

Chapter 154

(House Bill 286)

AN ACT concerning

Public Health – Maternal Mortality Review Program – Stakeholders

FOR the purpose of altering the stakeholders required to be included in a certain meeting convened under the Maternal Mortality Review Program; requiring that, to the extent practicable, certain stakeholders convened under the ~~Maternal Mortality Review~~ Program reflect certain racial and ethnic diversity; making a conforming change; requiring the Secretary of Health, when convening a certain workgroup, to contact certain organizations for a certain purpose; requiring the Secretary to ensure that certain organizations and individuals comprise a majority of a certain workgroup; and generally relating to the Maternal Mortality Review Program.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Health – General
Section 13–1213
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2019 Replacement Volume)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,
That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article – Health – General

13–1213.

(a) (1) ~~At~~ **SUBJECT TO PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION, AT** least twice a year, the Secretary shall convene a meeting of stakeholders, including ~~representatives~~:

(1) REPRESENTATIVES of:

- Disparities; [(1)] ~~(I)~~ **1.** The Maryland Office of Minority Health and Health
- [(2)] ~~(II)~~ **2.** The Maryland Patient Safety Center;
- [(3)] ~~(III)~~ **3.** The Maryland Healthy Start Program;
- [(4)] ~~(IV)~~ **4.** Women’s health advocacy organizations;

[(5)] ~~(V)~~ **5.** Community organizations engaged in maternal health and family support issues;

~~[(6)] (VI) Families that have experienced a maternal death;~~

[(7)] ~~(VII)~~ **6.** Local health departments; and

[(8)] ~~(VIII)~~ **7.** Health care providers that provide maternal health services; **AND**

(II) 1. FAMILIES OF WOMEN WHO HAVE EXPERIENCED A NEAR MATERNAL DEATH, A HIGH-RISK PREGNANCY, OTHER CHALLENGES DURING PREGNANCY, OR A MATERNAL DEATH; OR

2. WOMEN WHO HAVE EXPERIENCED A NEAR MATERNAL DEATH, A HIGH-RISK PREGNANCY, OR OTHER CHALLENGES DURING PREGNANCY.

(2) TO THE EXTENT PRACTICABLE, THE STAKEHOLDERS CONVENED IN ACCORDANCE WITH PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION SHALL REFLECT THE RACIAL AND ETHNIC DIVERSITY OF WOMEN MOST IMPACTED BY MATERNAL DEATHS IN THE STATE.

(b) Of the two meetings required under subsection (a) of this section:

(1) One meeting shall be held within 90 days after submission of the report required under § 13-1212 of this subtitle to:

(i) Review the findings and recommendations in the report;

(ii) Examine issues resulting in disparities in maternal deaths;

(iii) Review the status of implementation of previous recommendations; and

(iv) Identify new recommendations with a focus on initiatives to address issues resulting in disparities in maternal deaths; and

(2) One meeting shall be held within 6 months after the meeting held under item (1) of this subsection to review the status of implementation of previous recommendations and consider any new information that may be relevant for the identification of additional recommendations.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That:

(a) The Secretary of Health, when convening the stakeholder workgroup required under § 13-1213(a) of the Health – General Article, shall contact the following organizations to seek input and recruitment support:

- (1) MOMCares;
- (2) Nzuri Malkia Birth Collective;
- (3) CASA de Maryland;
- (4) the Bloom Collective;
- (5) Mommy Up;
- (6) Catholic Charities;
- (7) Mamatoto Village;
- (8) MotherlandCo., Inc.;
- (9) Peaceful Earth Graceful Birth;
- (10) Advocates for Children and Youth;
- (11) NARAL Pro-Choice MD;
- (12) Reproductive Justice Inside; and
- (13) Health Care for the Homeless.

(b) To the extent practicable, the Secretary shall make every effort to ensure that women’s organizations and women impacted by maternal death comprise a majority of the workgroup.

SECTION ~~2~~ 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2020.

Enacted under Article II, § 17(c) of the Maryland Constitution, May 8, 2020.