African American and Rural Community Infant Mortality Advisory Work Group

September 17, 2018
Meeting Objectives

- Introduce membership
- Provide overview of purpose and process for our work
- Provide baseline data to describe problem
- Establish next steps
Statutory Charge

Chapter 83 of the 2018 State Laws of Maryland

MHCC and MDH: Study of mortality rates of African American Infants and Infants in Rural Areas

- Identify factors affecting mortality of these infants in US and in Maryland
- Research programs in countries, states, and localities that reduce IM rate (including Baltimore City programs)

- Make recommendations on:
  - Methods to reduce mortality rate of AA Infants and Rural Infants
  - Use of pregnancy navigators and community health workers
  - Establishment of a permanent council on disparities in infant mortality (IM)
    Methods to reduce costs associated with low birth weight infants and IM

- Submit Report to Legislature by November 1, 2019
Work Group Overview

**Purpose:** Provide Advice to MHCC and MDH in study & development of report to legislature

**Structure:** Chair & Vice Chairs; Workgroup, State Steering Committee, and Subgroups

**Subgroups:**
- Data Analytics
- Innovative Programs
- Community and Consumer Experience

**Meeting Schedule**
- Workgroup—approximately quarterly through April 2019, every 6 weeks April-October 2019.
- Subgroups—Meet 2x/quarter through April 2019.
Data Overview
Process and Next Steps

Next Workgroup Meeting: early January

Goal: 2 meetings of each subgroup before early January.

- Data analysis subgroup on 10/8

Subgroup sign-ups: Due Friday, 9/21 (if not today)

Staff will provide update before end of month on subgroup membership, leadership, and schedule.

Please bookmark website for documents, webinar access, meeting dates: https://mhcc.maryland.gov/mhcc/pages/home/workgroups/workgroups_african_american_rural.aspx