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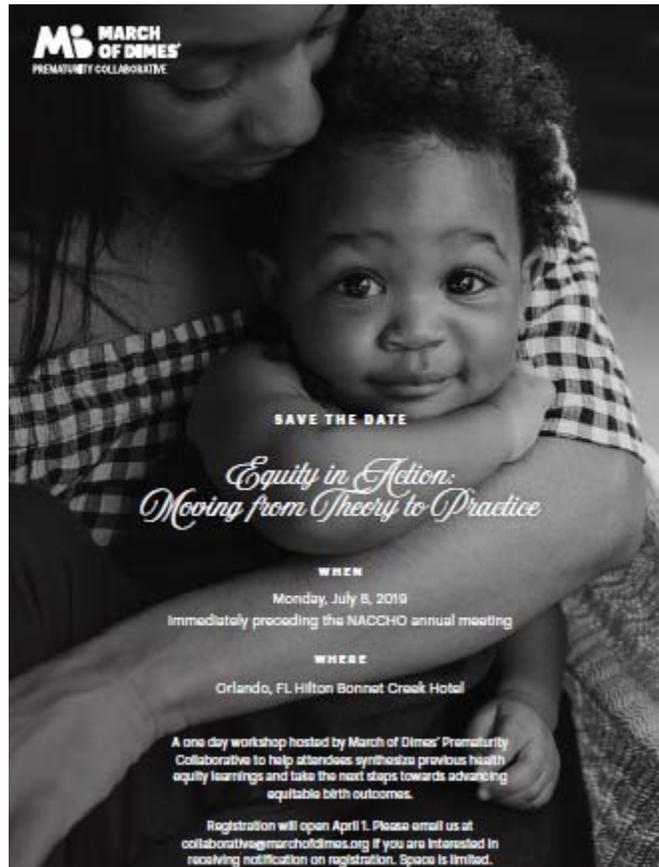
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PREMATURITY COLLABORATIVE

2019 QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

REGISTER NOW FOR THE COLLABORATIVE'S JULY 8TH EQUITY IN ACTION: MOVING FROM THEORY TO PRACTICE TRAINING



Join us for a one-day forum hosted by March of Dimes' Prematurity Collaborative and supported by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the W.K. Kellogg Foundation. Participants will synthesize previous health equity learnings and take the next steps towards action by learning to build and sustain a local birth equity collaborative. Attendees will gain knowledge, tools and training necessary to initiate community-led collaboration to drive improvements in equity and birth outcomes. [Register here](#) and stay and participate in the [NACCHO Annual Conference from the 9th-11th](#).

EQUITY IN ACTION: MOVING FROM THEORY TO ACTION

DRAFT AGENDA:

9:00 am Welcome

9:15-10:15 am Opening Plenary Zea Malawa, MD, MPH,
Program Manager for Expecting Justice-San Francisco Collective
Impact for Healthy Birth, San Francisco Department of Health

10:15-10:30 am Break

10:30am-12:00 March of Dimes New Implicit Bias Training

12:00-12:45 pm Networking Lunch

12:45-3:45 pm Building Local Collaboratives 101 Michael McAfee EdD,
EMPA, President & CEO, PolicyLink

3:45-5:00 pm A Fireside Chat Rev. Tommy Rodgers, Pastor, Bethlehem
Baptist Church & Healthy Start; Abbie Gilbert, Corporate Strategy
Lead-Population Health, Humana; Bernadette M. Kerrigan, MSSA,
LISW, SPHR, Executive Director, First Year Cleveland

BUILDING OUR FRAMEWORK



Please join us May 22nd 2-3:30pm ET /11am-12:30pm PT for our Q2 Full Collaborative virtual meeting. We will be partnering with [Clear Impact](#) to operationalize our strategic map by developing our own results framework and accompanying dashboard. We need you and your thought leadership to help us do that. To prepare for the meeting, you can review the [Collaborative Strategic Map](#), brush up on your understanding of [Results Based Accountability™](#) and explore the [data](#). Together, we will identify population measures we want to impact and we will define our strategy for improving those measures. Register for the meeting in advance [here](#).

POLICY, HEALTH EQUITY, CLINICAL PUBLIC HEALTH PRACTICE OH MY!

If you are not participating in one of these three work groups, you are missing out on great information, a supportive community of amazing partners working together to build helpful tools and gobs of fun. Join us!

1. Join our May 14th policy work group call as we learn more about reimbursement and current legislative efforts to support doulas and catch up on our 2019 efforts in Tennessee, Alabama, Louisiana, Texas and Kansas. [Register here](#).
2. Have you seen our new policy resource tool? [Find it here](#) and help us expand it by [sending us](#) policies, legislation, scholarly articles, factsheets, and research on issues related to equity and preterm birth.
3. Join our small working group on Social Needs / Social Determinants of Health Screening tool best practices-email us at collaborative@marchofdimes.org if you are interested.
4. Join our small working group on a preterm birth prevention resource guide-email us at collaborative@marchofdimes.org if you are interested.
5. Stay tuned to learn more about our second consensus statement!!

#UNSPOKENSTORIES



March of Dimes is launching #UnspokenStories, a supportive community that gives voice to your experience, from the joys of parenting to the heartbreak of loss. The community is made up of people like you—parents, medical professionals, grandparents, would-be parents, friends—who want to connect and share with each other one story at a time.

Do you have a story to share about your journey to start or try to start a family? If so, leave a comment on our live [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#) posts - or create your own story post using #UnspokenStories. Not on social media? You can also submit your story by visiting Unspokenstories.org.

We are looking for stories that cover all aspects of family planning, pregnancy and parenting—the joys, the laughter, the challenges and the heartbreaks—including stories from nurses and doctors and extended family members to help us build a community and provide support for so many others who have had similar journeys. We hope that you will join us on Facebook and Instagram and be part of this much-needed conversation.

THANK YOU DR. WADDELL AND WELCOME DR. GUPTA



We want to publically express our gratitude to Dr. Lisa Waddell, MD, MPH, for serving as the Collaborative's Co-Chair with Rear Admiral Dr. Barfield for nearly a year. Thank you for your support, guidance and leadership Dr. Waddell. Don't worry-Dr. Waddell will stay engaged as a core contributor and leader in our Health Equity and Clinical Public Health Practice work groups and she will be very engaged as we build our results framework.

Likewise, we want to formally announce and welcome Dr. Rahul Gupta, MD, MPH, MBA, FACP, to the Prematurity Collaborative. Dr. Gupta joins the March of Dimes team as Senior Vice President and Chief Medical and Health Officer. Dr. Gupta will step into the Co-Chair role. Learn more about Dr. Gupta [here](#).

HEALTH EQUITY CONSENSUS STATEMENT



CONSENSUS STATEMENT

BIRTH EQUITY FOR MOMS AND BABIES

Advancing social determinants pathways for research, policy and practice

BACKGROUND
Founded by President Franklin D. Roosevelt in 1938 to drive the discovery of a polio vaccine, March of Dimes succeeded in this mission and provided all children with access to this lifesaving therapy. Throughout his 12 years in the White House, President Roosevelt continued his crusade to improve the lives of children by proposing economic solutions across the nation to ensure fair wages, decent housing, appropriate medical care and quality education (Franklin D. Roosevelt Presidential Library and Museum, no date). President Roosevelt's pursuit of economic and social equality and the human rights work of First Lady Eleanor Roosevelt offer critical insight for the current work of March of Dimes (Glendon, 2001).

The mission of March of Dimes today is to lead the fight for the health of all moms and babies. Nearly half a million babies in the U.S. are born prematurely each year. Women of color are up to 50 percent more likely than white women to give birth prematurely, and their children can face a 130 percent higher infant death rate than children born to white women (March of Dimes Perinatal Data Center, 2018). In this country, black women have maternal death rates over three times higher than women of other races (Callaghan, 2012). In addition to the human toll, the societal cost of premature birth is at least \$26 billion per year (Institute of Medicine, 2007).

APPROACH TO GENERATING CONSENSUS
In response to the rising rates of preterm birth as well as persistent racial and ethnic disparities, the March of Dimes Prematurity Collaborative (Collaborative) was formed in 2017 to achieve equity and demonstrated improvements in premature birth. Equity is justice and fairness (Braveman, Arkin, Orleans, Proctor & Plough, 2017; March of Dimes, 2018).



It implies equal rights, but it is not the same as equality. Equity requires directing more resources to groups that have greater needs due to a history of exclusion or marginalization (March of Dimes, 2018). In 2018, the Collaborative expanded its focus to include the health of moms because strategies used to address premature birth and its associated disparities can help prevent other maternal health problems.

Recent trends in prematurity and maternal death demand a deeper examination into causes and contributors of disparities for Native American and African-American women, the groups of women with the most disparate birth and maternal outcomes (Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 2018 a,b). Psychosocial and economic factors, along with physical environments that affect maternal and birth outcomes, should be considered in any examination into root causes of birth and maternal disparities (Schroeder, 2007). This consensus statement examines social factors that contribute to birth and maternal health outcomes, including prematurity and offers guidance to:

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The Birth Equity for Moms and Babies Consensus Statement was released late last fall. Have you read and endorsed the consensus statement yet? There has been a tremendous amount of support for the statement and we would love to have you join

us. Please consider endorsing the statement by adding your name or organization [here](#).

CATCH UP ON THE LATEST MARCH OF DIMES NEWS

A new study from the Perelman School of Medicine at the University of Pennsylvania and the University Of Maryland School Of Medicine that found seven types of bacteria and certain immune factors in a woman's vagina and cervix may be responsible for increasing the risk of spontaneous preterm birth or protect against it. The presence or absence of certain bacteria in a woman's cervix and vagina microbiome – the community of organisms such as bacteria and viruses that normally inhabit the body – are known to affect the risk of preterm birth. Some bacteria are associated with the significantly higher preterm birth rate among African American women in the United States. “If this study is confirmed, it could mean that supplementing with combined immune and bacterial factors could help overcome the disturbing racial disparities in preterm birth, in which African American moms and babies bear a greater burden,” says Kelle H. Moley, MD, Chief Scientific Officer at March of Dimes. Stay up to date with these exciting developments on our [news page](#).

PLEASE JOIN US



UPCOMING COLLABORATIVE MEETINGS

- Full Collaborative: 5/22 [Register here](#).
- Policy: 5/14/2019 [Register here](#)
- Health Equity: 5/29/19 ****New Meeting** [Register here](#)
- Equity in Action: Moving from Theory to Practice: 7/8/2019 [Register here](#)

Find all the 2019 meetings [here](#).

Miss a meeting or two? Don't fret, we will be adding the slide decks and materials to each [work group page](#) for the first quarter of 2019 shortly.

NOT A MEMBER?

SIGN UP FOR THE COLLABORATIVE [HERE](#).

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