

2025 Current Fiscal Year Report: Advisory Committee on Infant and Maternal Mortality

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1. Department or Agency

Department of Health and Human Services

2. Fiscal Year

2025

3. Committee or Subcommittee

Advisory Committee on Infant and Maternal Mortality

3b. GSA

Committee No.

769

4. Is this New During Fiscal Year? **5. Current Charter** **6. Expected Renewal Date** **7. Expected Term Date**

No 09/30/2023 09/30/2025

8a. Was Terminated During Fiscal Year?

Yes

8b. Specific Termination Authority

2025 Secretary Directive

8c. Actual Term Date

04/01/2025

9. Agency Recommendation for Next Fiscal Year

Terminate

10a. Legislation Req to Terminate?

No

10b. Legislation Pending?

Not Applicable

11. Establishment Authority Authorized by Law

12. Specific Establishment Authority

42 U.S.C. 217a

13. Effective Date

11/17/1962

14. Committee Type

Continuing

14c. Presidential?

No

15. Description of Committee National Policy Issue Advisory Board

16a. Total Number of Reports 1

16b. Report Date Report Title

ACIMM Recommendations to Improve Non-Hispanic Black

01/17/2025 Maternal and Infant Outcomes: Preconception/Interconception Care and Rural Health Systems of Care

Number of Committee Reports Listed: 1

17a. Open 2 17b. Closed 0 17c. Partially Closed 0 Other Activities 0 17d. Total 2

Meetings and Dates

Purpose	Start	End
ACIMM provides advice and recommendations to the Secretary of Health and Human Services concerning department activities, partnerships, policies, and programs directed at reducing infant mortality, maternal mortality and severe maternal morbidity, and improving the health status of infants and women before, during, and after pregnancy.	10/16/2024	10/17/2024
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Number of Committee Meetings Listed: 2

	Current FY	Next FY
18a(1). Personnel Pmts to Non-Federal Members	\$12,500.00	\$0.00
18a(2). Personnel Pmts to Federal Members	\$32,505.00	\$0.00
18a(3). Personnel Pmts to Federal Staff	\$203,523.00	\$0.00
18a(4). Personnel Pmts to Non-Member Consultants	\$0.00	\$0.00
18b(1). Travel and Per Diem to Non-Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18b(2). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Members	\$1,545.00	\$0.00
18b(3). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Staff	\$0.00	\$0.00
18b(4). Travel and Per Diem to Non-member Consultants	\$0.00	\$0.00

18c. Administrative Costs (FRNs, contractor support, In-person/hybrid/virtual meetings)	\$0.00	\$0.00
18d. Other (all other funds not captured by any other cost category)	\$0.00	\$0.00
18e. Total Costs	\$250,073.00	\$0.00
19. Federal Staff Support Years (FTE)	1.70	0.00

20a. How does the Committee accomplish its purpose?

The Committee met two times in Fiscal Year (FY) 2025. One meeting was a hybrid event and met in-person at HHS Headquarters in Washington, DC for 2 days. The other meeting was held virtually via webinar. The Committee is comprised of both voting (public) members and non-voting ex-officio (federal) members.

20b. How does the Committee balance its membership?

The 21 public members of the Committee, including the Committee Chair, are selected by the Secretary, and a Committee Chair is selected among the members by the HRSA Administrator. Members from the private sector may represent advocacy organizations, corporations, foundations, health plans, and other stakeholder groups such as faith-based communities, consumers, health, and professional organizations. Members from the public sector may include elected officials and health and human services administrators from the state and local levels including representatives of minority, rural, and urban interests. The Committee also has federal ex-officio members that include: the Assistant Secretary for Health or designee; the

Director of HHS Office on Women's Health or designee; the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Minority Health/Director of the Office of Minority Health or designee; the HRSA Administrator or designee; the Director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) Center on Birth Defects and Developmental Disabilities or designee; the Director of CDC's Division of Reproductive Health or designee; a representative from the CDC's National Center for Health Statistics; the Administrator for the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services or designee; the Assistant Secretary of the Administration for Children and Families or designee; a representative from the National Institutes of Health's National Institute of Child Health and Human Development; a representative from the Indian Health Service; a representative from the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration; a representative from the U.S. Department of Agriculture – Food and Nutrition Services; a representative from the Department of Housing and Urban Development; a representative from the Department of Labor – Women's Bureau; and any appropriately qualified representative of the Department of HHS or other agencies of the federal government designated by the Secretary as ex-officio members. The membership balance of the committee is not static and may change, depending on the work of the committee.

20c. How frequent and relevant are the Committee Meetings?

Meetings are held approximately four times per year. Committee meetings are necessary to review current evidence and data, and to generate new ideas and recommendations in order to maintain progress on reducing infant and maternal

deaths and disparities in infant/maternal mortality. This is addressed through the activities and efforts of a number of workgroups (that are formed on an ad hoc basis), and the discussion of new policies and scientific findings pertaining to maternal and infant health. In addition, the Committee continues to monitor and review the Healthy Start program and its evaluation, as well as Healthy People 2030 objectives. ACIMM advises the Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) on department activities, partnerships, policies, and programs directed at reducing infant mortality, maternal mortality and severe maternal morbidity, and improving the health status of infants and women before, during, and after pregnancy. The Committee provides advice on how best to coordinate federal, state, local, tribal, and territorial governmental efforts designed to improve infant mortality, related adverse birth outcomes, and maternal health, as well as influence similar efforts in the private and voluntary sectors. The Committee provides guidance and recommendations on the policies, programs, and resources required to address the disparities and inequities in infant mortality, related adverse birth outcomes and maternal health outcomes, including maternal mortality and severe maternal morbidity. With its focus on underlying causes of the disparities and inequities seen in birth outcomes for women and infants, the Committee advises the Secretary on the health, social, economic, and environmental factors contributing to the inequities and proposes structural, policy, and/or systems level changes.

20d. Why can't the advice or information this committee provides be obtained elsewhere?

This Committee is necessary to provide the HHS with ongoing counsel and advice from a broad

range of public and private sector expertise not available within HHS. The work of the Committee is especially important in light of a recent rise in infant mortality for the first time in two decades. In addition, there continues to be lack of progress in reducing preterm births, a major contributor to infant mortality, and the maternal health crisis in the U.S. continues with high rates of maternal mortality and morbidity. Disparities in infant and maternal health outcomes also remain persistent.

20e. Why is it necessary to close and/or partially closed committee meetings?

N/A - ACIMM meetings are open to the public.

21. Remarks

Per 2025 Secretary Directive this FACA Committee has been terminated.

Designated Federal Officer

Vanessa Lee Public Health Analyst/DFO

Committee Members	Start	End	Occupation	Member Designation
Alderman, Sherri	03/13/2022	03/12/2025	Developmental Behavioral Pediatrician	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Ampry-Samuel, Alicka	05/30/2023	04/01/2025	US Department of Housing and Urban Development	Ex Officio Member
Amutah-Onukagha, Ndidiamaka	06/16/2024	04/01/2025	Julia A. Okoro Professor of Black Maternal Health in the Department of Public Health and Community Medicine at Tufts University School of Medicine	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Blue, Hannabah	06/16/2024	04/01/2025	Consultant at John Snow, Inc; Dine' (Navajo) person originally from Kirtland, New Mexico, on the edge of the Navajo Nation	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member

Calvin, Steven	04/26/2019	12/31/2024	Obstetrician-Gynecologist	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Cernich, Alison	09/23/2020	12/31/2024	NIH National Institute of Child Health and Human Development	Ex Officio Member
Collins, Felicia	10/01/2023	04/01/2025	HHS/OASH-Office of Minority Health	Ex Officio Member
Dunn, Caroline	03/28/2023	04/01/2025	Food and Nutrition Service, USDA	Ex Officio Member
Ely, Danielle	01/17/2018	12/31/2024	Division of Vital Statistics, National Center for Health Statistics, CDC	Ex Officio Member
Fink, Dorothy	06/04/2020	12/31/2024	DHHS, Office of Women's Health	Ex Officio Member
Goldin, Gayle	06/01/2023	04/01/2025	U.S. Department of Labor	Ex Officio Member
Guillory, Charleta	06/16/2024	04/01/2025	Associate Professor of Pediatrics in the Section of Neonatology at Baylor College of Medicine and Director of the Texas Children's Hospital Neonatal-Perinatal Public Health Program	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Kacica, Marilyn	06/16/2024	04/01/2025	Medical Director of the Division of Family Health at the New York State Department of Health and a Clinical Professor of Epidemiology and Biostatistics at the University at Albany School of Public Health	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Kilday, Deborah	10/01/2023	04/01/2025	DHHS/OASH- Office of Women's Health	Ex Officio Member
Kroelinger, Charlan	07/01/2021	04/01/2025	Centers for Disease Control and Prevention	Ex Officio Member
Lorch, Scott	06/16/2024	04/01/2025	Kristine Sandberg Knisely Professor of Pediatrics at the Perelman School of Medicine at the University of Pennsylvania and the Director of Clinical and Epidemiological Research and Associate Chief of the Division of Neonatology at The Children's Hospital	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member

Marshall, Rochelle	06/24/2020	12/31/2024	DHHS Primary Advisor to the Deputy Assistant and Deputy Director, Office of Women's Health	Ex Officio Member
Menard, Mary	03/13/2022	03/12/2025	Professor of Obstetrics and Gynecology	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Miller, Anne	06/01/2024	04/01/2025	Administration for Children and Families, Senior Policy Advisor	Ex Officio Member
Neyhart, Joy	03/13/2022	04/01/2025	Diplomate, American Board of Pediatrics	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Pattara-Lau, Tina	10/01/2023	04/01/2025	Indian Health Service, Maternal and Child Health Consultant	Ex Officio Member
Pettiford, Belinda	12/15/2022	04/01/2025	NC Department of Health & Human Services, Division of PH, Branch Head-Women's Health Branch	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Ramas, Marie-Elizabeth	03/13/2022	04/01/2025	Family Physician	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Remley, Karen	01/01/2021	04/01/2025	Director, CDC National Center of Birth Defects and Developmental Disabilities,	Ex Officio Member
Sharps, Phyllis	03/13/2022	03/12/2025	Johns Hopkins University School of Nursing	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Sheth, Nima	10/01/2023	04/01/2025	Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration	Ex Officio Member
Thompson, ShaRhonda	03/13/2022	03/12/2025	Member of the Public with special concern and expertise about infant mortality	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Warren, Jacob	03/13/2022	03/12/2025	Associate Dean for Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member

Zlatnik, Marya	06/16/2024	04/01/2025	Professor of Obstetrics, Gynecology, & Reproductive Sciences at the University of California, San Francisco (UCSF), and close collaborator of UCSF's Program in Reproductive Health and the Environment	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Zycherman, Kristen	09/01/2018	12/31/2024	Centers for Medicaid and CHIP Services	Ex Officio Member

Number of Committee Members Listed: 30

Narrative Description

What are the most significant program outcomes associated with this committee?

	Checked if Applies
Improvements to health or safety	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Trust in government	<input type="checkbox"/>
Major policy changes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Advance in scientific research	<input type="checkbox"/>
Effective grant making	<input type="checkbox"/>
Improved service delivery	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Increased customer satisfaction	<input type="checkbox"/>
Implementation of laws or regulatory requirements	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

Outcome Comments

What are the cost savings associated with this committee?

	Checked if Applies
None	<input type="checkbox"/>
Unable to Determine	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Under \$100,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
\$100,000 - \$500,000	<input type="checkbox"/>

- \$500,001 - \$1,000,000
- \$1,000,001 - \$5,000,000
- \$5,000,001 - \$10,000,000
- Over \$10,000,000
- Cost Savings Other

Cost Savings Comments

NA

What is the approximate Number of recommendations produced by this committee for the life of the committee?

173

Number of Recommendations Comments

ACIMM developed 22 new recommendations in FY25 designed to improve Non-Hispanic Black maternal and infant outcomes related to Preconception/Interconception Care and Rural Health Systems of Care. The recommendations were submitted to the HHS Secretary in January 2025.

What is the approximate Percentage of these recommendations that have been or will be Fully implemented by the agency?

15%

% of Recommendations Fully Implemented Comments

No additional recommendations were fully implemented by the Department in FY25 so this number remains the same as last year.

What is the approximate Percentage of these recommendations that have been or will be Partially implemented by the agency?

58%

% of Recommendations Partially Implemented Comments

No additional recommendations were fully implemented by the Department in FY25 so this number remains the same as last year.

Does the agency provide the committee with feedback regarding actions taken to implement recommendations or advice offered?

Yes No Not Applicable

Agency Feedback Comments

The agency provides feedback to the Committee through letters/official written correspondence, which gets posted on the ACIMM website (<https://www.hrsa.gov/advisory-committees/infant-mortality/letters>) – this is where the public can obtain information on agency feedback. Feedback may also be provided by the Designated Federal Official and/or federal ex-officio members at Committee meetings, which would be captured in the meeting recordings, transcripts, and meeting minutes. These are also all posted on the ACIMM website following a Committee meeting, and accessible to the public.

What other actions has the agency taken as a result of the committee's advice or recommendation?

Checked if Applies

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| Reorganized Priorities | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Reallocated resources | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Issued new regulation | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Proposed legislation | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Approved grants or other payments | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Other | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Action Comments

NA

Is the Committee engaged in the review of applications for grants?

No

Grant Review Comments

NA

How is access provided to the information for the Committee's documentation?

Checked if Applies

- | | |
|---------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Contact DFO | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Online Agency Web Site | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Online Committee Web Site | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Online GSA FACA Web Site | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Publications | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Other | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Access Comments