

# **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](https://mhcc.maryland.gov/mhcc/pages/home/workgroups/workgroups_african_american_rural.aspx)

