

# Health Commission: Birth Equity Committee | MINUTES

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October 20th, 2021 | 10:30AM |

## **Present Members**

Hakima Payne  
(Health Commission Co-Chair)  
Samantha Collinson  
(Community Co-Chair)  
Dr. Jumesha Wade  
Nia Casey  
Deidra West  
Elizabeth Lewis  
Claire Wilkinson  
Tracy Russel  
Crystal Captain

## **Absent Members**

Keesha King  
Britany Dwyer

## **Health Commissioners**

### **HD Staff**

Erica Taylor  
John Santner

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## AGENDA ITEMS AND DISCUSSION

### Welcome and Introductions

Samantha Collison called the meeting to order at 10:33AM.

- Welcome and Introductions
- Review of September 2021 Minutes
  - **Motion:** Elizabeth Lewis motioned to approve the September 2021 minutes. Diedra West seconded. Unanimously approved.

### Old Business

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#### Legislative Update

- Tracy Russel reports that Medicaid enrollment is underway in the state. There is still a plan to pursue the Postpartum coverage for people of Medicaid.
- Tracy Russel reports Black Momibus For Missouri
  - Organizing out of St. Louis and Tracy will provide updates in how to support their work
- Extend Postpartum Medicaid Coverage
  - Link: <https://www.acog.org/advocacy/policy-priorities/extend-postpartum-medicaid-coverage>

#### Parents as Teachers Update

- Dr. Jumesha Wade provides slides on current categories
  - Affiliation (Offered Nationally)
    - \$2,000 Affiliate fee
  - Curriculum Partner (Proposal for Missouri)
    - \$550-\$750 Partner fee
  - Curriculum Subscribers (Offered Nationally)
    - \$300/\$65 fee
    - No use of PAT name or no discounted trainings
- Are there ways to advocate for the community-based PAT?
  - See more concrete numbers on who is an affiliate at these different categories
- Looking for three new parent teachers to start in January
  - Bilingual preferred in Spanish, Arabic, Burmese, and Somali

#### Best Babies Zone Updates and Recommendations

- Nurse Update
  - Erica Taylor – no updates at this time
- Near Miss Review Board
  - Hakima Payne- meeting monthly with the review board
  - Next steps get input from community stakeholders and to get a pilot program for 2021
    - Who would be a stakeholder? People committed to a Community driven model instead of token presence
- Health Equity Updates
  - Hakima Payne- no updates at this time
- Fetal Monitoring Review
  - Tracy Russel- No updates at this time

#### KC-CHIP Updates

- Discussion around what priorities should Birth Equity oversee
- Option 1 funding request voted on by full Health Commission:
  - o Funding request to obtain \$350,000 from the General Fund to implement the KC-CHIP, this option will fund:
    - 1 FTE CHIP Manager (LTM/LTC)
    - 6.5 Half Time Priority Area Coordinators (LTM/LTC)
  - o Other grant and funding opportunities will be pursued
- Just because the committee will oversee that work that doesn't mean they will have to provide the data tracking points as those positions will be contracted out
- Housing issue is a particular interest to this committee as pregnant individuals experiencing homelessness will not get reliable care.
  - o Suggestion- Someone from the Birth Equity committee to attend those Housing meetings
  - o **Action:** Invite a representative from KC Tenants and the Housing Trust Fund to speak to what advances are being made on this issue

## Announcements

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Uzazi Village will be hosting a webinar on Covid 19 Vaccine in Pregnancy

-Link: [COVID 19 Vaccine in Pregnancy Webinar | Uzazi Village](#)

HC Co-Chair Parks-Shaw wants input from this committee on Black Maternal Health Week

-Link: [Black Maternal Health Week - Black Mamas Matter Alliance](#)

Mom and Baby Action Network Virtual Summit

- Link: [https://whoova.com/portal/registration/hemab\\_202106/](https://whoova.com/portal/registration/hemab_202106/)

Elizabeth Lewis motioned to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Deidra West. The meeting was adjourned at 11:53AM.

The next Birth Equity Committee Meeting will tentatively be held virtually on November 17th, 2021.