

District of Columbia Maternal Mortality Review Committee

(Established by DC Code §7-761.01 et seq)



401 E Street SW
Washington, DC 20024

Maternal Mortality Review Committee Minutes of the April 25, 2023 Open Meeting

May 23, 2023

The Maternal Mortality Review Committee (MMRC) convened on April 25, 2023 at 10:00am. Quorum was achieved. The meeting was chaired by MMRC Co-chair Aza Nedhari.

Members in Attendance: Aza Nedhari (Mamatoto Village), Constance Bohon, MD (ACOG), Colleen Kepner, MD (Sibley Memorial Hospital), Kimberly Sommers, MD (DC Health), Melissa Fries, MD (Medstar Washington), Melisa Byrd (DHCF), Tatyana Zinger, DO (OCME), Nancy Gaba, MD (GWUH), Theresa Early (DHS), Monique Powell-Davis, MD (Mary's Center), Jamila Perritt, MD (Community Organization in Women's Health), and Roberta Bell (March of Dimes).

Participants: Candace Hardin, (OCME), Tracie Martin (OCME), Breanna Cuchara (OCME), Jenna Beebe-Aryee (OCME), Alexis Jackson, and Nicholas Weil (BEGA).

Open Meeting

Following roll call, the members reviewed and approved the open meeting agenda. The April 2023 open meeting minutes were reviewed and approved by the members. OCME FRD staff informed the committee a student asked to participate in the open portion of the meeting but could not participate on this date due to having class. OCME FRD staff stated the student may contact OCME to participate at a later date. OCME FRD staff read the student's request. The student is a senior at Cornell University who is working on a final paper on the maternal mortality and morbidity crisis in Washington, DC. The student expressed interest in MMRC as she is from DC and a pre-medical student looking to go into OBGYN. The student stated in the email that she is interested in identifying areas of progress or setbacks in recent years and discussing the maternal health crisis in DC. She would also like to gain a better understanding of what types of programs and resources the committee believes DC needs for future progress. OCME FRD staff stated the committee can continue this discussion in the closed session and vote on who the committee wants to respond to the interview request.

The open portion of the MMRC meeting was closed with the following statement read by a co-chair:

“This meeting will hereby be closed to the public for the following reasons – Open Meeting Act Section B-12 and 14 and § 7.671.06.”

The next MMRC Meeting is scheduled for **May 23, 2023** at 10:00am, via WebEx.