

Wyoming Maternal Mortality Review Committee Member Application

Background and Overview

In 2019, the Wyoming Maternal Mortality Review Committee (MMRC) was established, initially in partnership with the Utah Perinatal Mortality Review Committee. The Wyoming MMRC is funded by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and became independent of Utah in 2025.

The goal of the MMRC is to reduce maternal mortality rates in Wyoming. The WY MMRC is housed within the Wyoming Department of Health, Maternal and Child Health Unit, Women and Infant Health Program. MMRC members include medical practitioners, social workers, public health nurses, 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 deidentified 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 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 WY MMRC. Members will be asked to attend virtual meetings every other month and occasionally in person gatherings.

Selected members are required to sign a confidentiality agreement and other relevant documents. They will also need to attend training to access a data site called the Maternal Mortality Review Information Application (MMRIA). This site will allow members to review deidentified 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 MMRC's goals, 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 an 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 Wyoming MMRC.

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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 .

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Sign and date below:

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