MATERNAL MORTALITY REVIEW COMMITTEE
PURPOSE, MISSION, GOALS, AND VISION

Purpose:
The purpose of the review is to determine the factors contributing to maternal mortality in <state> and identify public health and clinical interventions to improve systems of care. Maternal mortality includes deaths occurring during pregnancy and up to one year after pregnancy.

Mission:
The mission is to increase awareness of the issues surrounding pregnancy-related death and to promote change among individuals, communities, and healthcare systems in order to reduce the number of deaths.

The mission of the <state> Maternal Mortality Review Committee is to identify pregnancy-associated deaths, review those caused by pregnancy complications and other associated causes, and identify problems contributing to these deaths and recommend interventions that may reduce these deaths.

Goals:
The goals of the Maternal Mortality Review Committee are to:

- **Perform thorough record abstraction** in order to obtain details of events and issues leading up to a mother’s death.
- **Perform a multidisciplinary review of cases** to gain a holistic understanding of the issues.
- **Determine the annual number of maternal deaths related to pregnancy** (pregnancy-related mortality).
- **Identify trends and risk factors** among pregnancy-related deaths in <state>.
- **Recommend improvements to care** at the individual, provider, and system levels with the potential for reducing or preventing future events.
- **Prioritize findings and recommendations** to guide the development of effective preventive measures.
- **Recommend actionable strategies for prevention** and intervention.
- **Disseminate the findings and recommendations** to a broad array of individuals and organizations.
- **Promote the translation of findings and recommendations** into quality improvement actions at all levels.
Vision:
The Maternal Mortality review Committee’s vision is to eliminate preventable maternal deaths in <state>.

Membership:
The <state> Maternal Mortality Review Committee is a multidisciplinary committee whose geographically diverse members represent various specialties, facilities, and systems that interact with and impact maternal health. At any one time, the committee consists of approximately <__> members who commit to serve a <renewable> <__>-year term.

Meeting Structure:
Maternal Mortality Review Committees review and make decisions about each case based on the case narrative and abstracted data. The committee examines the cause of death and contributing factors, and determines:

- Was the death pregnancy-related?
- If pregnancy-related, what was the underlying cause of death? (PMSS-MM)
- Was the death preventable?
- If there were chances to alter the outcome, what were they?
- What were the contributing factors to the death?
- What specific and feasible recommendations for actions should be taken to prevent future deaths?

Process:
Information is gathered from death certificates, birth certificates, medical records, autopsy reports, and other pertinent resources. Records are abstracted by a trained nurse abstractor, who prepares de-identified case narratives for review by a committee of experts from diverse disciplines.