Maternal Mortality Review Committee (MMRC) Friday, October 25, 2024 1:00-4:00 Oklahoma State Department of Health 123 Robert S. Kerr, 28<sup>th</sup> Floor, Room 5 Oklahoma City, OK 73102

**Open Meeting Act:** Announcement of the meeting was filed with the Office of the Secretary of State on Wednesday, November 23, 2023 at 7:56 AM for the in-person meeting. The final agenda was shared via email October 16, 2024 at 4:15 PM and posted at the OSDH Central Office at 11:55 AM on October 22, 2024.

**Call to Order, Roll Call, and Determination of Quorum:** Dr. Angela Hawkins, Co- Chair, called the meeting of the Maternal Mortality Review Committee (MMRC) to order at 1:08 PM. A guorum was determined with the presence of:

Name	Entity Representation	Name	Entity Representation
Barbara O'Brien	Director, Office of Perinatal Quality Improvement	Dr. William Po	Oklahoma Chapter of American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists
Dr. Angela Hawkins	Chair, Oklahoma Chapter of the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists	Susan Wegrynski Designee for Lori Essary	Director, Family Support and Prevention Services, Oklahoma State Department of Health
Dr. Paula Root	Chief Medical Officer, Oklahoma Health Care Authority	Shannon Desherow Designee for Ricky Adams	Director, Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation
Omare Jimmerson	Community Representative	Joyce Marshall	Director, Maternal and Child Health Service, Oklahoma State Department of Health
Dr. David Gahn	Southern Plain Tribal Health Board	Dr. Gitanjali Pai	Chief Medical Officer, Oklahoma State Department of Health
Larry Terry, Paramedic	SSM Health St. Anthony's Midwest EMS	Kristy Wente Designee for Evelyn Radichel	Oklahoma Chapter, Association of Women's Health, Obstetric, and Neonatal Nurses
Kayla Robison Designee for Dr. Bruce Dart	Executive Director, Tulsa Health Department	Regina Kizer	President, OK Chapter of the American College of Nurse Midwives
Dr. John Stanley	The Perinatal Center-Maternal Fetal Medicine Representative	Dr. Pamela Miles	Medical Director, Perinatal & Reproductive Health Division

Committee Members/Designees Absent: Oklahoma Osteopathic Association, Oklahoma State Medical Association, Office of Chief Medical Examiner, Oklahoma Chapter National Association of Social Workers, Current law enforcement officer, Oklahoma State Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services, Oklahoma City County Health Department, Medical Director, Oklahoma Perinatal Quality Improvement Collaborative.

**OSDH Staff Present:** Three case abstractors: Tony Fleshman, Nikki Garrod and Amy Foster, Jenna Bellantoni, Epidemiologist, Assessment, Maternal and Child Health Service, Jill Nobles-Botkin, Administrative Program Manager, Perinatal and Reproductive Health, Maternal and Child Health Service and Dawn Butler, administrative support, Maternal & Child Health Service.

Public Comment: None

**Vote to accept the July 26, 2024 meeting minutes as presented:** After discussion regarding some of the wording and requesting a change to the July 26 meeting minutes, Regina Kizer made a motion to approve the minutes with Dr. David Gahn seconding the motion. Members voted accordingly.

Name	Yes	No	Abstain	Name	Yes	No	Abstain
Barbara O'Brien	✓			Dr. William Po	✓		
Dr. Angela Hawkins	✓			Susan Wegrynski	✓		
Dr. Paula Root	✓			Shannon Desherow	✓		
Omare Jimmerson	✓			Joyce Marshall	✓		
Dr. David Gahn	✓			Dr. Gitanjali Pai	✓		
Larry Terry, Paramedic	✓			Kristy Wente	✓		
Kayla Robison	✓			Regina Kizer	✓		
Dr. John Stanley	✓			Dr. Pamela Miles	✓		

**Motion Passed** 

**Update on grant applications:** Joyce updated the group regarding two grants MCH has been awarded. The first grant is the Maternal Health Innovation grant. This grant will help with the new maternal health innovation projects as well as expansion of clinics and OPQIC projects. The second grant MCH was awarded is the Enhancing Reviews and Surveillance to Eliminate (ERASE) Maternal Mortality. This grant focuses on Maternal Mortality Review Committees throughout the nation. This grant will add \$495,000 into the MCH budget which will cover the costs of hiring an abstractor and an informant interviewer to get a broader picture of the cases being reviewed.

**Morbidity and Mortality Annual Report Release:** Jenna announced that the 2024 Morbidity and Mortality Annual report has been submitted and is now available on the OSDH website. This report was previously approved by the committee members.

## Discussion and follow-up on previous recommendations: None

**MMRC** statute update: Dr. Hawkins spoke to committee and stated that during the last legislative session our committee was reduced from 25 members to 11. This change will take place on November 1<sup>st</sup>. However, she did state that there could possibly be times when others could be brought in as advisors for help with their specific areas of specialty.

**Selection and approval of 2025 meeting dates:** The committee decided to keep the meetings on the fourth Friday of the first month of each quarter. The 2025 meeting dates are January 24, April 25, July 25, and October 24. Barbara O'Brien made a motion to accept these meeting dates with Dr. Angela Hawkins seconding the motion. Members voted accordingly.

Name	Yes	No	Abstain	Name	Yes	No	Abstain
Barbara O'Brien	✓			Dr. William Po	✓		
Dr. Angela Hawkins	✓			Susan Wegrynski	✓		
Dr. Paula Root	✓			Shannon Desherow	✓		
Omare Jimmerson	✓			Joyce Marshall	✓		
Dr. David Gahn	✓			Dr. Gitanjali Pai	✓		
Larry Terry, Paramedic	✓			Kristy Wente	✓		
Kayla Robison	✓			Regina Kizer	✓		
Dr. John Stanley	✓			Dr. Pamela Miles	✓		

**Motion Passed** 

**Moment of silence:** Dr. Hawkins asked the members to observe a moment of silence in remembrance of the women who lost their lives and the families left behind.

**Enter into Executive Session:** Joyce Marshall made a motion to enter into Executive Session with Dr. John Stanley seconding. Members voted accordingly.

Name	Yes	No	Abstain	Name	Yes	No	Abstain
Barbara O'Brien	✓			Dr. William Po	✓		
Dr. Angela Hawkins	✓			Susan Wegrynski	✓		
Dr. Paula Root	✓			Shannon Desherow	✓		
Omare Jimmerson	✓			Joyce Marshall	✓		
Dr. David Gahn	✓			Dr. Gitanjali Pai	✓		
Larry Terry, Paramedic	✓			Kristy Wente	✓		
Kayla Robison	✓			Regina Kizer	✓		
Dr. John Stanley	✓			Dr. Pamela Miles	✓		

**Motion Passed** 

**Enter into Open Session:** Regina Kizer made a motion to enter into open session with Joyce Marshall seconding the motion. Members voted accordingly.

Name	Yes	No	Abstain	Name	Yes	No	Abstain
Barbara O'Brien	✓			Dr. William Po	✓		
Dr. Angela Hawkins	✓			Susan Wegrynski	✓		
Dr. Paula Root	✓			Shannon Desherow	✓		
Omare Jimmerson	✓			Joyce Marshall	✓		
Dr. David Gahn	✓			Dr. Gitanjali Pai	✓		
Larry Terry, Paramedic	✓			Kristy Wente	✓		
Kayla Robison	✓			Regina Kizer	✓		
Dr. John Stanley	✓			Dr. Pamela Miles	✓		

**Motion Passed** 

**Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Matters Discussed in Executive Session:** During the Executive Session there were no recommendations identified.

Adjourn: Joyce Marshall made a motion to adjourn the meeting with Regina Kizer seconding.

Meeting adjourned at 3:41 PM.

Next Meeting: January 24, 2025 123 Robert S. Kerr Oklahoma City, OK 73102