



## LEADERSHIP COUNCIL CHARTER

### 6/23/20

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#### OVERALL AIM OF THE INITIATIVE

Summarize your overall plans to address your challenge. Include the following:

- *What are we trying to accomplish?*
  - Improve maternal mortality and morbidity rates in Montana by increasing access to specialty providers and resources needed for high-risk pregnancies – perinatology, psychiatry, medication assisted treatment (MAT), behavioral health and substance abuse treatment.
- *Why is it important?*
  - Montana has the sixth highest maternal mortality ration nationwide and Montana’s rate of severe maternal morbidity is 35% higher than the national rate. Maternal health is the cornerstone of a community’s health.
- *Who is the target population?*
  - Pregnant and postpartum mothers through the first year after birth
- *What is the time frame for completing the effort?*
  - Five years

#### MISSION STATEMENT:

**Suggestion:** *MOMS will make the Last Best Place also the First Best Place to have a baby.*

#### COUNCIL GOALS:

1. Ensure continuous representation from the following: state and local public health professionals, state Maternal Mortality Review Committee (MMRC), providers, payers, representatives of the legislature, the Montana Primary Care Association (MPCA), tribes and tribal organizations and consumers.
2. Identify Montana-specific gaps in maternal service.
3. Assist in the development of a Montana-focused strategic plan that incorporates activities in Montana’s Title V Needs Assessment to improve maternal health outcomes, address identified gaps and reflect strategies to translate knowledge and recommendations into practice.
4. Ensure consistent collaboration among the MOMS program, the Perinatal Behavioral Health or Meadowlark Initiative, the Perinatal Quality Collaborative (PQC) and the MMRC.
5. Recommend and advance policy changes that will improve maternal health in Montana.



**STAKEHOLDERS NEEDED TO ACCOMPLISH GOALS**

<b>NAME</b>	<b>TITLE AND ORGANIZATION</b>
Chair, Dr. Tersh McCracken	MOMS Medical Director and OBGYN at Billings Clinic
<i>Identify Vice-Chair</i>	
Vacant	Montana Legislature
Kristen Rogers	Family and Community Health Bureau Chief at MT DPHHS
Ann Buss	Title V Director at MT DPHHS
Tami Shoen	WIC, CPA at Hill County Public Health Department
Dr. Drew Malany	OBGYN at Women's Clinic
Dr. Bardett Fausett	Maternal Fetal Medicine Specialist and President/Medical Director at Origin Health
Christina Marchion	Family Medicine/OB at Central Montana Medical Center
Dina Kuchynka	Maternal and Newborn Health Manager at SCL Health-Holy Rosary Miles City
Karen Cantrell	American Indian Health Director at MT DPHHS
Dr. Tim Wetherill	Medical Director at Blue Cross Blue Shield of MT
Lisa Troyer	Wellness Consultant, PacificSource
Mary LeMieux	Member Health Services Bureau Chief at MT Medicaid & Project Director for the Perinatal Behavioral Health or Meadowlark Initiative
Vacant	Consumer
Janie Quilici	Perinatal Behavioral Health Counselor, Community Physicians Group
Jude McTaggart	Certified Nurse Midwife, Northeast Montana Health Services
Judge Mary Jane Knisely	13th District Court Judge Felony Impaired Driving Court (IDC), CAMO Court (Veterans Treatment Court)
Judge Reynolds of Lewis & Clark County	1st Judicial District Court
Dr. Rob Kurtzman	Chief Medical Examiner, State of Montana
Dr. Robert Caldwell	Medical Director, Florence Crittenton
Malcolm Horn, Ph.D., LCSW, MAC, SAP	Director of Special Services, Rimrock
Cindy Stergar	Executive Director, Montana Primary Care Association (MPCA)
Brie Oliver	Executive Director, Healthy Mothers, Healthy Babies
Vicki Birkeland	Nursing Director, Women's Services at St. Vincent's and member of the MT Perinatal Quality Collaborative

**SENIOR LEADERSHIP SIGNATURE APPROVAL**

<b>Printed Name</b>	<b>Signature</b>	<b>Date</b>
<i>Dr. Clayton "Tersh" McCracken</i>		