



**PUBLIC HEALTH
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Utah -Wyoming Maternal Mortality Review Committee Member Application

Background and overview

In 2019, the Wyoming Department of Health (WDH) partnered with the Utah Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) to establish a Utah -Wyoming (UT-WY) Joint Maternal Mortality Review Committee (MMRC), funded by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

The goal of the MMRC is to reduce maternal mortality rates in both Utah and Wyoming. The UT -WY MMRC is housed within the Utah DHHS 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, and many others.

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.

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

- Identify trends and risk factors for pregnancy-related deaths 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 representatives to join the UT-WYMMRC. Members will be asked to attend virtual meetings every other month, and occasional in-person gatherings.

Selected members are required to sign a confidentiality agreement and other relevant documents. They will need to attend trainings to know how to access a data site called the Maternal Mortality Review Information Application (MMRIA). This site will allow members to review de-identified case narratives before meetings.

Applications for the MMRC will be scored based on answers to the questions below, including how well applicants 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, one applicant for each open position will be selected as a new member of the MMRC.

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. MMRC 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 to have direct or indirect influence within their professional or personal lives. This may include being engaged in a professional organization, or sitting on another committee charged with making decisions or recommendations. Describe your 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. Describe what interests you about joining the Utah -Wyoming MMRC.

5. Describe how you would use the information acquired during your service on the MMRC to further the work of reducing maternal mortality in your state .

Sign and date below:

Signature: _____ Date: _____

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