

## Pennsylvania Maternal Health Collaborative

Virtual Meeting #5, Friday, November 7, 2025

12:30pm – 2:00pm Eastern

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### 12:30pm Welcome

Sarah Inés Ramírez, MD, FAAFP, Penn State Health Hershey Medical Center, Family Medicine Education Consortium (FMEC) Board Member; founding chair, National Hispanic Medical Association Pennsylvania Chapter

### 12:35pm The Pennsylvania Maternal Health Collaborative: Our 2025-2026 Plan

Scott G. Allen, MS, CEO, Family Medicine Education Consortium

### 12:40pm Update on Maternal Health Statewide Strategic Plan Update

Giselle Hallden, Division Director, Maternal Health Services, Department of Health, Bureau of Family Health

### 12:45pm Fathers: Supporting Pregnancy and Postnatal Care

Introductions: David Saunders, Director, Office of Health Equity, Pennsylvania Department of Public Health

12:45pm – Presentation #1

Black Dads Matter – Adaobi Anakwe, PhD, MPH, CHES, Assistant Professor, Health Management and Policy, Dornsife School of Public Health, Drexel University

1:00pm – Presentation #2

The Fatherhood Program at the Foundation for Delaware County – Dr. Onaje J. Muid, Fatherhood Coordinator, The Foundation for Delaware County

1:15pm – Presentation #3

The Dadvocates Initiative - Venus L. Ricks, MEd, Patients R Waiting

### 1:30pm Reflections and Discussion

Sarah Inés Ramírez, MD, FAAFP

### 1:35pm Breakout Groups

- What can healthcare providers do to better engage fathers in supporting maternal health?
- What needs to happen outside the health system to better engage fathers in supporting maternal health?
- What are some service and clinical practice workflow recommendations to better involve fathers before, during, and after pregnancy that we can recommend?
- What action steps will you take at your health system, public health program, community service agency or other setting to reduce systemic barriers to fathers' involvement in pregnancy and child rearing?

### 1:50pm Group Sharing/Upcoming Events

*Open discussion – please briefly share ideas from your breakout group*

### 2:00pm Adjourn/Next Meeting Date – January 23, 2026 – Tentative: Addiction and/or Trauma

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