Adverse Birth Outcomes Recommendations

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Presentation Overview

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Committee Overview

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

6 meetings

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Committee Deliberations

- Briefings on Current Activities
- Reviewed Literature Findings
- Data, Data, Data
- Discussions
Committee Deliberations

- Health disparities
- Bereavement
- Moms information
- Home risk young
- Medicaid general
- All state entry
- Improve skills, explore
- Programs
- Pregnant
- Promote
- Social services
- Housing
- Education
- Mental health
- Programs
- Teaching
- Families
- Counseling
- High
- Services
- Eligibility
- Continue
- Develop
- Infant
- Centering
- Ensure
- Appropriate
- Access
- Low-income
- Organizations
- Program
- Communities
- Care
- Funding
- Cessation
- Electronic
- Child
- Hospital
- WIC
- Maternal
- Accountable groups
- Innovative birth
- Fund equity
- Research
- Opportunities
- Improve
- Skills
- Explore
- Early education
- Mental
- Parents
- Treatment
- Food justice
- Integrate
- Level
- Culturally
- Use
- Training
- Increase
- Color quality
- Increase
- Assistance
- Decrease
- Implement
- Make
- Educational
- Decrease
- Assistance
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
Prioritization
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.
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

- Universal Home Visiting
- Educational & Economic Opportunity
- Doula Care
- Paid Family Leave
- Long-Acting Reversible Contraception
Next Steps

- Council Deliberations
- More Committee Meetings
- More Committee Recommendations