A Structural Racism Analysis and Equity-Centered Future for MMRC's

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U.S. History is Rife w/ Racism Starting in 1619

*We All Need Our Mothers*

Black People are Hardy

These Beliefs Uphold White Supremacy and Structural Racism

Led to Biased Perceptions in HCPs

Is Racism Operating Here?

How is Racism Operating Here?

How to Update Form Fields to Capture Potential Problems

Depends on the Introspection of the Reporter to Reckon with Their Own Biases

My Birthing Experience was Wonderful

Listened to Honored Cared For

but how many do not enjoy this privilege?

Structural Racism

Allowed Systems and Infrastructure to Act Against BIPOC

Redlining Determines Access to Housing, Health Care and Services for Women

MMRC's Need to Be Equipped to Understand the Lived Experience of Racism

Anti-Racism Training

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Communities Engaging in the Fight is Critical

Tools: There are Many to Help Document So We Can Leverage Data to Make Real Change

Center on the Margins

Shift to the Perspective of BIPOC

Focus on Addressing Biases

Making Maternal Health a Priority

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COMMUNITY-BASED GRANT PROGRAMS IMPLEMENTING ACTIONS INFORMED BY MMRC DATA

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2YRS into COMMUNITY PROGRAMS ALIGNED with MMRC RECOMMENDATION

BETH

$200K TOTAL TO DISBURSE EACH APPLICANT CAN GET UP TO $420K

ACCESSIBILITY & CLARITY in APPLICATION PROCESS WITH TEMPLATES

UNALLOWABLE COSTS MUST BE TRANSPARENT

NARRATIVE IS CRITICAL • WHAT TO INCLUDE

SUSTAINABILITY PLANNING, POST FUNDING

4 VIRTUAL EVENTS • PREGNANCY • CARDIOVASCULAR DISEASE • RACIAL BIAS • DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

OHIO

Allie DM21 Community Program to Address Community Racial Health Disparities

4 GRANTEES ALL TARGETING BLACK WOMEN DURING PRE/POST NATAL PERIODS ALL IN OHIO EQUITY INSTITUTE COUNTIES FOCUSED ON INFANT MORBIDITY & MORTALITY

COMMUNITY HEALTH ADVOCATES for TENSION

MATERNAL HEALTH NURSE NAVIGATORS

CELEBRATE1

TRACKING RACISM IN HEALTH CARE EXP.

CHRISTINA

Celebrate1 Listening Sessions

IN JULY • VIRTUAL • 90 MIN • PARTNERS • 75 BIPOC

WILL PUBLISH OUR FINDINGS ON:

- INSIGHTS
- RECOMMENDATIONS
- PARTNER COMMITMENTS & CHANGE

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MMRC Criteria for Determining the Pregnancy-Relativeness of Suicide and Unintentional Overdose

Causes

- Depression
- Pre-existing Conditions
- Addiction
- Changes in Meds

Questions

- Evidence for Destabilization
- How to Classify Evidence and What Questions to Ask
- Delphi Method: Timing and Documentation to Assess Criteria
- Answer the Survey to Craft National Criteria

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USING COMMUNITY-LEVEL DATA TO IMPROVE UNDERSTANDING AND PREVENTION OF MATERNAL MORTALITY

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FINDINGS ACROSS LOCATION

- Community
  - Life course
  - Embodiment
  - Fundamental social determination
  - Community vital signs dashboard

This tells us what we all know!

WE KNOW:

- Community context
- Embodiment
- Fundamental social determination
- Community vital signs dashboard

How do we find more data?

MANY FACTORS PERSIST ACROSS

ASSOCIATIONS FOR BLACK WOMEN ARE HIGHER BECAUSE OF STRUCTURAL RACISM

STORYTELLING LIVED EXPERIENCE STORIES ARE IMPORTANT TO UNDERSTAND THE WHY

WHY?

WHAT does PLACE TELL US?

SMASH STRUCTURAL RACISM

HISPANIC, WHITE, AND BLACK WOMEN DO NOT SUFFER THE SAME FACTORS

COMMUNITY EDUCATION
RESIDENTIAL ACCESS & CARE
RACE/AGE
POOLING - ADJUSTING - STRATIFYING - ANALYZING

INSURANCE: OBESITY, POVERTY, EDUCATION, HOUSING, HEALTH RATES, UNEMPLOYMENT

FINDINGS ACROSS LOCATION

- More Black deaths
- Less Indigenous death
- Increased death for older people

MORE BLACK DEATHS VS MORE INDIGENOUS DEATH

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Reflections, Actions, and Recommendations by Region

- Share recommendations with our region
- Ensure we tell her story while respecting her privacy
- Centering the margins at all of our meetings
- Define our collective narrative

Examples and tools for integration

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She doesn't know the word mom.
She died. We investigate. We learn.
Young mom no support countless mistakes hemorrhaging on the curb, everyone stared.
Hysterical mother dies in silent agony.
Bias.
Racism.
Obesity discrimination, not heard, almost died.
Six word stories.
No one asked missed opportunity tragedy.
Sorrowful work.
Fulfilled by meaningful change.
Justice. Peace.
A moment in history.
My hands: nurturing, guarding, adventuring, recording.
Be truth. Be courage. Be love.
Everyone watched Minnesota. Things must change!
4 alive. Always a mom of 5.
George Floyd.