New Efforts to Address Disparities in Birth Outcomes

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Academic-Community Conference Series (U13)

- Grant Application submitted to the NIH Feb 2010
- Included letters of support from MFM leaders and Institutions around the state
- Received Award Notice in Dec 2010
- Grant began officially in Jan 2011
- Funding is very limited - $30,000/year for 3 years
- Based on elements of community-based participatory research
- Community is broadly defined

Academic-Community Partnership to Reduce Health Disparities in Infant Mortality

- Establish partnerships between academic institutions and relevant community organizations.
- Identify, document and highlight health disparity conditions and the community’s view of its own challenges in supporting and providing evidence-based practice to address those disparities.
- Form an alignment between academic institutions and relevant community organizations to develop research priorities.
- Secure support to enable us to begin collaborative research to address at least one of the priority areas.

Advisory Group

Purpose
- To provide leadership to the development and implementation of a research agenda on reducing inequities in birth outcomes for North Carolina

Commitment
- Year One: 2 meetings (1 face-to-face)
- Year Two: 4 meetings (2 face-to-face)
- Year Three: 4 meetings (2 face-to-face)
- Serve as information conduits with the groups they represent
- Employ their influence and knowledge to help convene regional meetings

Representatives (~30) to include:
- 8 community-based provider opinion leaders (to cover the 6 perinatal regions)
- 4 practice organizations
- 3 community-based infant mortality coalitions
- 3 non-profit organizations with provider outreach initiatives
- 4 local child fatality prevention teams
- 3 Federal Healthy Start Program representatives
- NC AHEC
- Division of Public Health
- 2 (at least) Universities

Next Steps

Please let us know if you …
- Are interested in being part of the Advisory Group
- Have people to recommend to the Group
- Want to be on a listserv and contribute as the project develops
- Know of regional / university / community research efforts underway to address disparities in birth outcomes that you could share with us
- Have suggestions for moving forward
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