Prematurity Campaign Collaborative
Policy Workgroup
June 11, 2018
General Housekeeping

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Use the chat box, if you would like a moderator to call on you or share your comments with the group.
Agenda for today’s meeting

1. Welcome – Cindy Pellegrini
2. Brief Update re: PREEMIE – Cindy Pellegrini
3. 2017 Preterm birth data – Nikki Garro
4. Recap Prematurity Summit Policy Workgroup meeting – Nikki Garro
5. Collective impact planning – Policy Workgroup
CURRENT PREEMIE LAW

Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)

- $1.88 million for preterm birth (PTB) activities at the CDC for:
  - Epidemiologic studies on factors related to PTB
  - Data tracking.
  - Report on PTB activities every 2 years
    - Division of Reproductive Health: $2 million PTB subline funded in FY16 and FY17

Health Resources and Services Admin (HRSA)

- Added prenatal care for high-risk pregnancies to HRSA’s telehealth network grant program
- Public and provider education on PTB and risk factors
  - Range of public and provider educational efforts, including EED and more
  - Some activities included in HRSA COIIN work
CURRENT PREEMIE LAW

Secretary’s Advisory Committee on Infant Mortality (SACIM)

• Authorizes the already existing Advisory Committee on Infant Mortality
  o Provides advice and recommendations to the HHS Secretary on:
    − HHS programs directed at reducing infant mortality and improving health status of pregnant women and infants
    − Strategies to coordinate the federal programs and activities with State, local, and private programs and efforts that address factors that affect infant mortality.
    − Implementation of Healthy Start program & Healthy People 2020 infant mortality objectives
    − Strategies to reduce preterm birth rates through research, programs and education

• Other miscellaneous provisions
NEW PREEMIE ACT

• Increased focus on disparities and health equity (new language)
• New SACIM priorities:
  • Health equity
  • Severe maternal morbidity
• New interagency task force to examine and make recommendations for better coordination of federal programs that impact PTB
  • Duplication/gaps
  • Definitions, metrics, goals
  • Report 1 year after establishment
NEW PREEMIE ACT

• Increase in funding for data tracking (Pregnancy Risk Assessment Monitoring Survey, PRAMS)

• New focus in public/provider education program on
  • Substance use
  • Maternal mental health
  • Maternal immunization
NEXT STEPS: CONGRESS

- Bill was just introduced in the Senate (S. 3029)
- Senate Health, Education, Labor and Pensions Cmte will mark up by end of June (tentatively June 20)
- Senate bill would be “hotlined” in July (tentative)
- House sponsors will move to introduce soon (hopefully in June)
- House Energy and Commerce Cmte would take up Senate-passed bill (in theory)
- House of Representatives would pass bill on the suspension calendar (expedited consideration)
TREND IN PREMATURITY

The preterm birth rate increased in 2017, for the third year in a row.

INCREASING PREMATURITY DISPARITY

Between 2016 and 2017, rates increased among Hispanic and non-Hispanic black women, and remained unchanged among non-Hispanic white women.

Preterm birth rates by maternal race/ethnicity, U.S.

Premature/preterm is less than 37 weeks of gestation. Preterm birth rate is defined as the percentage of live births born preterm. Maternal race categories are based on single race, where only one race is reported; race categories exclude Hispanics. Source: National Center for Health Statistics, 2016 final and *2017 provisional natality data. Prepared by March of Dimes Perinatal Data Center, June 2018.
Prematurity Prevention Summit
Policy Workgroup Meeting Recap
SURVEY RESULTS

ACCESS
• Medicaid coverage for pregnant women and infants
• Maternal mortality

FAMILY SUPPORT
• Paid family leave

Amplification vs. expansion into new areas
GOAL: SELECT AN INITIATIVE

- Not exclusive, but major focus
- Always will be open to bringing new things to the group
- This effort would be our key focus for the next 6-12 months
- Be poised to make real progress in 2019
SELECTING AN INITIATIVE (QUESTIONS)

• How will this prevent PTB and promote equity?
• What policy issue(s) would this involve?
• Federal, state, or both?
• How will we define and measure success?
Workgroup Discussion
In the chat box, you will see a link to a brief post-meeting survey that will take you less than 5 minutes to complete. Your feedback is very important to us, so thank you in advance.

The link for the survey is:
https://marchofdimes.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_4YeRgF3U48GCLPf

Click on the Chat icon in your toolbox to access the survey link.