

Utah-Wyoming Maternal Mortality Review Committee Member Application

Background and Overview

In 2019, the Wyoming Department of Health (WDH), Maternal and Child Health (MCH) Unit partnered with the Utah Department of Health (UDOH) to apply for Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) funding to establish a Utah-Wyoming (UT-WY) Joint Maternal Mortality Review Committee (MMRC). The cross-state application received funding for a five-year grant cycle beginning October 1, 2019.

The UT-WY MMRC's goal is to reduce maternal mortality rates in both Utah and Wyoming. The UT-WY MMRC is housed within the UDOH Maternal and Infant Health Program and the WDH Women and Infant Health Program. MMRC members include medical practitioners, social workers, public health nurses, toxicologists, mental health providers, community leaders, Medicaid medical directors, etc.

Maternal mortality includes deaths occurring during pregnancy or within a year of the end of pregnancy. Information about an identified case of maternal death is gathered from death and birth certificates, medical records, autopsy reports, and other pertinent sources of information. Records are abstracted by a trained abstractor and de-identified case summaries are reviewed by the MMRC.

This review process is intended to be educational and prevention--oriented. The goals of the committee's reviews and associated maternal mortality work are to:

- Identify trends and risk factors for pregnancy -related death in Utah and Wyoming
- Identify preventable risk factors
- Develop recommendations or strategies for prevention or intervention

Application Overview

The purpose of this application is to select Wyoming representatives to join the UT-WY MMRC. Members will be asked to attend quarterly virtual UT-WY MMRC meetings.

Selected members are required to sign confidentiality agreements and other relevant documents, they will be asked to attend trainings, and will be given access to a data site called the Maternal Mortality Review Information Application (MMRIA) .

Applications for the UT-WY MMRC will be scored based on their ability to provide relevant answers and information to the below questions, describe their experience as it relates to the open positions, how likely they are to contribute to the goals of the MMRC, and how enthusiastic they are about potentially joining the MMRC.

Once applications are scored, select applicants will move on to a brief 30 minute interview. From there, applicants will be selected as a new member of the MMRC.

Applicant Contact Information	
Name:	
Agency/Organization:	
Address:	
Email Address:	
Phone Number:	
Title:	
Credentials:	

Application	
<p>Are you able to attend the MMRC meetings?</p> <p><i>The MMRC meets virtually via Zoom, 4 times a year or quarterly.</i></p> <p><i>Attendance is mandatory for MMRC meetings. Wyoming members will also be invited to the Utah Fetal Infant Mortality Review quarterly, attendance is not mandatory.</i></p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Unsure</p>
<p>Currently, the MMRC is in need of the following type(s) of experts/expertise and/or lived experience:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Medicaid 2. Department of Family Services 3. Advocacy and/or Lived Experience: Substance Use 4. Advocacy and/or Lived Experience: Housing Insecurity/Poverty <p>With this information in mind, please provide responses to the questions below. This information will be used to determine appropriate fit and expertise/experience for the Maternal Mortality Review Committee.</p> <p>If your expertise/experience falls outside of the defined areas above, please provide a brief explanation as to how your expertise/experience will be beneficial to the MMRC.</p>	

- 1. Describe your area(s) of work/expertise and/or lived experience with any of the above listed areas.**

You can have multiple areas of expertise and/or lived experience. Please don't limit yourself to talking about one specific area if you qualify for more than one.

- 2. What agency(ies), populations, groups or other voices will you represent as a MMRC member?**

This may include the place you work, the type of professional you are, professional organizations you are connected with, other committee(s) you sit on, geographic location where you live or work, or additional pertinent areas of representation, such as your own personal experiences.

3. *The MMRC committee members may be called upon to support translating maternal mortality data into actionable recommendations that will be carried out beyond the review meetings. Thus, it is helpful for members of the committee to have direct or indirect influence within their professional and/or personal lives. This may include being engaged in a professional organization, sitting on another committee charged with making decisions or recommendations, etc.*

Describe your level of influence. For this question, "influence" is defined as the ability to have an effect on an environment, process or decision that may be happening around you.

4. Please describe what interests you about joining the Utah-Wyoming MMRC.

5. Please describe how you will use the information acquired to further the work of reducing maternal mortality (death) and morbidity (disease or illness) across Wyoming.

Please sign and date below:

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Please return to:

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