

## Developing a Plan to Address Infant Mortality and Disparities in Ohio

- Purpose:** Develop comprehensive, coordinated statewide recommendations with short and long term evidence-based interventions to address infant mortality and disparities in Ohio. The Task Force will develop preliminary recommendations in June 2009 and final recommendations by September 1, 2009. The goals, objectives and strategies developed should support and/or integrate into new and existing efforts to address the infant mortality issue at the state and local levels.
- Task Force:** Dr. Alvin D. Jackson, Director of Health, and Tom Breitenbach, CEO, Premier Health Partners, Inc., will serve as co-chairs and convene a task force of up to 50 internal and external experts/leaders in the fields of preconception health, prenatal health and postnatal health, representing the Ohio General Assembly; state agencies; health providers and social service associations; advocacy organizations; faith-based organizations; businesses; universities and colleges; and others.
- Stakeholders:** This task force will consult and obtain input from a larger group of interested state and local stakeholders with expertise in the social, economic and biologic determinants affecting maternal and infant health. This larger stakeholder group will work through a committee structure (maternal care; maternal health and prematurity; and newborn and infant care) chaired by members of the task force.
- Meetings:** A series of up to four facilitated meetings will be held over the next six months. The subcommittee groups will meet outside of the facilitated task force meetings.
- Through a data-driven planning approach the group(s) will: (1) analyze existing data with a focus on mapping infant mortality to generate hypotheses on causes of infant mortality in specific Ohio populations; (2) inventory interventions currently being implemented in Ohio to address infant mortality and disparities at the local, state and national level; and (3) recommend evidence-based interventions to address infant mortality based on the preconception, prenatal and postnatal periods.
- An experienced adviser/facilitator will lead multiple organizations and professionals to maximize Ohio's capacity to cooperate and ensure shared ownership of the infant mortality problem and solutions.
- Communication:** Create and regularly update a task force Web site to summarize progress. Maintain regular communications with members and stakeholders via e-mails, surveys and public forums.
- Timeline:** Six months culminating September 2009. See attached tasks and time line.

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<b>ACTION STEPS</b>	<b>DATES</b>
Letter of Invitation sent to Task Force Members	Feb. 9, 2009
Meeting No. 1 Launch: Convene Task Force Members <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Level the playing field regarding information</li> <li>• Organize ourselves to work               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Committee structure</li> <li>– Identify committee members</li> <li>– Identify a plan for convening task force and committee members April 6, 2009 (meeting objective-product, agenda, materials-data)</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	March 6, 2009
Send letters of invitation to subcommittee members	March 13, 2009
Meeting No. 2: Convene Task Force and Committee Members <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Create a plan that identifies key priorities and preliminary recommendations/action items</li> <li>• Develop strategy for collecting stake holder input (document for comment will be posted on Web site)</li> </ul>	April 6, 2009
Collate committee preliminary recommendations	April 10, 2009
Post draft preliminary recommendations to Web site for public comment	April 13, 2009
Meeting No. 3: Convene Task Force Members Committee Chairs: Convene and/or Obtain Committee Input <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Committees review public comments</li> <li>• Committees revise/polish preliminary recommendations</li> </ul>	May 8, 2009
Collate committee revised/polished preliminary recommendations	May 29, 2009
Meeting No. 4: Convene Task Force Members Committee Chairs: Convene and/or Obtain Committee Input <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Make final edits to preliminary recommendations based on committee input</li> <li>• Decide as a group whether/how/who can take the lead in moving subcommittee recommendations to implementation</li> <li>• Create draft of final recommendations</li> </ul>	June 12, 2009
Submit preliminary recommendations to Governor's Office	June 30, 2009
Prepare report with recommendations to address infant mortality and disparities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Committees and chairs review report with recommendations</li> <li>• Edit final recommendations based on IMTF input (or stakeholder input if time permits)</li> </ul>	July 2009
Final report with recommendations submitted to ODH Public Affairs for review	Aug. 3, 2009
Final edits made and report submitted for printing	Aug. 10, 2009
Final report with recommendations to address infant mortality and disparities presented to the Governor with copies to task force. Will it also go to the Web at this time?	Sept. 1, 2009