

Maternal Child Death Review Program Updates



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Prior annual meetings have built upon each other and focus on prevention



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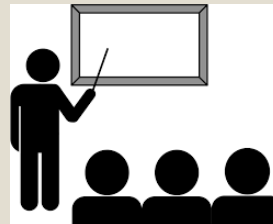
2016

2017

2018



Case reviews and recommendation discussion



Partner presentations



Data dissemination and recommendation prioritization

The purpose of MCDR



- Ongoing, systematic multidisciplinary review of all maternal and child deaths in Alaska
- Public health, population based review model
- Develop recommendations to prevent future deaths



The MCDR process



Notification of a death

Records collected

Data elements extracted

Cases reviewed by committee



Aggregate & Analyze

Policy

Program

System

Behavioral

Environmental



Summarize & Report



MCDR program status



Current Program Benefits

- **Committee membership based on interest and approval**
- **Since 2015, committee membership has increased from 10 to 57!**
 - Reduced backlog
 - Expanded reviews to all ages 0-17 years
 - Increased use of MCDR recommendations and data
- **New MCDR program manager (Vanessa Verigin)**

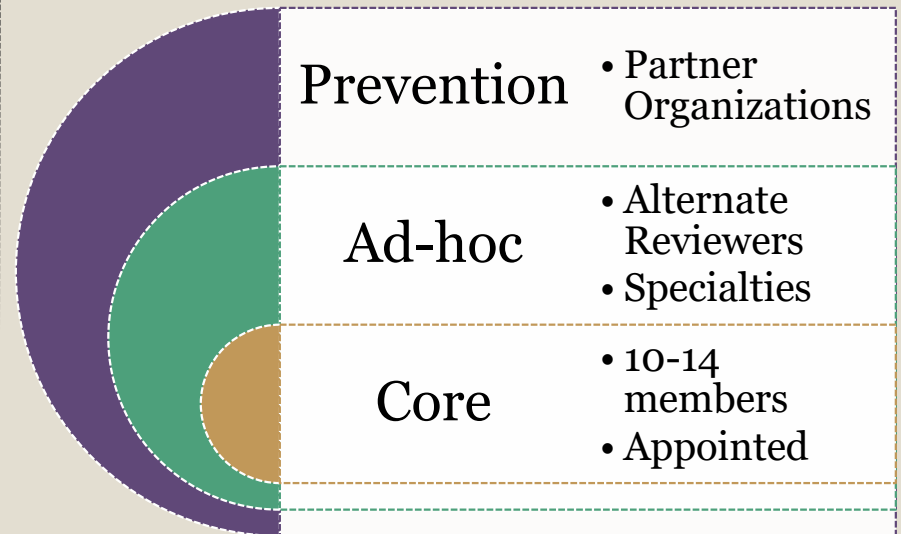
Current Program Challenges

- **Limited number of disciplines regularly represented**
- **Variation from the national standard**
- **Review inconsistency**
- **Data variability**
- **Limited rural representation**
- **Challenge in managing schedules and availability**

MCDR program update plan

Beginning only July 1, 2020:

- Recommendation and appointment based committee membership
 - DHSS Commissioner and Chief Medical Officer
 - 2 year service commitment for core members
 - Official recognition of service



Core and Ad hoc members



Core members

- Law Enforcement
- Child Protection
- Medical Examiner/Investigator
- Public Health (Tribal & non-Tribal)
- Family advocate
- Mental/Behavioral health
- Medical providers (Pediatrician, OBGYN, Family practice...)

Ad hoc members

- Other medical specialties
- Education
- Fire and Life Safety
- Juvenile Justice
- Court Appointed Special Advocate
- Disabilities expert
- Substance abuse and misuse expert
- SUID prevention expert
- Vital records
- Others as necessary

Basic expectation and process for members

- Short application for core appointment
- Recommendations made by MCDR to Commissioner and CMO
- Appointments made

Expectations:

- 75% attendance at monthly meetings
- 2 year commitment
- Attendance at annual summit



Hope in updating MCDR



- Alignment with the National standard
- Improved data quality
- Improved review meeting consistency
- Efficiency in coordination and planning
- Increased rural participation
- Reduced burden on current members





Thank You



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