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New York State (NYS) Maternal Mortality – Public Health Committee

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NYSDOH DFH HRSA Funding

State Maternal Health Innovation (MHI) Grant

The New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH) Division of Family Health has received a \$10,000,000 grant award (\$2M/year) from the U.S. Health Resources & Services Administration (HRSA), which will be used to decrease maternal and infant morbidity and mortality, and improve outcomes for birthing people and infants in NYS.

Funding Components

The funding, which will be awarded over a five-year period, will be used for three key components and will include staff infrastructure:

- 1 Maternal health task force
- 2 State-level maternal health data and surveillance
- 3 Establish innovative initiatives
 - Perinatal Project ECHO (Extension for Community Healthcare Outcomes)
 - Universal Postpartum Virtual Home Visiting Initiative

1 Maternal Health Task Force

➔ Convene a Maternal Health Task Force to:

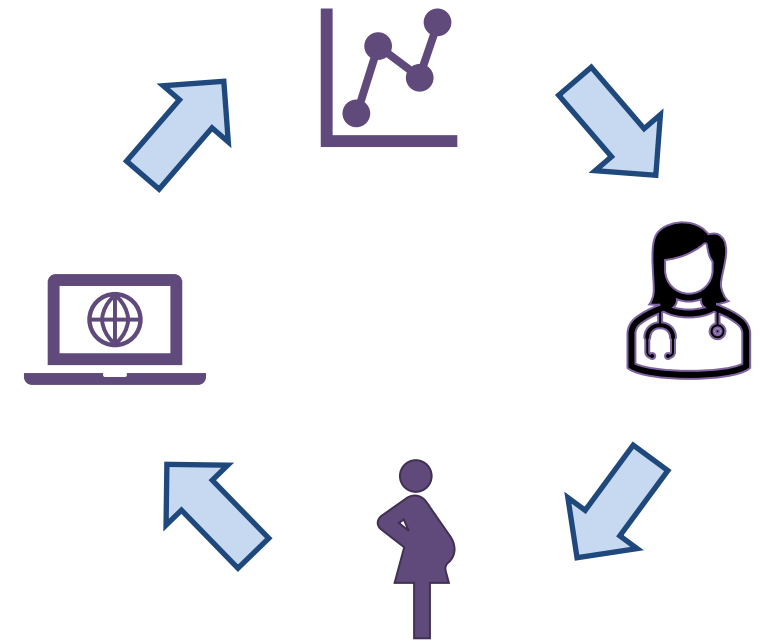
- Assess maternal care and coverage
- Identify gaps that impact maternal health outcomes
- Assist in the development of a strategic plan aligned with the Title V MCHSBG Needs Assessment



2 State-Level Maternal Health and Surveillance

➔ Improve state-level maternal health data and surveillance by:

- Assessing severe maternal morbidity and associated disparities
- Examining low risk cesarean births
- Improving data linkage between the Pregnancy Risk Assessment Monitoring System (PRAMS) and other maternal data sources



3 Establish Innovative Initiatives

Perinatal Project ECHO

- A tele-mentoring model of clinical provider education, to expand and enhance capacity with diverse hospital and community-based providers that serve in and around areas that are medically underserved and/or maternity care deserts.
- This will be established at two existing Project ECHO hubs with experience implementing the ECHO model. These facilities are also regional perinatal centers, serving the Finger Lakes (University of Rochester Medical Center) and Lower Hudson Valley (Westchester Medical Center) regions.

Universal Postpartum Virtual Home Visiting Initiative (UPV-HVI)

- The initiative will involve collaborating with a pair of birthing hospitals and established perinatal home visiting programs in NYS counties.
- North Country Prenatal Perinatal Council for St. Lawrence County and a Level 1 hospital in their area.
- Mothers and Babies Perinatal Network for Cortland County and a Level 1 hospital.
- All people who give birth at these hospitals will receive education about the UPV-HVI services and will be offered up to three virtual home visits, the first starting within 48-72 hours post-discharge and continuing through 30 days post-discharge.

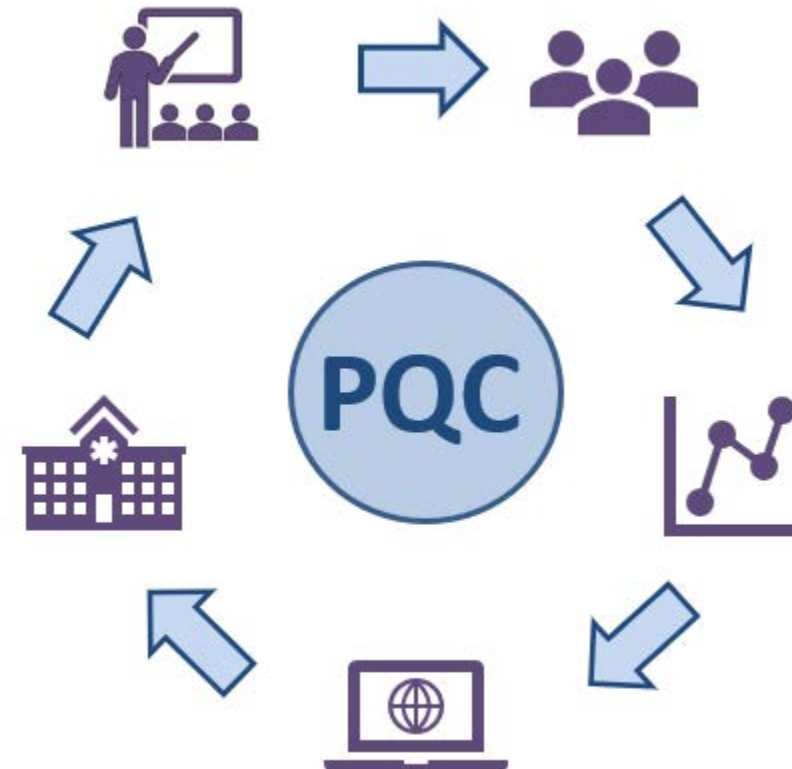
Alliance for Innovation on Maternal Health (AIM) Capacity Grant

The NYSDOH Division of Family Health has received a grant in the amount of \$800,000 for a four-year period (\$200,000/year) from HRSA to continue its participation in the national Alliance for Innovation on Maternal Health (AIM).

Funding from this grant will allow NYS to expand its capacity by implementing a New York State Perinatal Quality Collaborative (NYSPQC) Primary Cesarean Birth Reduction Project (PCRPP), centered on the AIM maternal safety bundle, Safe Reduction of Primary Cesarean Birth (SRPCB).

NYSPQC Primary Cesarean Birth Reduction Project (PCRCP)

- ➔ Through this project, the NYSPQC will:
- Expand the reach, depth, and quality of identifying, developing, and disseminating best practices to improve maternal health care quality and outcomes
 - Improve maternal and infant health
 - Reduce preventable maternal mortality and morbidity
- ➔ This funding would allow NYS to:
- Increase the number of facilities implementing patient safety bundles and the number of patient safety bundles implemented in NYS
 - Support consistency of bundle delivery
 - Promote effective data collection and reporting



Maternal Mortality and Morbidity Advisory Council

- The Maternal Mortality and Morbidity Advisory Council report, pending release, includes 12 recommendations to reduce maternal mortality and morbidity and addresses disparities in maternal health outcomes.
- The report highlights racial and ethnic disparities in maternal mortality in New York State, including:
 - Black people who gave birth in New York State died at over four times the rate of White people who gave birth.
 - The New York State Maternal Mortality Review Board determined that 78 percent of pregnancy-related deaths were preventable.
 - Discrimination was a circumstance surrounding 46% of pregnancy-related deaths.
- The recommendations were developed using health equity principles.
- The Maternal Mortality and Morbidity Advisory Council calls on individuals, institutions, organizations, and government bodies to take action to improve maternal health outcomes in New York State.

Questions

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