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Re: Maternal Mortality Bills

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To: "Berger, Gena" <gena.berger@governor.virginia.gov>

Mon, Jan 21, 2019 at 8:30 AM

Sounds good!

On Mon, Jan 21, 2019 at 8:26 AM Berger, Gena <gena.berger@governor.virginia.gov> wrote:
Let's chat today.

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From: **LaTonya Joyner-Gregory** <ljoyner-gregory@ppav.org>
Date: Sun, Jan 20, 2019 at 9:44 PM
Subject: Maternal Mortality Bills
To: Berger, Gena <gena.berger@governor.virginia.gov>
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Hi Gena,

Posted below are concerns raised by our national partners regarding the maternal mortality bills introduced by Delegates Kory and Robinson (HB 2581 and HB 2546, respectively).

1. consider adding socioeconomic status and/or insurance status as factors that should be considered in doing the review.

How are they classifying opioid and drug related deaths in pregnant women? If they are not including them in this review committee, how will they be captured?

2. should specify that there must be at least a certain number of community members/ reps from community groups on the team who can provide perspectives from their experiences

The team should also include health care professionals besides doctors/nurses such as doulas, home health workers, midwives, etc, for breadth of experience and perspective

will team members be term limited?

will any of the information from the case summaries (subsection (E)) be made available to the public? Seems could be helpful as long as they are de-identified and any potentially identifying details are redacted.

3. recommend adding explicit language that requires training for healthcare providers on implicit bias, structural racism, and/or cultural sensitivity; perhaps even the role of toxic stress on maternal health outcomes.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Best,

LaTonya

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