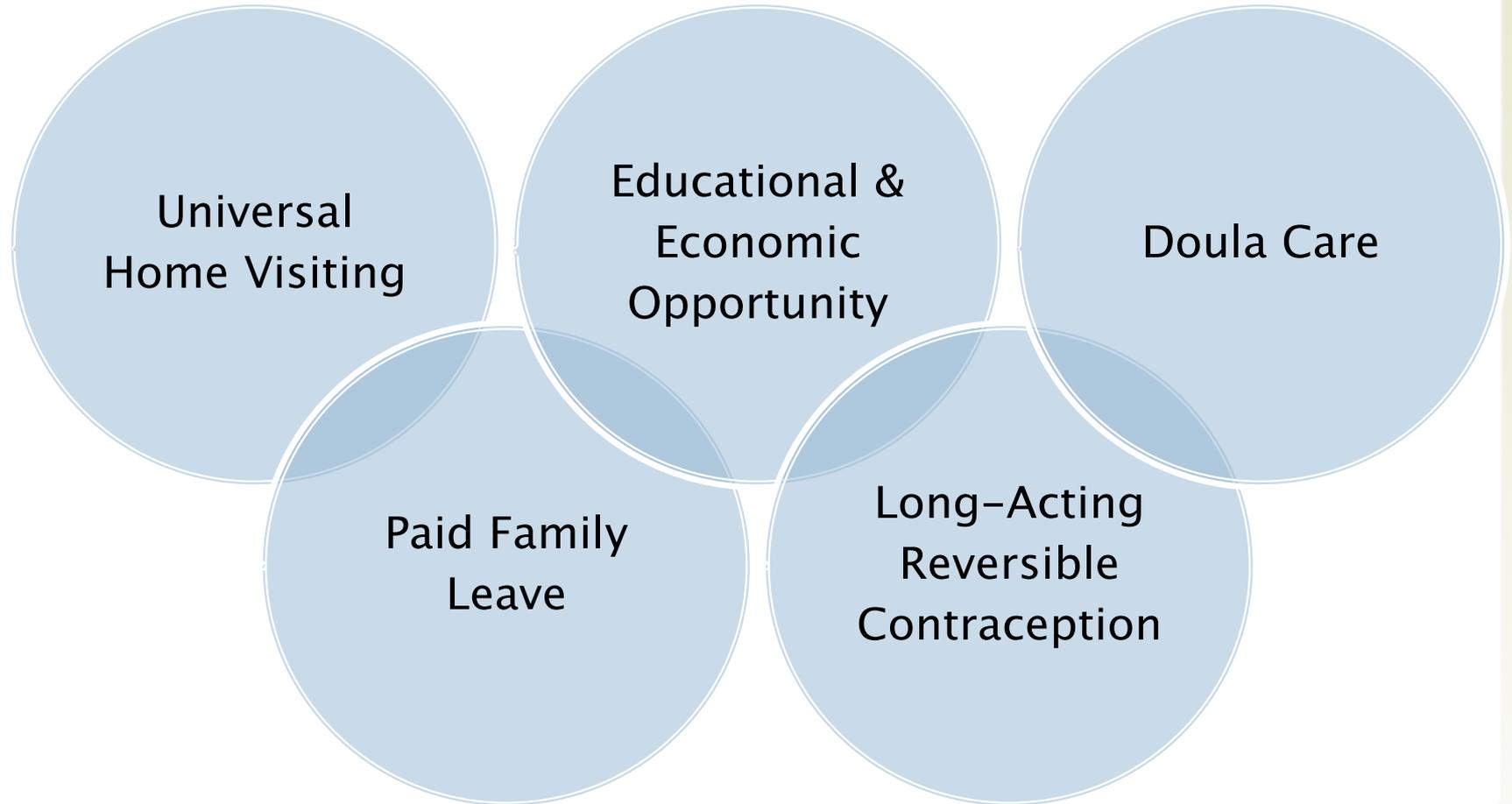
Rec 2: Enhance First Steps

- ▶ The Legislature should increase funding for the First Steps program in order to:
 - Increase the number of allowable MSS units
 - Allocate units to only be used during postpartum period
 - Enhance reimbursement for childbirth education
 - Reinstate additional payments to address performance measures
- ▶ HCA should seek input from MSS providers, community groups, and maternal and infant health experts in determining the number of units and reimbursement rate.

Rec 3: Equity in State Gov't

- ▶ The Council should create a list of cultural humility trainings and equity impact tools.
- ▶ State agencies should require employees receive training and incorporate the use of equity tools in decision making.
- ▶ The Legislature should provide funding to increase capacity for health impact reviews.

Additional Considerations



Next Steps

- ▶ Council Deliberations
- ▶ More Committee Meetings
- ▶ More Committee Recommendations

