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AGENDA FOR TODAY’S MEETING

Welcome – Cindy Pellegrini, SVP Public Policy and Government Affairs, March of Dimes and Andrea Kane, Vice President Policy & Strategic Partnerships, Power to Decide

Doula Support
Northeast perspective: Erin Jones, JD, Regional Director of Advocacy and Government Affairs, March of Dimes, MA, NY and the Northeast

Washington State perspective: Christy Curwick Hoff, MPH, Council Manager, WA State Governor’s Interagency Council on Health Disparities & Dila Perera, MSW, MPH, Executive Director, Open Arms Perinatal Services

Minnesota perspective: Akhmiri Sehkr-Ra, Chief Family Development Officer, Cultural Wellness Center

Closing Business
• Upcoming meetings
• Call to Action
• Next meeting on June 18th 4-5pm ET/ 1-2pm PT

Adjourn
MARCH OF DIMES

SUPPORTING DOULA COVERAGE LEGISLATION AND POLICY EFFORTS IN THE NORTHEAST

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PRESENTATION OUTLINE

• Why Doulas?
• Opportunities for increasing integration of doula care in statewide maternity care system
• Current States with legislation pending
• Fully collaborative policy development approach
EVIDENCE: DOULAS & BIRTH OUTCOMES

• 2014 ACOG Obstetric Care Consensus: Safe Prevention of the Primary Cesarean Delivery
• 2017 Cochrane review of 26 trials of continuous labor support and doula care involving over 15,000 women in 17 different countries
• 2017 ACOG Committee Opinion on Approaches to Limit Interventions During Labor and Birth
• Cost-effectiveness analysis and modeling literature
BENEFITS OF DOULA CARE

• Improved health outcomes for moms and babies
  • Increased spontaneous vaginal birth
  • Shorter duration of labor
  • Decreased use of analgesia, instrumental vaginal birth, and low five-minute Apgar score

• Reduced c-sections
  • C-sections contribute to risk of maternal morbidity and mortality

• Fewer reports of patient dissatisfaction with birth experience

• Lower healthcare costs
BENEFITS OF DOULA CARE AMONG MEDICAID RECIPIENTS AND COMMUNITIES OF COLOR

• Improved health outcomes for moms and babies
  • Lower rates of preterm birth and low birth weight

• Reduced c-sections
  • C-sections contribute to risk of maternal morbidity and mortality

• Patient reports of feeling highly valued and having had a voice in consequential childbirth decisions
  • Improved health literacy
  • Improved patient-provider communication
  • Increased social support
DOULA LEGISLATION
Maternal Mortality and Morbidity Movement

Key Areas/Components of Legislation:

- Definition of a Doula
- Pre-Existing Category
- Establish a Registry
- Certification
- Payments
- Establish Rules and Regulations
- Amendments
DOULA TOWN HALLS

-Legislative Process and Advocacy Education/Guidance

-Collaborative Approach – doulas, legislators, advocates, agencies, and health care

-Active Listening, Engaged Conversation

-Repository for Feedback

-Held in MA, CT, RI, (NY)
DOULA SUPPORT NON-MEDICAL

EDUCATION
Licensure/Certification
Maintain Fidelity to Doula Profession
Diversity – both in women served and Doulas
Workforce Development - sustainable living wage, cost-effective training and education
Reimbursement Rates and Payment Systems
Community Health Worker Model (?)

MEDICAID MEDICAL MODEL

EDUCATION
Licensure/Certification (CMS Requirement)
NOT medical or healthcare providers
Diversity within Medicaid population
Medicaid Reimbursement Rates and Payment System
Community Health Worker
Medicaid Value-Based Payment Models
SUMMARY

✓ Increased equitable access to doula care as one tool to reduce racial disparities in adverse maternal and infant health outcomes

✓ Opportunities for adequate and sustainable reimbursement by all payers

✓ Investments in doula profession as workforce development and diversification opportunity
THANK YOU
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PREMATURITY COLLABORATIVE—POLICY WORK GROUP
MAY 14, 2019
OVERVIEW

About the Council

Adverse Birth Outcomes
Recommendations

2019 Legislative Session Highlights
Inequities in Adverse Birth Outcomes
Advisory Committee

First Set of Recommendations

• Fund community-driven prevention programs

• Increase funding for Maternity Support Services

• Promote Equity in State Government

Second Set of Recommendations

• Medicaid reimbursement for doula care

• Support AIHC Maternal-Infant Health Strategic Plan
2019 SESSION HIGHLIGHTS

• Medicaid Reimbursement for Doula Services

• Office of Equity Task Force
THANK YOU

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