



HB 5166 – Regional Perinatal Quality Collaborative

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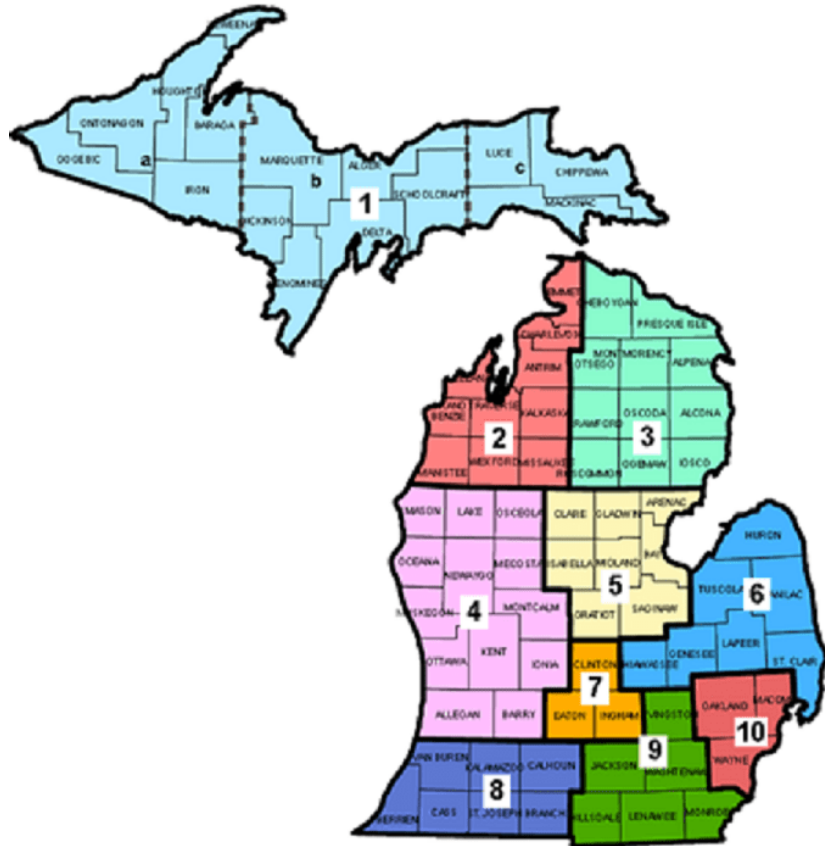


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Who We Are



- SEMPQIC (Southeast Michigan Perinatal Quality Improvement Coalition) is one of 9 regional perinatal quality collaboratives in Michigan. We serve Wayne, Oakland, and Macomb counties (region 10).
- We are laser focused on reducing disparities in maternal and infant health outcomes so that all mothers, infants and families can have optimal health, adequate access to appropriate and timely care, and the opportunity to thrive.
- Our partners are parents, families, health plans, health systems, community-based organizations, faith-based organizations, maternal infant health programs, medical and behavioral health providers, local and state public health departments, and more.



What Do We Do

- SEMPQIC works to change systems that are inherently inequitable and provide resources for mothers and families to help improve maternal and infant care.
- We work with health systems and physicians by providing implicit bias training and the MI-AIM program to assure greater accountability and perinatal outcomes.
- We work and learn from community partners to assure necessary resources including breastfeeding, infant safe sleep, doulas, and more.
- We work with our government partners, including MDHHS leadership. Thank you to the governor and legislature for this most recent budget reflecting a commitment to maternal and infant health.

Why Do We Do It



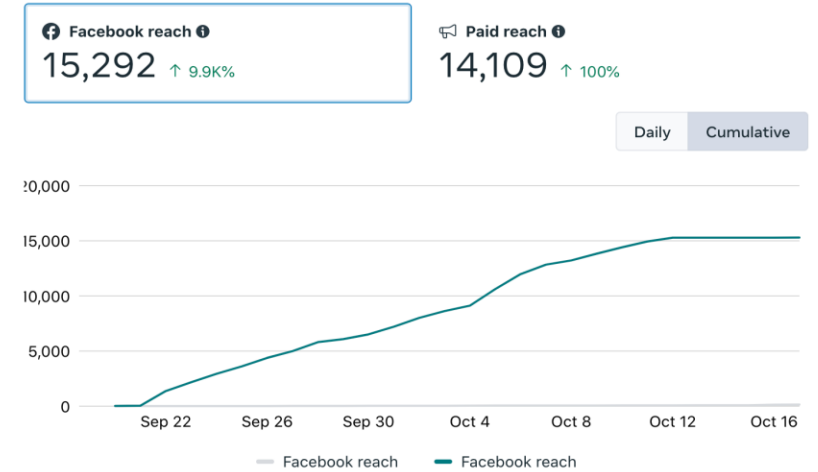
Celebration of Life
Dr. Randal Courtney Harris
Viewing - Wednesday, July 14, 2021
2:00pm - 5:00pm
Swanson Funeral Home
14751 W. McNichols - Detroit, MI 48235
Thursday, July 15, 2021
Family Hour: 10:30am
Homegoing Service 11:00am
Liberty Temple Baptist Church
17188 Greenfield - Detroit MI 48235



- According to data from the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services 80-90 women die each year in Michigan during pregnancy, birth, or within one year of pregnancy.
- Women of color are more likely to die from pregnancy-related causes than White women, and infants born to women of color are more likely to die before they reach their first birthday. (Source: MDHHS, Division for Vital Records and Health Statistics, 2010-2018)
- According to CDC, 80% of pregnancy related deaths are preventable (Source: CDC, Four in 5 pregnancy-related deaths in the U.S. are preventable, 2022).
- Black babies are more than twice as likely to die before their first birthday than white babies. (Source: MDHHS, 2020-2023 MIHEIP Report)
- American Indian infants are more than twice as likely to die as white infants. (Source: MDHHS, 2024-2028 Advancing Healthy Births Report)

DHEER – Detroit Health Equity Education Resource

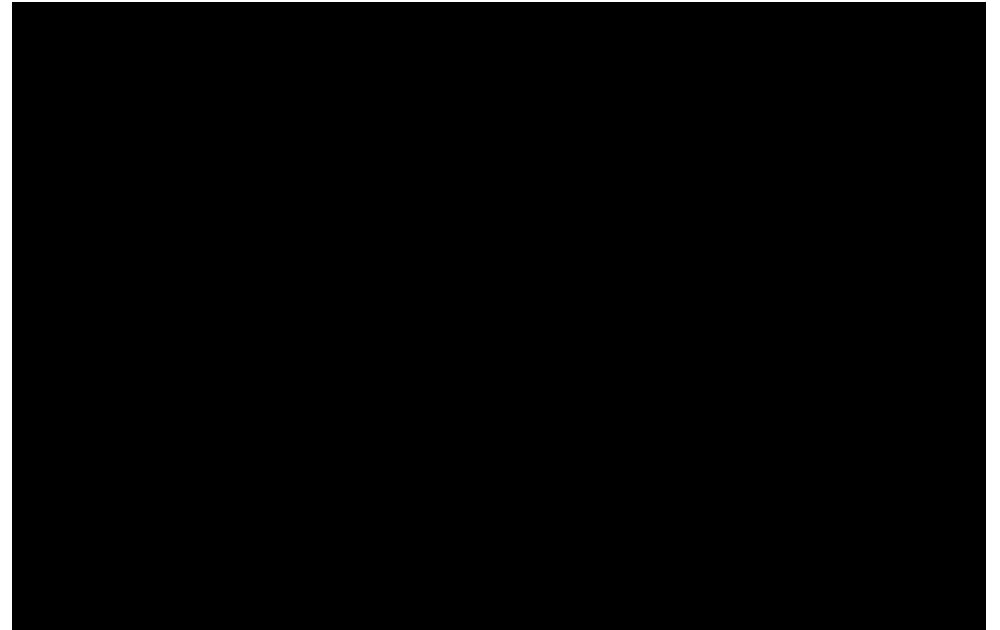
- DHEER was created with investment from the WK Kellogg Foundation to improve provider knowledge of health equity and ways to improve the perinatal care.
- Annually share data elements, including systemic racism indicators, that impact perinatal health to improve the health of the Detroit perinatal community through advocacy, policy setting, research or organizational goal setting and actions.



PROJECT DETROIT: Voices for Life

Project Detroit: Voices for Life was a major addition to SEMPQIC's portfolio in 2021. It was funded as part of the second cohort under Merck for Mother's Safer Childbirth Cities initiative.

Project Detroit: Voices for Life was established to build on existing community assets to examine and replicate circumstances and conditions where Black mothers thrive, empowering Black women to advocate for the best perinatal care experiences, and lead care providers to reach their full potential in providing respectful and equitable care for Detroit women.



Partnerships and Programs

Partnerships and Programs include:

- ❖ Project Detroit: Voices for Life
 - Black Women's Health Summit
- ❖ Fatherhood Initiative
- ❖ MI-Aim
- ❖ Health Equity Training
 - Implicit Bias Training
 - Toxic: A Black Woman's Story
- ❖ COVID 19 Vaccine Community Outreach
- ❖ Black Women and Fibroids
- ❖ Health Equity Reading Circle



LINKS

SEMPQIC -

<https://www.sempqic.org/>

DHEER -

<https://www.detroithealthequityresource.org/>

MI-AIM -

<https://saferbirth.org/>