
Governance Committee

July 1, 2019

Chair: Ralph Clegg

Present: Dr. Joseph Miner, Dr. Marc Babitz, Heather Borski, Curtis Burk for Paul Patrick, Ralph Clegg, Lloyd Berentzen, Gary Edwards, Jeff Combs, Jerry Edwards, Kim Beck, Tiffani Metoyer-Smith

Visitors: Lynne Nilson and Laurie Baksh

Voting Members: Dr. Joseph Miner, Heather Borski, Curtis Burk for Paul Patrick, Ralph Clegg, Lloyd Berentzen, Jeff Combs

Co-Chairs: Dr. Joseph Miner and Ralph Clegg

Minutes

Approve minutes from June 3, 2019 Governance meeting.

Motion to approve: **1st:** Dr. Joseph Miner **2nd:** Curtis Burk for Paul Patrick

Vote Yes: Dr. Joseph Miner, Heather Borski, Curtis Burk for Paul Patrick, Ralph Clegg, Lloyd Berentzen, Jeff Combs

Title V MCH Block Grant - Lynne Nilson

- Year 4 of 5-year grant.
- MCH overage is ending and managers have been told to reduce budgets.
 - This will have no impact on local health departments.
- A comprehensive needs assessment is in progress as a requirement of the block grant.
- A University of Utah MPH program employee has been hired to assist with stakeholder surveys, discussion groups, and stakeholder meetings.
- Must work with MIECHV home dollars.
- The results of the comprehensive needs assessment will be used to allow flexibility to adjust funding to address priority issues and create specific activities and objectives within those areas of concern.
- Deliverables will be changed slightly to address priorities. This will not affect any other funding.
- It will not give a new mandate without taking away the old one.

Motion to approve - 1st: Lloyd Berentzen **2nd:** Heather Borski

Vote Yes: Dr. Joseph Miner, Heather Borski, Curtis Burk for Paul Patrick, Ralph Clegg, Lloyd Berentzen, Jeff Combs

State Maternal Health Innovation Program - Laurie Baksh (Handout)

- Applying HRSA grant of \$2,072,222 each year for 5 years.
- There are 9 total awards open to any entity with a stamp of approval from Title five directors.
- There is an allowable for multiple states to create a coalition and apply together.
- The purpose of the program is to assist states in strengthening their capacity to address disparities in maternal health and improve maternal health outcomes, including the preventions and reduction of maternal mortality and severe maternal morbidity.
- The overarching goal of this initiative is to improve maternal health outcomes in the United States by: catalyzing multidisciplinary collaboration; collecting and analyzing maternal health data; and, promoting and executing innovation in maternal health service delivery to advance evidence-informed strategies that achieve a measurable impact.

- The NOFO prohibits duplication of current title 5 efforts with this funding.
- Programs developed must be new, innovative, sustainable, and able to stand alone when funding ends.
- 3 deliverables:
 - Establish a state-focused Maternal Health Task Force to create and implement a strategic plan that incorporates activities outlined in the state’s most recent State Title V Needs Assessment.
 - Improve the collection, analysis, and application of state-level data on mortality and SMM; and,
 - Promote and execute innovation in maternal health service delivery, such as improving access to maternal care services, identifying and addressing workforce needs, and/or supporting postpartum and interconception care services, among others.
- MCH block grant measures require reporting on increases within the state for:
 - Percentage of women covered by health insurance.
 - Percentage of women who receive an annual well-woman visit.
 - Percentage of women who receive prenatal care.
 - Percentage of women who receive prenatal care in the first trimester.
 - Percentage of women who receive a postpartum visit.
 - Percentage of women screened for perinatal depression.
- Decreases within the state from baseline on September 30, 2019 for:
 - The rate of pregnancy related deaths.
 - The racial, ethnic, and/or geographic disparities in pregnancy-related mortality rates.
- Utah and Wyoming will partner as a two-state collaborative to apply for funding for the following:
 - Development of a multi-state task force to produce a Strategic Plan to Improve Maternal Health Outcomes producing a single report for both states and required to update yearly.
 - Establishment of a Severe Maternal Morbidity review committee.
 - Expanding telemental health pilot for pregnant women in UT rural LHD’s and WY.
- Funding will be limited in rural health districts to allow the expansion of the telemental health pilot.
- Pilot is currently in Central, South East, and San Juan and expanding to South West where women are receiving screening for depression and anxiety.
- Positive screenings are directed to the university for mental health groups or 1-on-1 counseling online.
- Increased funding to LHD’s will hire staff to market services, perform screenings, and run support groups.
- A website will be created to inform women of the services available with detailed information by county of licensed mental health professionals, support groups, who takes Medicaid, and if childcare is available.
- \$800,000 has been allocated to local health departments to allow the hiring of professional personnel.
- Plan to work with Medicaid and insurers to change reimbursement policies for mental health services.
- Rural areas will have a community ambassador and funding would assist in travel to task force meetings.
- Utah will receive more funding than Wyoming due to taking on more responsibilities.
- Award would fund a Chart Abstractor and a Nurse and would contract with local health and tribal districts.
- A clinical employee is necessary requiring an RFP to contract out the coordination and telemental health.
- Governance will be notified of outcome. If awarded, Governance will be given a budget for review.

Motion to approve - 1st: Dr. Joseph Miner **2nd:** Curtis Burk for Paul Patrick

Vote Yes: Dr. Joseph Miner, Heather Borski, Curtis Burk for Paul Patrick, Ralph Clegg, Lloyd Berentzen, Jeff Combs

Other Agenda Items:

- None.

Next Meeting - July 15, 2019 – 11:30am – Room 401.

Motion to adjourn:

Motion 1st: Curtis Burk for Paul Patrick **2nd:** Jeff Combs

Vote Yes: Dr. Joseph Miner, Heather Borski, Curtis Burk for Paul Patrick, Ralph Clegg, Lloyd Berentzen, Jeff Combs